

West Cobb Church Statement of Faith

West Cobb Church, Inc.'s Statement of Faith is the summary of essential truths which guide us in every area of belief and practice.

1. We believe the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God, without any error, the all-sufficient authority in matters of faith, doctrine, and Christian living.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, and that He is true God and man. He died on the cross for our sins. He rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father and is now our High Priest and Advocate.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and therefore is lost. Only by repentance and through regeneration by the work of the Holy Spirit can man's salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
5. We believe that eternal salvation is the free gift of God, by and of His grace, entirely apart from man's works, and is possessed by any and all who have faith in and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
6. We believe in a regenerated Church partnership: that is, persons old enough to understand their need for Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Lord and Savior.
7. We believe that Believer's baptism is by immersion and the Lord's Supper is a memorial to His suffering and death on the cross. These are ordinances to be observed by the Church in its present age as acts of obedience. However, they are not to be regarded as means for man's salvation.
8. We believe in the personal, bodily, imminent, and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ and that His Second Coming inspires believers for dynamic and zealous life and service for Him while waiting for His return.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Heaven, and the everlasting punishment and separation from God of the unsaved in Hell.
10. We believe that marriage is a biblical institution established by God as described in Scripture. We believe the biblical ideal for marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.
11. We believe that God's good creation included the creation of humanity with only two sexes: male and female as assigned by God at conception.
12. We believe it is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations.
13. We believe that all people are made in the image of God and that the right to human dignity, to be respected and treated as a person without regard to race and/or ethnicity, is foundational to our faith.
14. We believe God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others.

15. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being.
16. We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers, but also toward those who are not believers, those who oppose us, and those who engage in sinful actions. We are to deal with those who oppose us graciously, gently, patiently, and humbly.
17. We believe that children are a heritage from the Lord and must be absolutely protected within the Church from any form of abuse or molestation.