

Faith Fellowship Baptist Church of Aurora

Mission Statement:

Our mission is:

- To worship God, Who knows each one;
 - To work at encouraging and teaching those who do know God; and,
 - To witness to those who do not know God.
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Object:

The object of this church is set forth in its Covenant and Statement of Faith, namely: for worship, biblical instruction, the observance of divinely instituted ordinances, the presentation of a corporate testimony to the power of the Gospel in its constituency and such service as the Gospel requires both at home and abroad; recognizing and accepting Christ as the one supreme Lord and Lawgiver and taking His Word as its only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

The activities of this church are without purpose of gain or profit for the members and any profits or gains that may arise shall be used in promoting the object stated above.

Covenant:

We have been brought by the grace of God the Father, through the work of the Holy Spirit, to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves to Him as Lord. Therefore, we now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him, with brotherly love, to His glory. In His strength, as a church and as individuals,

1. we will worship the Lord our God in our public meetings, in our families, and in private, seeking to exalt His Name as we approach Him in prayer, sing hymns of praise, read His Word, and obey His ordinances;
2. we will care for each another: remembering each other in prayer, aiding each other in sickness and distress by showing true Christian compassion, brotherly love, and comfort;
3. we will exercise a Christian watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, exhort, and admonish each other as occasion may require;
4. we will aspire to be a fellowship of the concerned, proclaiming the gospel according to Christ's commission,

so that the lost may find Jesus Christ, sinners may find pardon, seekers may find meaning for their lives, and all who come may find welcome;

5. we will contribute cheerfully and regularly, according as God has prospered us, to the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations; and,
6. we will seek to obey and to glorify Christ in our daily living; within our homes, in our labour, and while at leisure, we will strive for attitudes and actions which reflect God's Spirit working through us; and, believing that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, we will endeavour to avoid experiences and habits which defile the body and hinder our witness;

and now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Statement of Faith:

1. Bible:

We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God; that the sixty-six Books, as originally written, comprising the Old and New Testaments were verbally inspired by the Spirit of God and were entirely free from error; that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice and the true basis of Christian union.

2. God:

We believe in one God, Creator of all, holy, sovereign, eternal, existing in three equal Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3. Christ:

We believe in the absolute and essential deity of Jesus Christ, in His eternal existence with the Father in preincarnate glory, in His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, mediatorial ministry, and personal return.

4. The Holy Spirit:

We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit Who convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; Who regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates and comforts those who believe in Jesus Christ.

5. Satan:

We believe that Satan is real and exists as an evil personality, the originator of sin, the arch-enemy of God and man.

6. Man:

We believe that man was divinely created in the image of God; that he sinned, becoming guilty before God, resulting in total depravity, thereby incurring physical and spiritual death.

7. Salvation:

We believe that salvation is by the sovereign, electing grace of God; that by the appointment of the Father, Christ voluntarily suffered a vicarious, expiatory and propitiatory death; that justification is by faith alone in the all-sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that those whom God has effectually called shall be divinely preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord.

8. Future Things:

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the just and the unjust; in the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and in the judgment and conscious, eternal punishment of the wicked.

9. The Local Church:

We believe that a church is a company of immersed believers, called out from the world, separated unto the Lord Jesus, voluntarily associated for the ministry of the Word, the mutual edification of its members, the propagation of the faith and the observance of the ordinances. We believe it is a sovereign, independent body, exercising its own divinely awarded gifts, precepts and privileges under the Lordship of Christ, the Great Head of the church.

We believe that its officers are pastors and deacons.

10. Ordinances:

We believe that there are only two ordinances for the church regularly observed in the New Testament in the following order:

a. *Baptism*

which is the immersion of the believer in water, whereby he obeys Christ's command and sets forth his identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

b. *The Lord's Supper*

which is the memorial wherein the believer partakes of the two elements, bread and wine which symbolize the Lord's body and shed blood, proclaiming His death until He come.

11. The Church and State:

We believe in the entire separation of church and state.

12. Religious Liberty:

We believe in religious liberty; that every man has the right to practise and propagate his beliefs.

13. The Lord's Day:

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day and that, in a special sense, it is the divinely appointed day for worship and spiritual exercise.

14. Civil Government:

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honoured and obeyed except only in the things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.