

Leader Profile

First Baptist Church

Clinton, Mississippi

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Pastor

First Baptist Church is a place for you to love God in worship, grow together in a small group, serve others in a ministry and reach your world for Jesus Christ.

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Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Hm Phone _____ Wk Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____ Date of Birth _____

1. What Sunday School class do you currently attend? _____

2. How long have you been a member of First Baptist Church? _____

3. How long have you been a Southern Baptist? _____

4. If you have joined us from another denomination, please indicate the denomination _____

5. Please complete the following questions and then write a paragraph summarizing the circumstances surrounding your acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Date of Salvation _____ Date of Baptism _____

Were you baptized after you were saved? Yes No

Were you baptized by immersion? Yes No

Testimony:

6. Do you feel God has gifted you in: Teaching Administration Evangelism
 Service Encouragement Mercy Leadership Shepherding
 Other _____ Please explain :

7. Please indicate the age and group you prefer to work with:
 Men Women Couples Singles College
 Youth Children Preschool

8. List all previous leadership experience and include where and length of service.

9. List any training which has contributed to your growth as a church leader.

10. Please complete the *Truths We hold Dear* (pages 4-5)..

11. Please return to the Education Office or mail to:

First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 72
Clinton, MS 39060
Attention: Education Office

Truths We Hold Dear

“Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.” (James 3:1, NIV)

It is our desire to have those presenting the Word of God to be in agreement with the church’s position on essential beliefs. The following represents those beliefs. Please circle the number that best represents your conviction for each doctrinal statement.

- 1 - Strongly Agree 2 – Mostly Agree 3 – Somewhat Agree
4 – Somewhat Disagree 5 – Mostly Disagree 6 – Strongly Disagree

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

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About the Father: He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. He reigns with providential care over the universe and the flow of human history goes according to His purposes and plan.

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About Jesus: Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus has eternally existed and became man at His incarnation. He lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He bodily arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven’s glory and will return someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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About the Holy Spirit: He is the third person of the Trinity. He guides men into all truth; exalts Christ; convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgement; cultivates Christian character; comforts believers; bestows spiritual gifts by which believers serve God; and seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the lives of believers is the assurance of God to bring us into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

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About Scriptures: The Bible is God’s Word to us. It is written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it has salvation for its end and is truth without any mixture of error.

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About Human Beings: People are made in the image of God and are the supreme object of God’s creation. All of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called sin. Sin separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

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About Salvation: Salvation is God’s free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting Jesus Christ as God’s offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin’s penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his/her life by faith.

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Truths Continued

About Eternal Security: Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot “lose” your salvation. 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 us this security.

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About Eternity: People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separate from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

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About Baptism by Immersion: We believe that scriptural baptism must be: (a) by being completely immersed under the water, and (b) after salvation. Jesus was immersed, and all baptisms in the New Testament were by immersion. These two facts set the standard for baptism today. Baptism has no saving power but is the first act of obedience symbolizing (a) the believer’s faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus; (b) the believer’s death of sin and resurrection to walk a new in Christ; and (c) the Christians belief that he will die, be buried, and that Jesus will resurrect him from the dead.

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About the Lord’s Supper: The Lord’s Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby believers remember the death of the Lord Jesus and anticipate His second coming. The bread is symbolic of His body and the juice represents His blood.

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About Tithing: We believe in giving of the tithe – ten percent of our gross income – as the biblical standard of giving. The tithe is to be given as an undesignated offering to the “storehouse” ministry of the local church. According to Scriptures, we are to give cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer’s cause.

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About Evangelism: It is the duty of every born-again follower of Jesus Christ and of every church to endeavor to make disciples of all men everywhere. It is the command of Christ for every believer to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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About the Church: A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by their common faith and fellowship with Jesus. A local church is to observe to ordinances: (1) baptism, and (2) the Lord’s Supper. The church should exercise their God-given gifts and extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The church is an autonomous body serving under the Lordship of Christ. All members are equally responsible as they serve with the scriptural officers of the church, the pastors, and deacons.

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About Christian Unity: To live in harmony with other believers is clearly the teaching of the New Testament. It is the responsibility of each believer to endeavor to live in fellowship with each member of the congregation. It is further the responsibility of each member to bring all gossiping and backbiting to an end.

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