

Welcome To

Choice Hills

Baptist Church

Fundamental + Independent + King James Teaching

Membership Handbook

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Acts 2:41

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Statement of Purpose

Our chief purpose in life is to bring Glory to our Most High God and Savior, Jesus Christ; and to enjoy Him forever. (Psalm 73:25-26; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Revelation 4:11)

Mission Statement

Choice Hills Baptist Church exists to accomplish this purpose through the following biblical plan:

1. Inspiring people to develop a heart for God-Psalm 34
 - a. Through biblically-sound preaching
 - b. Through Christ-honoring music
2. Including them in a loving church family-Acts 2:41-42
 - a. Through membership in our church family
 - b. Through fellowship with other believers
3. Instruction them in Bible Doctrines-2 Timothy 2:2
 - a. Through Adult Bible Study Classes
 - b. Through Sunday school Classes
 - c. Through Discipleship Programs
4. Involving them in a culturally sensitive fundamentally sound ministry- 1 Peter 4:10
 - a. Through weekly ministry opportunities
 - b. Through special ministry opportunities
5. Impacting Pahrump and the region beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ- Matthew 28:18-20
 - a. Through weekly soul Winning
 - b. Through worldwide mission programs
 - c. By training and equipping Christians to share Christ in the course of their daily lives

Statement of Faith

Choice Hills Baptist Church is:

-Independent-

We are not part of any convention or national organization.

-Fundamental-

We believe the entire Bible literally

Scriptures:

We believe that the Bible is the inerrant (preserved without mistake), inspired (God breathed) infallible (without mistakes in its teachings) Word of God. And, that it is the final authority for all matters of faith and practice. For reasons of unity within the Church and textual reliability, we use the King James Version of the Bible.

(1 Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21 Psalm 12:6-7)

Sovereign God

God is a person, externally existing, as a Trinity in unity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-three persons and yet, one God. (Deuteronomy 6:4; I Corinthians 8:6; I John 1:15)

Son

Jesus Christ, externally existing, is the only begotten Son of God, who became a sinless man in order to redeem us. He was born of a virgin, and is true God and true man.

(Luke 1:30-55; John 1:1-15; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 1:15)

Sin

Man was created in the image of God but fell through sin, bringing not only physical death, but also spiritual death or eternal separation from God. All of mankind exist as a fallen race, with an inherited sinful nature, and is totally depraved, unable to save himself.

(Genesis 1:26-27; 2:16; 3:16-19; Romans 3:10-23; 6:23; Rev 21:8)

Sacrifice of Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died as a substitutionary payment for the sins of the whole world. He physically arose from the dead and then ascended into Heaven.

(Luke 24; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 5:8-10; Ephesians 1:20-23; I Peter 3:18)

Salvation by Grace

Salvation is impossible apart from the grace (unmerited favor) of God. Salvation is obtained through the simultaneous act of repentance towards God and faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ. In essence, salvation is turning from all self-effort and totally depending on the work of Jesus Christ and His shed blood on Calvary to cleanse us from all sin, (past, present and future) and reconcile us to God and takes us to heaven when we die. Salvation is not baptism, or church membership.

(Isaiah 45:22; John 3:16-18; Romans 10:9-13; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Security of the Believer

Salvation is a gift from God that cannot be taken away. When a person is truly born again, they cannot become unborn. Nothing can separate them from the eternal life in Christ, and they can live in full assurance of heaven as their future home.

(John 3:5-24; 10:27-33; Ephesians 2:8-10; 4:30; Romans 8; I John 5:11-113)

Service

The local church is a group of believers, baptized by water, banded together for edification, exhortation, and evangelism as commanded by Christ in the Great Commission, Preaching the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15; Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 1:22-23)

Second Coming

Jesus Christ, Himself, will soon come again in the air to catch up the saints and to reward their service; the unbelievers left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation. After which Christ will return to the earth to set up His Kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule. After this the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the lake of fire, separated from God forever, while believers spend eternity in the fullest joy in Heaven with the Lord. (Matthew 24:29-42; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelations 19:11-20; 13)

Separation

Grace teaches us that, as Christians, we have a higher purpose in life and therefore should seek a higher standard of living. WE believe Christians should separate themselves from worldliness that would hinder their growth in their Christian life and damage their testimony of Christ and His church in the community (II Corinthian 5:5:14-21; 6:14-18; I Thessalonians 5:22; Titus 2:11-14)

Statement of Position

Why do we use the name Baptist?

Choice Hills Baptist Church because historically Baptist have been identified by a few simple, but defining Biblical distinctives. We feel it is important to uphold biblical traits that would help clarify what kind of church we are. The Word Baptist means that we believe in....

Biblical authority in all matter of faith and practice

You will not find visions, revelations, tongues, or extra-Biblical "messages from God" at Choice Hills Baptist Church.

Autonomy (self-governing) of the local Church

Our church is completely self-governed outside of a denomination or Christian Fellowship.

Priesthood of the Believer

Every believer has equal and instant access to God through Christ. This means that each believer has direct access to God's truth and will for his life. The only mediator between God and man is Jesus Christ; not the pastor, priest, pope, or otherwise.

Two offices within the Church

Scriptures refer to only two offices of leadership in the church. Choice Hills Baptist Church ascribes exclusively to the offices of Bishop (elders, Pastor) and Deacon (literally, a servant). It is the responsibility of the pastor to serve the church by leading, teaching and overseeing the church family through assisting with care and provisions of special needs.

Individual Soul Liberty

Every man and woman must choose personally to come to Christ for Salvation, and worship Him according to the Scriptures as led by their own conscience.

