

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The churches of this Association believe in and agree to proclaim to the world the historic Missionary Baptist Faith and Practice which is briefly stated as follows:

1. The Trinity of God. Genesis 1:1, 26; John 1:1,14
2. The verbal inspiration of the Scripture. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21
3. The Biblical account of creation. Genesis 1:1; 2:4, 21-23; Hebrews 11:3
4. The personality of Satan. John 1:6-12, 2:1-7; Matt. 4:1-10
5. Hereditary and total depravity of man in his natural state. Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:3
6. The virgin birth and deity of Jesus Christ. Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23
7. Christ's blood atonement for fallen men. Isa. 53:7, Heb. 9:12-15
8. The bodily resurrection of Jesus and His ascension back to His Father. Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:36-53; Acts 1:3-11.
9. The person and work of the Holy Spirit. John 14:26, 16:7-15
10. Justification before God by grace through faith without any admixture of works. Acts 13:39; Rom. 5:1; Rom. 4:4-5; Titus 3:5.
11. Separation of God's children from the world, with the church exercising strict discipline upon her members. Gal. 2:20; II Tim. 2:21.
12. Water baptism (immersion) to be administered to believers only and by Divine authority as given to Missionary Baptist churches. Matt. 28:19.
13. The Lord's Supper as a church ordinance is to be ministered to baptized believers only and in Scriptural church capacity. I Cor. II: 2, 23-34.
14. Eternal security of the believer. John 5:24; 10:28.
15. Establishment of a visible church by Christ himself during his personal ministry on the earth. Matt. 16:18; 18:15-19; I Cor. 1:2, Acts 1:15-26
16. World wide missions in accord with the Great Commission which Christ gave to His church. Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 1:8
17. Perpetuity of Missionary Baptist churches from Christ's day on earth until His second coming. Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 3:11; Eph. 3:21.
18. That all Scriptural churches should be equal as to their right privileges in their associated capacities. I Cor. 12:12-18.
19. That all Scriptural associational assemblies and their committees are servants of the churches. Matt. 28: 18, John 13:13-17; I Cor. 3:21-23
20. That we brand as unscriptural open communion, alien baptism, pulpit affiliation with heretical ministers, unionism, modernism, modern conventionism, one-church dictatorship, preacher dictatorship, and all kindred evils arising from these practices. Amos 3:3; I Cor. 11:17-20, II John 10, II Tim 4:1-5, Jude 3
21. We believe that baptism to be valid must be administered by the authority of a true Scriptural Missionary Baptist Church, and we believe that a so-called Baptist church which knowingly receives alien immersion is not a Scriptural Baptist church, and its ordinances are not valid. Matt. 28:18-19; Acts 10:44-48
22. The personal bodily and imminent return of Christ to earth. I Thes. 4:16, Acts 1:11
23. The bodily resurrection of the dead. John 14:19; I Cor. 15:12-19, I Cor. 15:42-50
24. The reality of heaven, involving Divine assurance of eternal happiness for the redeemed of God. John 14:2-3; Rev. 21.
25. The reality of hell, involving everlasting punishment for the incorrigible wicked. Matt. 13:47-50; Jude 3; Rev. 20; 14,15; 21:8