

MISSION:

To lead people to
fully follow Jesus.

VISION:

To create local churches
with local pastors
in local communities.

VALUES:

Family ♦ Authentic ♦ Enjoyable ♦ Local

STRATEGY:

Biblical
Teaching

Engagement
in our Local
Community

Unique
Next Steps

Genuine
Worship

local
CHURCH
FORSYTH



BELIEFS:

GOD

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

PEOPLE

People are made in the image of God to be like Him in character. We are the supreme object of God's creation. Although people have tremendous potential for good, we are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God. People are created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. After three days, He arose from the dead to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return to Earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

SALVATION

Salvation is a gift from God to us. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ, as God's offer of forgiveness, can we be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his or her life by faith. Because God gives people eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security.

BAPTISM

Baptism involves the immersion of a believer in water. Baptism is not a part of the equation of salvation. It is an act of obedience that publicly demonstrates the decision of a believer to make Jesus, their personal Lord, and Savior. Baptism symbolizes the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.

THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Since it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is only between a man and a woman. It was created by God and is a Holy union meant to last *"until death do us part."*



CHURCH