



Statement of Faith

MBF is a Christ-centered organization that is dedicated to loving God with all our heart, mind and soul and to loving neighbors as ourselves. More than just a historical or symbolic document, the following Statement of Faith is our foundation on which MBF's ministry with our partners begins. It forms the core of all decision-making and is the inspiration that keeps MBF moving forward. Corporately and individually, MBF's board and staff have ascribed to this Statement of Faith as we strive to walk in Christ's footsteps and share his Gospel while ministering to the sick.

1. We believe in one triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

a. [Genesis 1:26](#)

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

b. [Matthew 3:16-17](#)

When he had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

c. [Matthew 28:19-20](#)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

d. [John 16:7-11](#)

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

e. [John 16:13-15](#)

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.

2. We believe God is sovereign. He created all things and reigns over all things.

a. [Genesis 1:1](#)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

b. [Isaiah 40:28](#)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

c. [Isaiah 42:5](#)

This is what the Lord God says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it.

d. [Isaiah 61:1](#)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

e. [Jeremiah 32:17](#)

“Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.”

f. [Colossians 1:16](#)

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

3. We believe God the Son came to us fully God and fully man in Jesus Christ who lived, died on a cross as a sacrifice for our sins and was physically resurrected to save us from death and to allow us as faithful believers in him to live eternally in God’s presence. Jesus Christ alone reigns as head of the Church.

a. [John 1:29](#)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

b. [John 3:16](#)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

c. [John 3:36](#)

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.

d. [Romans 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

e. [1 Corinthians 15:3-6](#)

For whatever I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he appears to Cephas, and then to the twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five-hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

f. [Phillipians 2:6-8](#)

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God

something to be used to his own advantage; rather he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

g. [Colossians 1:18](#)

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

h. [Revelation 1:17-18](#)

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”

4. We believe God the Holy Spirit is present within us to instruct us, empower us and seal us as God’s children.

a. [John 14:26](#)

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

b. [2 Corinthians 1:21-22](#)

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

c. [Ephesians 1:13-14](#)

And you were also included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

d. [Ephesians 3:20](#)

Now to his who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

e. [Ephesians 4:30](#)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

5. We believe the Bible is the word of God to all humankind. It was inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the unique and authoritative guide to faith and practice.

a. [Matthew 5:17-18](#)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”

b. [John 1:1](#)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

c. [1 Corinthians 2:12-13](#)

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

- d. [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)
All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- e. [2 Peter 1:21](#)
For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe Baptism and Communion are both sacraments that were specifically instituted by Jesus Christ and symbolize God’s choice to love us. We cannot earn God’s love. Our salvation is dependent solely on God’s grace through His gift of faith in Christ and is meant entirely for the glory of God.

- a. [Matthew 26:26-29](#)
While they were eating, Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”
- b. [Romans 3:24](#)
and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
- c. [Ephesians 1:4-6](#)
For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace which he has freely given us in the One he loves.
- d. [Ephesians 2:4-5](#)
But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
- e. [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

7. As believers in Jesus Christ, we are a community of people called to witness for him in this world through our words and actions. Specifically, we believe that everyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ is called to work in evangelism, discipleship and caring ministries as ambassadors for God, assisting his plan for reconciling and redeeming the world to Christ.

- a. [Isaiah 6:8](#)
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”
- b. [Isaiah 58:6-9](#)
“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not turn away from your own flesh and blood?
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

c. [Matthew 28:19](#)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

d. [Luke 9:6](#)

So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

e. [John 6:29](#)

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

f. [Romans 5:10](#)

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled shall we be saved through his life!

g. [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#)

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf. Be reconciled to God.

h. [Galatians 5:13](#)

You my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love.

i. [Ephesians 6:13](#)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

j. [Hebrews 13:20-21](#)

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

k. [James 1:27](#)

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

l. [1 Peter 2:9](#)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

m. [1 Peter 4:10](#)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.