Saved, Baptized Church Membership

Membership of Choice Hills Baptist Church is exclusively for those who have put their trust in Christ alone for salvation, been baptized in water by immersion in a Baptist Church of like faith, and ascribe to the church's statements of faith, purpose, and position.

Two Ordinances

We practice two ordinances at Choice Hills Baptist Church, Baptism and the Lord's Table (communion). These ordinances are memorial in significance and have no part in a person's salvation.

Separation of Church and State

The State shall have no power to intervene in the free expression of religious liberty. To maintain a commitment to the clear teachings of God's Word without compromise, Choice Hills Baptist Church does not support:

The National Councils of Churches, the World Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Charismatic movement (including tongues movement, etc.), Ecumenical movement, Liberalism, or Modernism.

(II Thessalonians 3:6; Amos 3:3; Jude 3)

Christian Living

We believe that every saved person should manifest the Christ life in a consistent walk in the Holy Spirit, fully and consistently yielding one's members to the indwelling Christ, so they may always be in life and word showing forth the praises of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. We believe in a separated life for all believers as set forth in (2 Corinthians 6:14, 7:1, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 5:1-8).

Sexual Immorality:

3. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions off God's gift sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance (Genesis 2:24; 19:5, 13; 28:8-9, Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Cointhians:5:1; 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

"furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.² For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.³ For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:⁴ That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;⁵ Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:⁶ That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.⁸ He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 1:1-8)

4. We believe that he only Scriptural is the joining of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians

Joining the Church

How do I become a Member?

There are three simple and biblical methods by which a person can become a church member at Choice Hills Baptist Church:

Baptism after Salvation

After you have accepted Christ as your personal Savior, you may follow God's simple command of being baptized. Baptism is not necessary for salvation; it's simply a public testimony of your faith. As you follow Christ in Baptism you will be added to the membership of the Choice Hills Baptist Church. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41)

Statement of Faith or Transfer of Letter

If you have already accepted Christ and have been baptized in a Baptist Church whose doctrine is in agreement with Choice Hills Baptist Church, you may present your testimony of salvation (appendix) and be voted into membership by your statement of faith or transfer of membership from another Baptist Church. You may do this by coming forward and speaking with the pastor during the invitation of any Church service.

Statement of Faith by Baptism

If you have already accepted Christ and have not been baptized in a Baptist Church of like faith, you will be asked to publicly identify with Christ and Choice Hills Baptist Church by being baptized into our membership, or if the doctrine was different in your previous church. Choice Hills Baptist Church is committed to maintaining a doctrinal unity in this day of confusion and doctrinal compromise. If you believe God has led you to this church, and you understand that baptism is simply a testimony of your faith, we invite you to identify with Christ and Choice Hills Baptist Church by being baptized as the Lord leads you. (Matthew 3:16; John 3:23; Acts 8:38 and 19:1-5)

A Word from The Pastor



Pastor, Carl England Jr.

Everyone needs three good homes. Most importantly, we all need a home in heaven when we die. We also need a good family home where we can find love, comfort and shelter from this world. Finally, we need a good church home where Christian people can worship God, fellowship, and encourage each other's in family life. My family and I and the wonderful people at Choice Hills Baptist Church would like to extend a warm and friendly invitation to you. There is a place for you in our church family. Join us and See!

A church member should:

- A. Be committed to be faithful to church services.
- B. Be committed to support the local with tithes and offerings
- C. Be committed to God's Word
- D. Be Committed to the Pastor.
- E. Be committed to one another.
- F. Be committed to reaching lost people with the good news of Jesus Christ

Members are only removed for the following reasons:

- A. If they stop attending Choice Hills Baptist Church.
- B. If they join another church.
- C. If they pass from this life.
- D. If they willfully, intentionally, and openly conduct themselves in a sinful manner that is unbecoming of a Christian, and harmful to the testimony of Christ and the church family

My Commitment to:
Choice Hills Baptist Church

- I affirm my faith in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and I agree with Choice Hills Baptist Church Statement of Faith.
- I commit myself to this body of believers and accept its Statement of Purpose.
- As God guides me, I commit myself to becoming a stronger Christian in this body through participation in the following areas:
 - Worship, I will gather with God's people, in God's house, magnifying the Lord in the regular weekly service.
 - Bible Study, I will gather together in a small group for a concentrated time of edification and encouragement.
 - Ministry, I will help my church family by finding a place to serve.
 - Financial Stewardship, I will give the first part of my resources back to God.
 - Family Time, I will spend regular, focused times of fun and devotion with my immediate family.
 - Time with God, I will spend regular times reading God's Word and prayer each day.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

My Personal Testimony

When I Accepted Christ,

(When and how did you receive Christ as your personal Savior?)

When and where I Was Baptized,

Have you been baptized in a Baptist Church?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you remember when and where?

When: _____ Where: _____

If you have not been baptized in a Baptist Church, are you willing to identify with this church body by water Baptism?

Yes _____ No _____

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For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: Ephesians 4:12-13

(Please be sure to complete entire form)

Membership Transfer Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street address: _____ Apt# _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Cell# _____

Present Church Membership: _____

Street address: _____ Apt# _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Pastors Name: _____

Birthdate (His) _____ (Hers) _____

Anniversary _____

Childs Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Childs Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Childs Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Childs Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

(Note: Membership is not finalized until records receive from your former church)

Questions for the Pastor

*Some of your questions may be answered from information located on our Website
@ www.chbcpahrump.com*

Name: _____ Date: _____

Question: _____

Answer: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

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