

SANDBACH BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Each person of the Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit being co-equal, co-eternal and in perfect unity in the one Godhead and that there is no other true or living God.

The sovereignty of God in Creation, Providence, Redemption and His righteousness in Final Judgement.

The divine inspiration and entire infallibility of the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the Fall, rendering man subject to God's righteous anger and judgement.

The forgiveness of sins and freedom from the guilt penalty and power of sin solely through the atoning death of our Lord Jesus Christ in our place, and the gift of eternal life to all who repent and believe in Him.

The Incarnation and the Virgin Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, His sinless life, his miraculous ministry, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension to heaven to be our mediator and the certainty of his visible and personal return with great glory.

The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of our Lord Jesus Christ effective to the individual sinner, giving new spiritual birth without which no one can enter the Kingdom of God.

The life of the Holy Spirit within believers, to make them holy and more like our Lord Jesus Christ and to enable them to act and live as true children of God.

The one Universal Church which is the Body of Christ and to which all true believers belong.

Baptism for believers as the only baptism commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ practised by the apostles and taught in the New Testament.

Each local church being part of the Body of Christ; made up of a group of believers who have a personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and who have gathered together in fellowship for worship and service.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit as promised by our risen Lord Jesus Christ and the availability of this Baptism in the Holy Spirit to all believers giving them the power to be witnesses and equipping them with spiritual gifts for service.