

First Christian Church Nacogdoches **is not** in any way associated with the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) denomination.

## Statement of Basic Belief

The gospel is the hope of the world. As we read the Scriptures, we see the overarching themes of God's providence, power, and provision to reconcile mankind and the created world to Himself through the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Considering this, we aim to be explicitly gospel-centered in all that we preach, teach and practice.

### We believe...

- ❖ The Scriptures are true, authoritative, and sufficient (Ps. 19:7-11; 2Tim. 3:16; 2Pet. 1:20-21).
- ❖ There is only one true God (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 45:5-6, 46:9-10; Jn. 17:3).
  - He is the Creator of heaven and earth (Col. 1:15-20).
  - Who eternally exists in three distinct Persons (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 3:13-17, 28:17-20; 1Cor. 12:4-6):
  - Father (Jn. 14:7)
  - Son (Jn. 3:16-18, 11:27)
  - Holy Spirit (2Cor. 3:17)
- ❖ All things exist for the glory of God (Ps. 148; Pr. 16:4; Isa. 61:3; Rom. 11:33-36; 1Cor. 10:31; 2Cor. 5:15; Eph. 1:3-14).
- ❖ All humanity, Christ excluded, is sinful by both nature and action (Gen. 6:5; Ps. 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:23, 5:8, 12-21, 7:18; Eph. 2:1-3).
- ❖ The deserved penalty for sin is physical and spiritual death (Gen. 2:15-7, 3:19; Rom. 5:12, 6:23; Jam. 1:14-15).
- ❖ Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, was born of a virgin, and is both fully God and fully human (Matt. 1:20; Lk. 2:52; Jn. 1:1-4, 14; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:1-3).
- ❖ Jesus Christ died as the sacrificial substitute to pay the penalty for sin (Jn. 1:29, 10:1-18; Rom. 5:8; 1Cor. 15:1-4; 2Cor. 5:21; Gal. 1:4; 1Pet. 3:18).
- ❖ Jesus Christ:
  - Physically rose from the dead (Matt. 28:1-20; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-53; Jn. 20:21-28).
  - Ascended into heaven (Acts 1:11; Eph. 4:9-10; Col.3:1).
  - and Will one day physically return (1Thes. 4:16; Heb. 9:28; 1Jn. 3:2; Rev. 1:7).

- ❖ There will be a future physical resurrection of the dead. Only those who turn from sin and to Jesus in faith and repentance will be raised to eternal reward. Those who do not turn from sin and to Jesus will be raised to eternal punishment (Matt. 25:31-46; Jn. 5:28-29; Acts 24:15).