

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SESSION 1: PART 2

“Discover FBC: Why First Baptist Portland should be your local church. ”

OUR HISTORY

Let's discuss why FBC Portland is the ideal choice for your local church.

More than a century ago, God deliberately established FBC Portland as the spiritual focal point to reach out to the local community. Throughout the past 130+ years, numerous individuals, including men, women, and children – like you and your family – have played a significant role in building up the local church at FBC Portland and sharing the message of Jesus Christ with the community we serve. Today, God has brought you to FBC Portland, along with the unique gifts and talents He has created you with, to carry on this meaningful mission. By joining our church, you become part of a long-standing legacy of spiritual outreach and impact within the Portland area.

If there is one common occurrence in our story, it is that God has been with us and gone before us every step of the way. Our hope is that you are in the process of not only discovering the gospel of Jesus Christ, but how God plans to use you in His mission here at FBC Portland.

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To find a detailed overview of First Baptist's history, please scan the QR code or visit our website at fbcportland.org/history



OUR MISSION

Our mission is simple, First Baptist Portland exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ in our church, community, and throughout the world.

- **We achieve this mission** by _____ the saints for ministry and _____ the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **We achieve this mission** by gathering regularly to _____, study His _____, and _____ for one another in community.

OUR CORE VALUES

Our purpose is shaped through these six non-negotiable core values.

- **God:** We believe in one God who exists eternally as three distinct persons, but in one essence: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, each of whom is fully God, yet there is one God.
- **God as Creator & Sovereign:** We believe God has made Himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, the infallible Scriptures, and His Creation. We believe that God created the world from nothing and is over all things, at all times and in all places.
- **Humans as part of God's Creation & our Sinful Condition:** We believe that all humanity is created in the image of God and possesses intrinsic dignity and worth.

- **Continued:** We believe that we have inherited our sin from Adam & Eve. We believe our sin has separated us from God which leaves all of humanity in desperate need of salvation.
- **Jesus Christ & His work of Salvation:** We believe that Jesus Christ is the One and only Son of God. We believe He came to Earth in human form to live a perfect life to redeem God's Creation. We believe that He was arrested, crucified, died, set in a tomb, and conquered death on the third day. We believe that salvation is through Jesus Christ by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. We believe that Jesus Christ is returning to the world in the future to judge the living and the dead.
- **The Role & Mission of the Church:** We believe that the Church is the body of Christ which has been sent into the world to be the light of and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of God.
- **The Authority & Inerrancy of Scripture:** We believe in the authority and inerrancy of Scripture. This means that all things that the Scriptures assert are wholly true, both in the Old Testament, the Scriptures of Jesus and the apostles, and in the New Testament, the writings of the apostles. This inerrancy means that all things that the Scriptures assert function with the authority of God's own Word for Christians.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS

First Baptist Church of Portland subscribes to the following doctrinal statements:

- The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention [2000]
- The Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood [1987]
- The Nashville Statement on Biblical Sexuality
- And, the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy [1978]

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To read these doctrinal statements, as well as view First Baptist's Mission Statement & Core Values, please scan the QR code or visit our website at fbcportland.org/whatwebelieve



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

What are the biblical offices of the church as described in Scripture? [1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9]

- Office of _____.
- Office of _____.

Since those are the only two [2] listed, why do you think Baptist congregations have traditionally pushed against using the “name” of the office of elder [overseer]?

Per First Baptist bylaws, our leadership is as follows:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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