

# WAKING THE WORLD UP TO JESUS

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# INTRODUCTION

And **on this rock** I will build my church, and the gates of hell **shall not prevail** against it.

Matthew 16:18

# **OUR HISTORY**

From the humble beginnings as a church plant of Park Cities Baptist Church in 1956 to the thriving, diverse, multigenerational body we are today, The Heights continues to grow our deep, long-established roots in our community.

**Top:** March 3, 1956 - First worship service - held in the Richardson Independent School District building

**Middle:** May 20, 1956 - Groundbreaking Ceremony for original Beltline Road location

**Middle:** April 23, 1995 - Groundbreaking Ceremony for Renner Road location

**Bottom:** The Heights in Spanish originated in 2007 in an apartment complex. They began meeting in The Heights Chapel a few years later. This ministry now averages hundreds of attendants every Sunday.



# MAKING DISCIPLES

# BY WAKING THE WORLD UP TO JESUS

The Heights is far more than just a building. For over 60 years, we have been living out the belief that the local church is key to sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with the world.



HOW

DO YOU

KNOW IF YOU

ARE A DISCIPLE?

# YOUR PART

Each of us is uniquely designed to contribute to the overall health of the church body, to be a stakeholder in this great work of God. **A STAKEHOLDER** is any person or organization whose behavior or actions will have an impact on a result.

For our church to reach its full potential, you will need to move from a

to a

# **5G DISCIPLE**

The starting point, or foundation, to becoming a Stakeholder in the body of Christ and The Heights is the 5Gs:

**GRACE, GATHER, GROW, GIVE, & GO** 

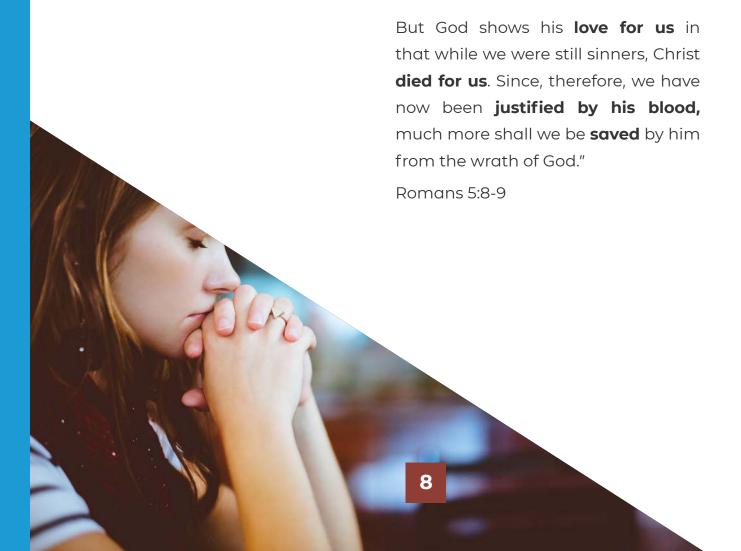
For the body

does not consist of one
member but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:14



# FAVOR WE DIDN'T **DESERVE** AND COULD NOT **EARN**.



# JESUS CHRIST

He took our sin, our debts, our brokenness upon himself on the cross and now, through His grace, we have full life in Jesus. We can approach God with confidence knowing that Jesus' death has freed us and made us alive with Christ.

# WORLD'S IDENTITY CHRISTIAN'S IDENTITY

# SHARING THIS GOOD NEWS...

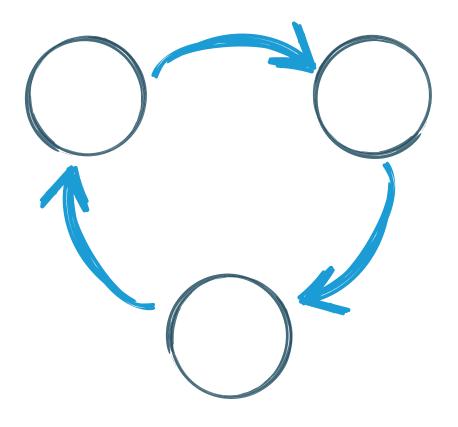
95-97%\* of those who attend church one or more times a month believe they have a personal responsibility to share their faith. Surprisingly, only 45%\*\* have told someone how to become a Christian in the previous six months.

<sup>\*</sup>Barna 2019
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# **3 CIRCLES**

# **GOSPEL PRESENTATION**

Our identity, our mission, our very thoughts are defined by the gospel of Jesus Christ. The 3 Circles diagram is a simple way for you to share the gospel anywhere, anytime! For more explanation on this presentation, please visit **TheHeights.org/3Circles** 

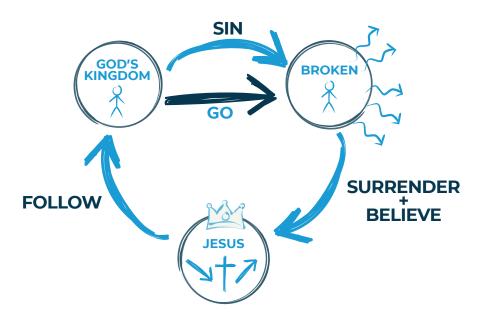


3 CIRCLES EXPLAINED

#### **PART 1: MAN'S BROKENNESS**

#### **Essentials of Part 1:**

- The world is BROKEN.
- Yet GOD'S KINGDOM is perfect.
- SIN entered the world through Adam and Eve.
- Sin plunged us into brokenness.
- We try to escape brokenness through many things, but nothing fixes our problem.



