

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**  
**of First Baptist Church, Farmington, NH**

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God, inerrant in the original writings, and the supreme and final authority in faith and life (Galatians 1:1; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:16-21).

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:17-20; John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:12-19; Hebrews 1:1-12).

We believe that the authority of Scripture supports the position that only men are to hold the position of overseer/pastor, the office of deacon as described in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and elder (Acts 15:6,7; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

We believe that marriage is an institution designed by God to join one man and one woman in the covenant bond of matrimony and that those whom the Lord has brought together in marriage no man may separate as found in Genesis 1:26-28 and Matthew 19:3-6 for the express purpose of glorifying Him and the propagation of the human race.

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man (Isaiah 7:15; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-32).

We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed. (Genesis 1:26; Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-23).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and all that believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood (Isaiah 53; Romans 5: 1,2,6-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4).

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate (Luke 24; John 20; Acts 1:8-10; Hebrews 7:4-28).

We believe in that blessed hope which is the visible return of Jesus Christ to the world according to His promise (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14).

We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God (John 3:1-18; Romans 8:8-17; Romans 10:4-13; Ephesians 2:8,9).

We believe in two ordinances of the church, baptism by immersion and observance of the Lord's Supper, both to be practiced by those who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. (Acts 2:40-42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34)

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost according to the order set forth in the Scriptures (Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28; Revelation 20).