



## Statement of Faith for Members and Non-Members Porterfield Baptist Church

### For teaching and facilitating positions

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Please read carefully and initial each part signifying that you understand and will support the beliefs' of Porterfield Baptist Church.

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**THE SCRIPTURES:** We believe that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God" by which we understand the whole Bible to be verbally inspired by the spirit of God. (Luke 24:27, 44; Acts 17:2, 3; II Tim. 3:16- 17; II Pet. 1:21).

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**THE GODHEAD:** We believe that the Godhead exists eternally as three Persons in one - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4; II Cor. 13:14).

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**THE FIRST ADVENT:** We believe that the eternal Son of God came into this world to manifest God's love to men; fulfill prophecy; and redeem a lost world. In so doing, He was born of a virgin and received a human body, but was nonetheless sinless in nature. (John 1:18; 3:16; Luke 1:20-35; Heb. 4:15). We believe the Lord Jesus Christ took away the sin of mankind when He voluntarily gave himself on the Cross of Calvary. He bore the sin of sinners and became the Savior of those who accept Him as Lord. (Heb. 10:5-14; John 1:49; Romans 3:25, 26; I Peter 3:18). We further believe that He arose from the grave and conquered death in that same body, and that His resurrected body is a pattern of that body which, at the return of Christ, will be given to all resurrected believers. (John 20:20; Phil. 3:21) We believe that in His ascension, He was accepted of His Father and that His acceptance is ultimate assurance to all that believe that His redeeming work was perfectly, completely, and Divinely accomplished. (Heb.1:3).

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**SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST:** We believe that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless born again. We also believe that our salvation has been perfectly wrought alone by the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1:18-23; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 3:21-26).

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**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** We believe that after a believer's baptism all regenerated persons of this congregation will not only be desirous of, but eligible for local church membership, because God has added them to the church. (Gal. 3: 26-28) (Acts 2:41, 42 & 47).

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe that the Holy Spirit has existed in the world through all eternity, but that on the day Pentecost he united all believers to Christ in one body by indwelling all believers. (John 14:16, 17; 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:15-18; I Cor. 12:13; 6:19).

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**THE ORDINANCE OF THE CHURCH:** The ordinances of this Church are believer's baptism (by immersion) and the Lord's Supper. (Matt 26:26-29; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; I Cor.11:23-26; Acts 2:41, 42; Matt. 3:13-17; John 3:22-28).

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST: We believe that Jesus Christ will come again in person, according to His own promise, to gather the Church unto Himself as His Bride, and that She will be forever with Her Lord. (John 14:1-4); Acts 1:11; Titus 2:13; John 21:23; Rom. 8:19-23; I Cor. 15: 20-28; Eph. 1:10-14

MARRIAGE: We submit to the teaching of Scripture that God's design for sexual intimacy places it within the context of marriage between one man and one woman. Matt. 19:4-6; Eph. 5:31; Mark 10:6-9; Rom. 1:21-25

I have been regularly attending Porterfield Baptist Church for the past six months.

I understand and have read the "Statement of Faith" of Porterfield Baptist Church. In becoming a teacher or facilitator at Porterfield Baptist Church, and in order to safeguard the church's ministry, I agree not to propagate or practice in any distinctive or controversial doctrines, methods and practices that would go beyond Porterfield Baptist's "Statement of Faith" and the appropriate and approved curriculum. I understand that anyone who does not adhere to this agreement should not serve as teacher or facilitator at Porterfield Baptist Church.

In offering my services I trust the Lord to make me a faithful servant, and should problems arise between Porterfield Baptist Church and me that cannot be fully reconciled, I will quietly withdraw to preserve the harmony essential to having an effective Christian witness.

By signing below, I indicate that I understand and will uphold the beliefs contained in the "Statement of Faith".

Member       Non-Member

We would like to extend an invitation to you in becoming a member of Porterfield Baptist Church if interested please contact the church office for more information.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_