

2 God the Father

God the Father is an infinite personal being, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love, who concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of His people. He hears and answers prayer, and He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

3 God the Son

Jesus Christ is God's one and only Son, fully God and fully human. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin and lived a sinless life. He performed miracles and taught with authority. His death on the cross was a substitutionary atoning sacrifice for our sin. He was bodily resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven, and constantly intercedes for His people. He will return to earth personally and visibly, with power and glory, to judge the living and the dead.

4 God the Holy Spirit

God the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgement. He regenerates, sanctifies and empowers for ministry all who repent of their sin and confess Jesus Christ as Lord. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer and He helps, teaches, illuminates and guides the believer. He gives to each believer spiritual gifts.

5 The Bible

God, by His grace, has chosen to reveal Himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. The Bible, as originally given through human authors, is the inspired Word of God without error. It is reliable, sufficient and entirely trustworthy and, as such, forms our supreme authority in all matters of Christian faith and conduct.

6 Humankind

All people are sinners by nature and choice, and are therefore guilty and subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

7 Salvation

The salvation of sinners is solely by the sovereignty and grace of God and cannot be earned or deserved. God forgives sinners whom He calls, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, and have eternal life. Salvation has been accomplished through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ which is the only and all-sufficient ground for our redemption from the guilt and power of sin and from its eternal consequences.

8 The Church

We believe in the priesthood of all believers, who form the universal church, the body of which Jesus Christ is the Head, and which is committed by His command to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.

9 Baptism and Communion

The Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the church: baptism and communion. We believe in baptism of believers by immersion and communion open to all believers.

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In Acts 2:42-47 the Bible gives us a blueprint for church life. It describes the priorities, practices and principles that shaped the church in the first century. At Dumfries Baptist Church we are committed to this same vision of church.

So what is our vision?

We believe that we are firstly **Created to Worship** the one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our worship includes the whole of our lived experience within and outwith the context of church.

We believe that God is calling us to be an inclusive Christian community made up of people who have found salvation through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are **Commissioned to Reach** all those who do not yet know Christ, believing that salvation comes through hearing the Gospel good news proclaimed and by witnessing to the reality of God's incarnational love, lived out in our lives on a daily basis.

Within the church we are committed to genuine biblical Christian fellowship and discipleship, leading to maturity; and to the resourcing and enabling of local, national and worldwide mission.

We are **Compelled to Serve** – which includes everyone who considers Dumfries Baptist

Church to be their spiritual home. This service will be costly, involving time, money and effort as we seek to support and respect one another's needs, whilst reaching out with the same practical love to those living and working in the geographical areas in which God has placed us, corporately and individually.

What are our values?

We have clear values at DBC because we believe that our attitudes and behaviours should be consistent with our beliefs. We do not live by the policy of 'do as I say not as I do'. We seek to 'practise what we preach'. We want to live up to our Christian calling as followers of Jesus Christ and to follow His example through our five values:

Commitment –We trust in and are committed to following Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of our lives. We seek to follow and live out the teaching of the Bible in all our relationships and responsibilities at home with our families, at work with our employers and colleagues, in the world as citizens and as a part of Dumfries Baptist Church. Romans 5:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12.

Love –We seek to love God first and to love others. With the love of Christ in our hearts through the Holy Spirit we strive to be self-denying, self-giving and self-sacrificing in our love towards others. John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 John 4:8.

Integrity –We seek to be honest and truthful in our speech, which means we do not lie or deceive others. We do not gossip or slander, which means we are not two-faced and therefore can be trusted. We strive to be conscientious and hardworking in all areas of life and responsibility, which means we are dependable and reliable. 1 Corinthians 19; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 6:18.

Inclusion –We look for and value God's image in all people through their personalities, gifts and abilities. We seek to welcome, care for and serve all people because they matter to God and therefore to us. Genesis 1:27; 5:1.

Service – We seek to serve God first and then people and their genuine needs. We seek to wisely steward and use our time, gifts, resources and money to glorify God and meet the needs of others. Matthew 20:28; Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:4.

Statement of Faith

Membership of DBC is open to all who, having professed repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and who follow Him after being baptised as a believer, assent and consent to the following Statement of Faith:

1 God

There is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory. This triune God in sovereignty and grace has created all, and by His providence upholds and governs all.