



NAME

The name of this Church shall be “PARKER ROAD BIBLE CHURCH”.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Church is the salvation of souls, the edification of Christians through the teaching of God’s Word, the world-wide proclamation of God’s saving grace expressed in the shed blood and the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary, the promotion of Godly worship, the defense of “The Faith Once Delivered” and cooperation with Christian activity functioning in harmony with God’s Holy Word, the Bible, until He comes.

DOCTRINE

Section A - The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the plenary, verbally inspired Word of God; the final authority for faith and life; inerrant in the original writings; infallible and God-breathed. (Zech. 7:12; Matt. 5:18; John 16:12-13; I Cor. 2:12; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21)

Section B - The Godhead

We believe in one Triune God; eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; co-eternal in being; co-identical in nature; co-equal in power and glory; and having the same attributes and perfections. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:18; II Cor. 13:14; I Peter 1:2; Eph. 3:14-17; I John 5:5-7)

Section C - The Person and Work of the Father

1. We believe that God the Father, the first Person of the Trinity, while omnipresent, abides in heaven ruling over His creation and is personally involved in the affairs of man. He orders and disposes of all things according to His own purpose and grace and is sovereign in creation, providence, and redemption. He epitomizes purity and holiness in His existence and demonstrated perfect love for created man by sending His perfect Son to become the efficacious sacrifice so that man could be restored to a right relationship with Himself. As Creator, He is creator to all men, but He is Spiritual Father only to believers in the person and work of Jesus Christ, God the Son. (Gen. 1:1-3; Ps. 103:19; 139:7-12; 145:8-9; Jer. 23:23-24; Matt. 6:9; Luke 12:6-7; John 1:12; 5:30; Rom. 8:14-15; 11:36; I Cor. 8:6; II Cor. 6:18; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 3:9; Heb. 12:5-9)
2. We believe that the Father is the proper object of our worship and is worthy of glory, honor, and praise; that He hears and answers our prayers; that He sets up and brings down kingdoms; that He continually upholds, directs, and governs all creatures and events without abridging the accountability of moral intelligent creatures. (I Chr. 29:11; Matt. 4:10; Heb. 11:6; I Peter 1:17; Rev. 7:11-12)

Section D - The Person and Work of Christ

1. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (Is. 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; Rom. 8:3; Gal. 4:4-5; I Tim. 3:16)
2. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for all mankind as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that the sufficiency of this atoning sacrifice to accomplish the redemption and justification of all who trust in Him is assured by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (Rom. 3:24-25; 4:25; 8:11; II Cor. 4:14; Eph. 1:7; I Tim. 4:10; Heb. 2:9; I Peter 1:3-5; 2:24)
3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of representative, intercessor and advocate. (Acts 1:9-11; Rom. 8:34; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 12:2; I John 2:1-2)

Section E - The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

1. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is the supernatural agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 3:5-6; 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9-11; I Cor. 12:12-14; II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13-14)
2. We believe that He is the divine teacher who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. (John 14:17, 20; 16:13; I Cor. 2:9-10; II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 5:18-19; I John 2:20, 27)

Section F - The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin, the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; that man is totally depraved and of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26-27; 3:6-17; Rom. 1:18-3:19; 3:23; 5:12-14a; Eph. 2:1-3, 12)

Section G - Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and is received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. (John 1:12; 3:16-18; Rom. 3:22; 4:6; 10:9-10; II Cor. 7:10; Eph 1:7; 2:8-10; I Peter 1:18-19; II Peter 3:9)

Section H - The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers

1. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 38-39; I Cor. 1:4-8; II Cor. 1:21-22; I Peter 1:5; I John 5:13; Jude 24)
2. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Rom. 6:15-18; 13:13-14; Gal. 5:13; Titus 2:11-15)

Section I - The Two Natures of the Believer

We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and that all claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural. (Rom. 6:13; 8:12-13; Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:5-10; I Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 1:5-10)

Section J - Separation

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded by God. (Psalm 101; Rom. 12:1-2; 14:13; I Cor. 6:19-20; 7:23; II Cor. 6:14 - 7:1; II Tim. 2:19-22; 3:1-5; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11)

Section K - Missions

We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind. (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; II Cor. 5:18-20)

Section L - The Ministry and Spiritual Gifts

1. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; that the gifts of evangelist, pastor, and teacher are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today; that speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established. (Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:4-11; 13:8-11; II Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:7-12)
2. We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith for the sick and afflicted in accord with His own will. (James 5:13-16)

Section M - The Church

1. We believe that the Church, which is the body and the espoused Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age. (I Cor. 12:12-27; II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:18-22; 5:25-27)
2. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Acts 14:27; 20:17, 28-32; I Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11)
3. We believe in the autonomy of the local church, free of any external authority or control. (Acts 13:1-4; 15:19-31; 20:28; Rom. 16:1, 4; I Cor. 3:9; 5:4-13; I Pet. 5:1-4)
4. We believe in the ordinances of Believer's Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper as scriptural means of testimony for the church age. (Matt. 26:26-28; 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; 2:41-42; 18:8; I Cor. 10:16; 11:23-26)

Section N - Dispensationalism

We believe that the Scriptures interpreted in their natural, literal sense reveal divinely determined dispensations or rules of life, which define man's responsibilities in successive ages. These dispensations are not ways of salvation but rather divinely ordered stewardships by which God directs man according to His purpose. Three of these, the age of law, the age of the church, and the age of the millennial kingdom are the subjects of detailed revelation in scripture. (John 1:17; I Cor. 9:17; II Cor. 3:9-18; Gal. 3:13-25; Eph. 1:10; 3:2-10; Heb. 7:18-19; Rev. 20:2-6)

Section O - The Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin, and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he will be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (Gen. 3:1-14; Job 1:6-7; Isa. 14:12-17; Matt. 4:2-11; 25:41; I Peter 5:8; I Thess. 2:18; Rev. 20:2; 20:10)

Section P - The Second Advent of Christ

We believe in that "Blessed Hope," the personal, imminent, pre-tribulational and pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones and in His subsequent return to earth with His saints to establish His Millennial Kingdom. (Zech. 14:4-11; I Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:9-10; Jude 14-15; Rev. 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6)

Section Q - The Eternal State

1. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men - the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. (Job 14:14-15; Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46; Acts 4:2; John 5:28-29; 11:24-26; Rev. 20:5-6, 12-13)
2. We believe that the souls of the redeemed at death are absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection when spirit, soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord. (Luke 23:43; II Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; 3:20-21; I Thess. 4:16-17; Rev. 20:4-6)
3. We believe that after death, the souls of unbelievers remain in conscious misery until the second resurrection when with soul and body reunited, they will appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and will be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment. (Matt. 25:41-46; Mark 9:43, 48; Luke 16:19-31; II Thess. 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Rev. 20:11-15)

Section R - Marriage

We believe that marriage is a union between a man and woman, joined by God and not the state. From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. The marriage union endures until death, but there will be no marriage after the resurrection. The marriage relationship, lived according to biblical standards, brings such potential blessedness that it is compared to Christ's relationship with the church. (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:21-24; Matt. 19:4-6; 22:30; Mark 10:6-9; Eph. 5:22-23)

