

Our Mission...
The mission of Messiah Baptist Church is to reach people with the Gospel of Christ and disciple them in order that Christ might be glorified.

As a community of believers we...

WORSHIP CHRIST
(Exaltation)
Galatians 2:20; 6:14

- Worshiping from the heart is our privilege – focusing on Christ through community celebration.

TRUST CHRIST
(Salvation)
Ephesians 2:8-10, 19-22; Colossians 1:28

- Teaching sound doctrine is our passion – helping people know God and live according to His Word.

FOLLOW CHRIST
(Discipleship)
Matthew 16:24

- Seeking holiness is our pursuit – managing all we are and do because life is God’s gift.

SERVE CHRIST
(Ministry)
1 Peter 4:10-11

- Serving God is our practice – helping Christians discover and use their spiritual gifts.

SHARE CHRIST...
(Evangelism)
Matthew 28:19-20

- Sharing the Gospel is our purpose – knowing lost people matter to God.

Our Affiliation...
We are an independent Baptist church. Our primary vehicle for missionary support is Baptist Bible Fellowship International.

My confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord...
“Those who accepted his message were baptized and...were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:41

MY NEW BIRTH...
Briefly describe the situation and circumstances that led to your initial response to the Spirit’s invitation to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Give one Scripture reference which supports the certainty of your salvation.

Please describe your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Please share a Scripture reference which has recently strengthened your faith.

MY BAPTISM...
Have you been baptized by immersion? ____Yes ____No
If so, when and where?

If not, are you willing to identify with Christ and His church publicly through water baptism? ____Yes ____No

My commitment to Christ’s body at Messiah...
“Accept one another just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7

The church is not a human organization that people join. The church is a living organism made up of believers who have already been joined to the Lord Jesus and belong to God’s family through faith in the finished work of Christ. We became members of the church by virtue of the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior for our sins. On those who have believed and received His perfect life and precious blood shed on their behalf to redeem them from their sins belong to the church. If you have already been joined to Jesus through faith and share the forgiveness of sins He provided on the cross, you are a member of God’s family and we consider you a part of our fellowship.

If the following statements summarize the desire of your heart, please sign below.

I affirm my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, and agree with Messiah’s Statement of Faith.

I have read the Church Covenant and I commit myself to the local body of Christ, and want to participate in helping to achieve its mission.

I have been baptized by immersion, or am willing to do so as soon as it can be arranged.

I accept the responsibilities of belonging to the body of Christ. As God guides me I will...

- Seek to grow in grace, faith, love and hope.
- Invest my time and energy in ministry to others.
- Develop and use the gifts the Spirit has given me.
- Give faithfully of my financial resources through the ministry of this local church.

Signature

Date

We Believe...

Statement of Faith

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

We believe in One God, creator and preserver of all things, eternally existing in three Persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. We believe in His substitutionary death, His bodily resurrection, His continuing priestly ministry, and His future return to earth.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, Who possesses an influence in convicting of sin before and after salvation, Who also indwells every believer after salvation, Who is the source and power of all acceptable worship and service, and Who is our abiding Comforter and Helper - that He never departs from the weakest believer, but is ever present to testify of Christ.

We believe that man was created in the image of God in a state of original righteousness, but fell from this state through disobedience, and as a result of this, His moral nature was corrupted and spiritual and physical death ensued. This nature was transmitted through Adam, resulting in the total depravity of all mankind. Man's restoration to fellowship with God is made possible only by the new birth.

We believe that salvation through Christ is freedom from guilt, penalty, and power of sin. Christ, having died for our sins, bore the wrath of God, completely satisfying God's righteous requirements, so that all men may be fully reconciled to Him by grace. Salvation results when an individual receives Jesus Christ in faith. The believer immediately stands perfect in Christ, and may be assured of his standing by the inner witness of the Holy Spirit and the testimony of the Scriptures.

We believe that the soul of the believer who dies before the personal return of Christ enters immediately into Christ's presence, there awaiting his resurrection body. Those, however, who willingly reject Christ depart into a place of conscious torment, there awaiting final judgment.

We believe that the Christian, who is immediately justified and sanctified at the moment of his conversion, is called to a life which reflects his spiritual position in Christ. He will do all things to the glory of God, being careful to conform his life and conduct to the principles set forth in the New Testament. We believe this involves a separation from habits and conduct which may cause others to be adversely influenced and to stumble, together with a separation unto God which will reflect his new life in Christ.

We believe in baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. These are matters of obedience to the Lord and are not essential to salvation. We believe infants should be dedicated to the Lord by Christian parents, and the baptism should be reserved for responsible individuals who have experience saving faith. **BAPTISM:** Baptism symbolizes the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial and triumphant resurrection. It is a pledge on the part of the believer that he intends to live a new life in Christ. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:** The Lord's Supper is a memorial of the Lord's death and of His promised return. It is to be partaken of in a spirit of solemnity and of self-examination.

Request for Membership...

If you desire to join the membership of Messiah Baptist Church, please fill out the information requested in this brochure and either place it in the offering plate or hand it in at the Welcome Center.

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone ()

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

My immediate family member(s) names

Relationship

My Previous Church Status...

I have no church membership

I am currently a member of

Church

Address

City/State/Zip

You will be contacted in the near future by a member of the Care Ministry Team for a personal interview. At that interview you will be asked to further describe your relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, when and where you were baptized, and your desire to unite with the Messiah family at this time. Once that interview is completed, you will be introduced to the church. Following this, we will contact your previous church, informing them of your membership at Messiah Baptist Church.

