

## **Mission Statement: To Know Christ and make Him Known, Loving God, Loving People!**

### **The Covenant:**

**The Bible** is called the book of the **covenant** (2 Chronicles 34: 30) in verse 31 it says “And the king stood in his place, and **made a covenant** before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, **and his testimonies**, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, **to perform** the words of the covenant which are written in this book.”

### **The Kingdom:**

The Kingdom is God’s general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. **Basileia Tou Theou (Gk).....The Kingdom of God** is not a democracy, God is not voted in. It is a theocracy where He reigns supreme.

Kingdom Covenant Baptist Church believes that God is the focal point of all we do and His word is above contestation. In a kingdom, the King (Jesus) gives the commands and we obey. It is not up for debate to see if we’ll comply.

**At Kingdom Covenant Baptist Church we are here to equip the saints to pursue their God given call, that they may be empowered, authorized and sent. Our mission is to Advance the Kingdom!**

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## **What We Believe—Statement of Faith**

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### **The Bible**

We believe that the Bible is the final and ultimate authority for all Christians. Since the original documents were inspired by God, it is His inerrant Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21) and has been in its final form since John, the last apostle (Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 21:18-19).

### **The Godhead**

We believe in one God, the Creator of all things, who is eternally existing in three Persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is alone in Heaven, and there is no other God beside Him (Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3:14, 20:3; Isaiah 42:8; 1 Corinthians 8:6). He is holy, just, merciful, and the perfect expression of love (Isaiah 6:3; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 86:15; 1 John 4:8); all-knowing (Psalm 145:3, 147:5; Romans 11:33-36) and all-powerful (Exodus 15:11; Psalm 115:3).

### **Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God who has eternally existed co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is the second Person of the Trinity. He was revealed historically many years ago through His incarnation, born of the virgin Mary and resurrected three days after His death (Matthew 1:18-21, 28:1, 6; John 1:1-2, 14). The express purpose of His incarnation was the substitutionary atonement: that is, Christ came to die upon the cross as the perfect sacrifice on behalf of sinners (Luke 19:10; Romans 5:8; 2

Corinthians 5:21; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:21, 3:18). He is the Head of the Church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18) and will return to judge the world (John 5:22; 2 Timothy 4:1).

## **Holy Spirit**

We believe the Holy Spirit has eternally existed as the third Person of the Trinity. He is responsible for illuminating the teaching of the Word, convicting the world of sin, and drawing people to Christ (John 16:7-14; Ephesians 1:17-18; 2 Corinthians 3:6, 17; Titus 3:5). Further, the Spirit binds Christ to His people, His people to each other, and gives gifts to the individual members of the Church, freeing them to operate together in His power (Romans 8:11, 14:17, 15:13; 1 Corinthians 6:17-19, 12:13ff.).

## **Man**

We believe that man was created by God according to the Genesis account, in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7). But when Adam, the first man, disobeyed God and sinned, the image and likeness was distorted. We also believe in the biblical doctrine of Total Depravity. Sin has affected all parts of man. The heart, emotions, will, mind, and body are all affected by sin. We are completely sinful. We are not as sinful as we could be, but we are completely affected by sin. The disease of sin has totally affected man's being: emotionally, psychologically, physically, and of course spiritually (Proverbs 20:9; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-11; Ephesians 2:1-2; James 1:15).

The doctrine of Total Depravity is derived from scriptures that reveal human character: Man's heart is evil (Mark 7:21-23) and sick (Jer. 17:9). Man is a slave of sin (Rom. 6:20). He does not seek for God (Rom. 3:10-12). He cannot understand spiritual things (1 Cor. 2:14). He is at enmity with God (Eph. 2:15). And, is by nature a child of wrath (Eph. 2:3).

Because of our fallen nature we are born again not by our own will but God's will (John 1:12-13); God grants that we believe (Phil. 1:29); faith is the work of God (John 6:28-29); God's grace is free to all who will receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (John 3:16; Romans 10:9, 10:13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Rev 3:20). It is also our belief that this transaction of Faith is initiated by the Person and work of the Holy Spirit and is irresistible, to the extent that our sovereign infinite God has willed. God appoints people to believe (Acts 13:48); and God predestines (Eph. 1:1-11; Rom. 8:29; 9:9-23).

## **Salvation**

**We believe in personal salvation** from the eternal penalty of sin, provided exclusively by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be received only through individual faith in His Person and redemptive work on the cross, and to be followed with a life characterized by the empowering grace of the Holy Spirit, giving evidence in loving service and adherence to the principles and practices of the Christian Faith as set forth in the New Testament.

We believe that God is the author of salvation, and that without God man would indefinitely be in his own plight. Since God is the author of Salvation, it is on His own terms. Salvation is by Grace alone, through Faith alone, and through Christ alone (John 3:16-18; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:5, 8-9). When a sinner is placed in a right standing with God through faith, the Bible calls it justification (Romans 5:1).

## **Eternal Issues**

We believe that there are two eternal realities: Heaven and Hell. Heaven is where God dwells and where all those who trust Him for salvation live eternally, in pure joy, happiness, and satisfaction (Psalm 16:11). Hell, on the contrary, is a place of eternal judgment, where those who have declined God's offer of salvation are forever separated from Him and His people (Matthew 25:35-46; Revelation 20:12-15). **We believe** in the personal, imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (**Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**).

## **The Church**

The true Church, or Body of Christ, consists of all those who are "in Christ," regardless of their previous creed, ethnicity, skin color, or social status (Romans 3:28-29; Ephesians 2:13-16; Colossians 3:10-11). The Church is a living organism whose members individually and corporately endeavor to fulfill the greatest ambition ever aimed at: WORSHIP (1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31). Under this banner, there are missions, ministry, and spiritual gifts.

## **The Personal Mission of Believers**

**We believe** it is the mission of every believer as commanded by Jesus Christ to be actively involved in personal evangelism and disciple making. Matthew's Gospel commands that we go, as we are going we are to make disciples; teaching them to observe God's commands in this present age.

## **Missions, Ministry, and Spiritual Gifts**

We believe that Christians have been given a mission from God: we must spread the Gospel through our community and world (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:17). This can be done through both words and acts. Ministry is another means by which the Church and the community see Christ revealed. Christians are called to serve, following the model of Christ Himself (Mark 10:45; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 10:24; Ephesians 4:11ff.). This goal is accomplished through the use of Spiritual Gifts. When the Spirit gifts Christians according to His will, then they are responsible to discern, sharpen, and use their gifts to the glory of God and the good of those in the church and community (1 Corinthians 12:12ff.; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 2:3-4; 1 Peter 4:10-11).