



Statement of Faith: Revised (May 2026)

The most important thing about any local church is what it believes. Historically, churches have used statements of faith to summarize biblical teaching and clearly identify what they believe. What follows is a modified version of the 1853 New Hampshire Confession of Faith. This Statement reveals our church to be a historically Christian, evangelical church rooted in the Baptist tradition.

In addition to our Statement of Faith, Woodmont Baptist Church also affirms the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed.

We believe in the centrality of the gospel (Mark 1:14-15) as the heart of the Christian faith. We believe that Jesus has given us the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) to go and make disciples of all nations. And we believe that Jesus gave us the Great Commandments (Matt. 22:36-40) to love God and neighbor.

Article 1. The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Bible is God's divinely inspired Word, graciously given to us as our authority for faith, life, and practice. God is its author, salvation is its purpose, and truth, without any mixture of error, is its content.

Nm 23:19; Deut 4:1-2; Ps 19:7-10; 119:89; Prov 30:5-6; Is 40:8; Mt 5:17-18; Lk 21:33; 24:44-46; Jn 5:39; 17:17; Rom 2:12; 15:4; 2 Tim 3:15-17; Heb 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Pt 1:25; 2 Pt 1:19-21; 1 John 4:1

Article 2. The True God

We believe there is only one God. He is the maker and ruler of heaven and earth, perfect in glory and worthy of all honor and love. God has always existed as a unity of three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are each fully God, and they work together to bring about God's plan of redemption.

John 4:24; Ps 83:18; Heb 3:4; Rom 1:20; Jer 10:10; Ex 15:11; Ps 147:5; Isa 6:3; 1 Pet 1:15-16; Rev 4:6-8; Mark 12:30; Rev 4:11; Matt 10:37; Jer 2:12-13; Matt 28:19; John 15:26; 1 Cor 12:4-6

Article 3. Humanity and the Fall

We believe humanity is the special creation of God, made in his own image. God



created them male and female as the crowning work of his creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. For those who are called to marry, God's good design for marriage consists of the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime, and this gift models the way God relates to his people. God created the human race in holiness under his law. By choosing to disobey, however, humanity fell from that holy and happy state. As a result, all people are now sinners. Humans, by their sinful nature, lack the holiness required by God's law and are actively inclined to evil. Therefore, all people are rightfully condemned to receive the due penalty of their sin – eternal separation from God.

Gen 1:27; Gen 1:31; Eccl 7:29; Acts 17:26-29; Gen 2:16-17; Gen 3:6-24; Rom 5:12; Rom 5:15-19; Ps 51:5; Rom 8:7; Isa 53:6; Gen 6:12; Rom 3:9-18; Eph 2:1-3; Rom 1:18, 32; Rom 2:1-16; Gal 3:10; 1 Cor 7:7-8; Mt 19:4-6; Gen 2:24

Article 4. The Way of Salvation

We believe the salvation of God's people is completely by grace, through the work of the Son of God. It was God's will for Jesus to freely take on our nature but without sin. He honored God's law by his personal obedience and made full atonement for our sins by his substitutionary death, satisfying God's wrath. He rose from the dead and is now enthroned in heaven. Jesus, the Son, is fully God and fully man, able to sympathize with us in our weakness and yet remains perfect in holiness. As such, Jesus is qualified in every way to be a suitable, compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

Eph 2:3; Matt 18:11; 1 John 4:10; 1 Cor 3:5-7; Acts 15:11; John 3:16; John 1:1-14; Heb 4:14; Heb 12:24; Phil 2:9, 14; 2 Cor 5:21; Isa 42:21; Phil 2:8; Gal 4:4-5; Rom 3:21; Isa 53:4-5; Matt 20:28

Article 5. Justification

We believe that justification includes the pardon of sin, righteous standing before God and his people, and the promise of eternal life. It is not given because of any works of righteousness we have done but only through faith in the Redeemer's blood. Because of this faith, Jesus' perfect righteousness is freely credited to us by God. Justification immediately brings us into a state of peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing we need for this life and the next.

John 1:16; Eph 3:8; Acts 13:39; Isa 53:11-12; Rom 5:1-2; Rom 5:9; Zech 13:1; Matt 9:6; Acts 10:43; Rom 5:17; Titus 3:5-7; 1 Pet 3:7; 1 John 2:25; Rom 5:21; Rom 4:4-5; Rom 6:23; Phil 3:7-9; Rom 5:19

Article 6. The Freeness of Salvation

We believe that God's gift of salvation is made free to all by the gospel. It is the duty of



all to accept that gift by a heartfelt and obedient faith. Preventing this salvation is every sinner's inherent brokenness and rejection of the gospel, a rejection that amplifies a sinner's guilt before the Lord.

Isa 55:1; Rev 22:17; Rom 16:25-26; Mark 1:15; Rom 1:15-17; John 5:40; Matt 23:37; Rom 9:32; Prov 1:24; Acts 13:46; John 3:19; Matt 11:20; Luke 10:27; 2 Thess 1:8

Article 7. Grace in Regeneration

We believe sinners must be regenerated, or born again, in order to be saved. Regeneration is a gift of God's movement in our hearts and minds. It is accomplished in a way that is beyond our understanding. It is carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word to bring about obedience to the gospel truth. The proper evidence of regeneration appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith, and newness of life.

John 3:3; John 3:6-7; 1 Cor 3:14; Rev 14:3; Rev 21:27; 2 Cor 5:17; Ezek 36:26; Deut 30:6; Rom 2:28-29; Rom 5:5; 1 John 4:7; John 3:8; John 1:13; Jas 1:16-18; 1 Cor 1:30; Phil 2:13

Article 8. Repentance and Faith

We believe repentance and faith are both human responsibilities as well as inseparable gifts from God. They are both produced in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God, who convinces us of our guilt, and the need for a savior. And they both consist of turning to God with genuine sorrow, confession, and asking for mercy; receiving Jesus Christ, as our only Lord.

Mark 1:15; Acts 11:18; Eph 2:8; 1 John 5:1; John 16:8; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 16:30-31; Luke 18:13; Luke 15:18-21; Jas 4:7-10; 2 Cor 7:11; 1 Cor 10:12-13; Ps 51:1-19; Rom 10:9-11; Acts 3:22-23; Heb 4:14

Article 9. God's Purpose of Grace

We believe God causes the elect to be born again by grace. The doctrine of election is mysteriously and perfectly consistent with human responsibility and works to carry out God's plan to save sinners as they respond in faith. Election shows that God is both good and sovereign – infinitely free, wise, and holy. Election ensures God gets all the glory in redemption and encourages humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and the imitation of his free mercy. It makes human responsibility even more important.

2 Tim 1:8-9; Eph 1:3-14; 1 Pet 1:1-2; Rom 11:5-6; John 15:16; 1 John 4:19; 2 Thess 2:13-14; Acts 13:48; John 10:16; Matt 20:16; Acts 15:14; Ex 33:18-19; Matt 20:15; Eph 1:11; Rom 9:23-24; Jer 31:3



Article 10. Sanctification

We believe sanctification is the process by which we are made partakers of God's holiness, according to his purpose. Sanctification starts at conversion and continues in the hearts of believers by the Holy Spirit and through God's chosen ways. These include the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, prayer, and the oversight and fellowship of the church.

1 Thess 4:3; 1 Thess 5:23; 2 Cor 7:1; 2 Cor 13:10; Phil 3:12-16; 1 John 2:29; Rom 8:5; Eph 1:4; Prov 4:18; 2 Cor 3:18; Heb 6:1; 2 Pet 1:5-8; John 3:6; Phil 1:9-11; Eph 1:13-14; Phil 2:12-13; Eph 4:11-12

Article 11. The Perseverance of Saints

We believe that all born-again believers are kept by God to the end of their earthly lives. God watches over them, and they keep believing by his power, not their own. Their continued obedience to Christ and attachment to his people are gifts of grace and the primary marks distinguishing them from those who may have professed faith but remain dead in their sins.

John 8:31; 1 John 2:27-28; 1 John 3:9; 1 John 5:18; 1 John 2:19; John 13:18; Matt 13:20-21; John 6:66-69; Job 17:9; Rom 8:28; Eph 1:13-14; Jer 32:40; Ps 121:3; Ps 91:11-12; Phil 1:6; Phil 2:13; John 10:28-30; John 3:1-21

Article 12. The Harmony of the Law and Gospel

We believe the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral governance. It is holy, just, and good. Fallen human beings are unable to fulfill the law because they love their own sinful ways. One key purpose of the gospel is to deliver people from this love of sin and to restore them to a sincere love for God's holy commands.

Rom 3:31; Matt 5:17; Luke 16:17; Rom 3:20; Rom 4:15; Rom 7:12; Rom 7:7, 14-22; Gal 3:21; Ps 119:1-176; Rom 8:7-8; Josh 24:19; Jer 13:23; John 6:44; John 5:44; Rom 8:2-4; Rom 10:4; 1 Tim 1:5

Article 13. A Gospel Church

We believe the invisible church of Christ is made up of all believers past, present, and future. A visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, joined together by mutual agreement in the faith and fellowship of the gospel. Visible churches observe the ordinances of Christ, submit to his laws, and exercise the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his Word. The only scriptural officers of the church are pastors/elders/overseers and deacons, whose qualifications and duties are defined in



the epistles to Timothy and to Titus.

1 Cor 1:1-3; Matt 18:17; Acts 5:11; Acts 8:1; Acts 11:21-23; 1 Cor 4:17; 1 Cor 14:23; 1 Tim 3:5; Acts 2:41-42; 2 Cor 8:5; Acts 2:47; 1 Cor 5:12-13; 1 Cor 11:2; 2 Thess 3:6; Rom 16:17-20; 1 Cor 11:23-24

Article 14. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In baptism, a believer publicly declares faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior as well as their union with him in death to sin and resurrection to a new life. Baptism is the entrance into the privileges of church membership. We likewise believe that the Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby the members of the church, following earnest self-examination, use bread and the cup in a sacred manner to commemorate together the dying love of Christ. The ordinances belong to the gathered church, marking off believers from unbelievers and making the church visible on earth.

Acts 8:36-39; Matt 3:5-6; John 3:22-23; John 4:12; Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 8:12; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8; Acts 10:47-48; Gal 3:26-28; Rom 6:3-4; Col 2:12; 1 Pet 3:20-21; Acts 22:16; 1 Cor 12:13

Article 15. The Lord's Day

We believe the first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and points to the rest that awaits the people of God. It has been consecrated by Christians as a day to gather in worship.

Acts 20:7; Gen 2:3; Col 2:16-17; Mark 2:27; John 20:19; 1 Cor 16:1-2; Ex 20:8; Rev 1:10; Ps 118:15, 24; Isa 58:13-14; Isa 56:2-8; Heb 10:24-25; Acts 11:26; Acts 13:44; Lev 19:30; Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2-3

Article 16. Civil Government

We believe civil government exists by God's appointment for the benefit and good order of human society. Government officials are to be prayed for, honored, and obeyed. The principal exception is for matters contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Rom 13:1-7; Deut 16:18; 2 Sam 23:3-4; Ex 18:23; Jer 30:21; Matt 22:21; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet 2:13; 1 Tim 2:1-4; Acts 5:29; Matt 28:1-20; Dan 3:15-18; Dan 6:7-10; Acts 4:18-20; Matt 23:10; Rom 14:4

Article 17. The Righteous and the Wicked



We believe there is a radical and essential difference between true believers and unbelievers. Only those who are justified by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in his judgment. In contrast, all those who continue in unrepentant sin and unbelief are wicked in his sight and under the curse.

Mal 3:18; Prov 12:26; Isa 5:20; Gen 18:23; Jer 15:19; Acts 10:34-35; Rom 6:16; Rom 1:17; Rom 7:6; 1 John 2:29; 1 John 3:7; Rom 6:18;22; 1 Cor 11:32; Prov 11:31; 1 Pet 4:17-18; 1 John 5:19; Gal 3:10

Article 18. The World to Come

We believe that Christ Jesus will return again to earth, that the dead will be raised, and that he will judge the world in righteousness. Those who have not been saved by grace will pass to eternal punishment, those righteous in Christ to an eternal life of joy in God's presence. And God will make all things new.

1 Pet 4:7; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Heb 1:10-12; Matt 24:35; 1 John 2:17; Matt 28:20; Matt 13:39-40; 2 Pet 3:3-13; Acts 1:11; Rev 1:7; Heb 9:28; Acts 3:21; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 15