## **PART 3: MAN'S OPPORTUNITY**

#### **Essentials of Part 3:**

- Surrendering to Jesus makes him the King 
   of our life.
- Belief in what Jesus did enables us to now FOLLOW Christ into God's perfect Kingdom.
- We are then called to GO into our broken world and share the good news of what Jesus has done for us.
- There are two kinds of people in this world: those who are following Christ in God's Kingdom and those who are stuck in brokenness.
- Which one are you? Which one do you want to be?

## **PART 2: GOD'S SOLUTION**

#### **Essentials of Part 2:**

- When we were hopelessly broken, God sent JESUS.
- Jesus came down from heaven and became a man, living a perfect life.
- He died on the cross to forgive our sin.
- He rose from the grave to restore us from brokenness.
- All who SURRENDER AND BELIEVE in Jesus can escape brokenness.



# WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER.



# **WORSHIP**

At The Heights, we believe the proper response to knowing and experiencing God is living a life of worship. We honor God when we gather together to worship His name! Our services take place every Sunday morning both in-person and online. We hope that you'll join us this week.

# LIFE **GROUPS**

Our weekly Life Groups are small groups designed for you and your family to deepen your relationship with God, grow in your relationship with others, and be equipped to live on mission. We believe that community is the basis for discipleship. Our prayer is that you will grow spiritually and connect relationally in a Life Group made up of people similar to your age and stage of life.

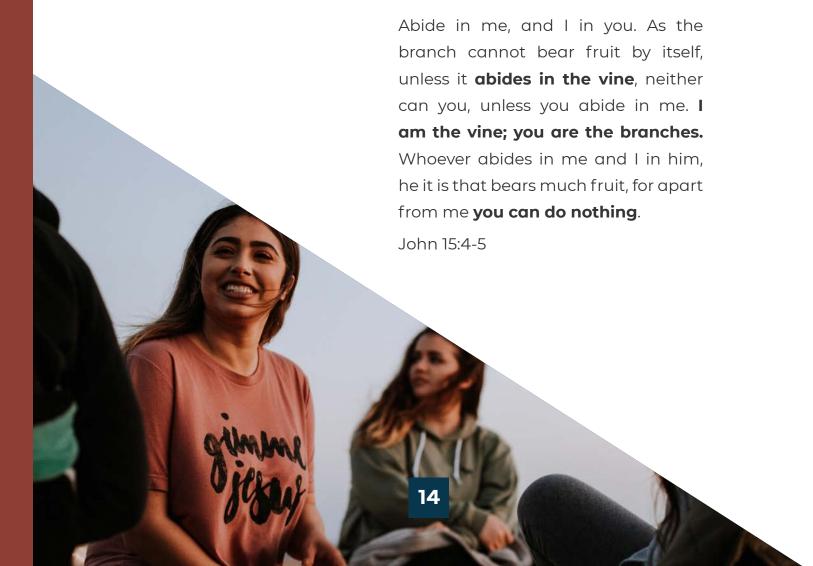
We are happy to help you find a group so you can be encouraged, serve alongside others, and be equipped to bring the gospel to all those around you.

Visit **TheHeights.org/Groups** to learn more or join a Life Group.

**You and I** cannot become all that we are called to be on our own. We must be intentional to gather together.



# HEALTHY THINGS **GROW.**





# **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

God's desire for us is to grow spiritually and to be transformed. One of the significant ways we grow spiritually is through personal Bible study and prayer.

# BE INTENTIONAL

Be intentional in spending time ("abiding") in God's Word by choosing a:

LEARNING TO BE **FORMED** IN THE IMAGE OF **JESUS**.

# **S.O.A.P.**

## A GUIDE TO HELP YOU STUDY THE BIBLE

Focus on a certain book or chapter - pick a verse or phrase that stands out to you.

Ask questions about the text such as: Who wrote this? To whom was it written and why? What does it mean? What is the context?

Apply the verse or phrase by asking questions such as: What should I do because of what I've seen in this verse? How should I live differently because of what I've read?

Offer what you just read to God, asking Him to help you understand and act upon the scripture. Be still and listen for the Holy Spirit to give you insight and instruction.





# GENEROSITY **CHANGES**YOU AND OTHERS.

The point is this: whoever **sows** sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver**.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

# WE'VE ALL BEEN GIVEN TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES



## TIME

With 24 hours in a day and countless obligations, this might be the most challenging resource to steward well. Start by simply asking God to reveal where you waste time. Begin making changes to open up more time in your day.



## **TALENT**

The moment we surrendered to Jesus, the Holy Spirit entered our lives and equipped us with special talents that we call spiritual gifts. God has called us to use those gifts to benefit others and to experience the joy of making a difference.

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND FIND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES AT THEHEIGHTS.ORG/VOLUNTEER



TO				
This is not so much about the amount as being intentional in giving something				
ТО				
This is being intentional about the percentage or amount given each month.				
TO				
A tithe means a tenth. Scripture teaches it's the "first fruits." Here you are				
committing to give God 10% of your earnings.				
TO				
This amount will be above the 10%. It might be in response to a specific need or				
a desire to bless someone. It's obeying the Holy Spirit when He prompts you.				
10-10-80 PLAN // 10% - give 10% - save 80% - live				

Jour tithe at work...











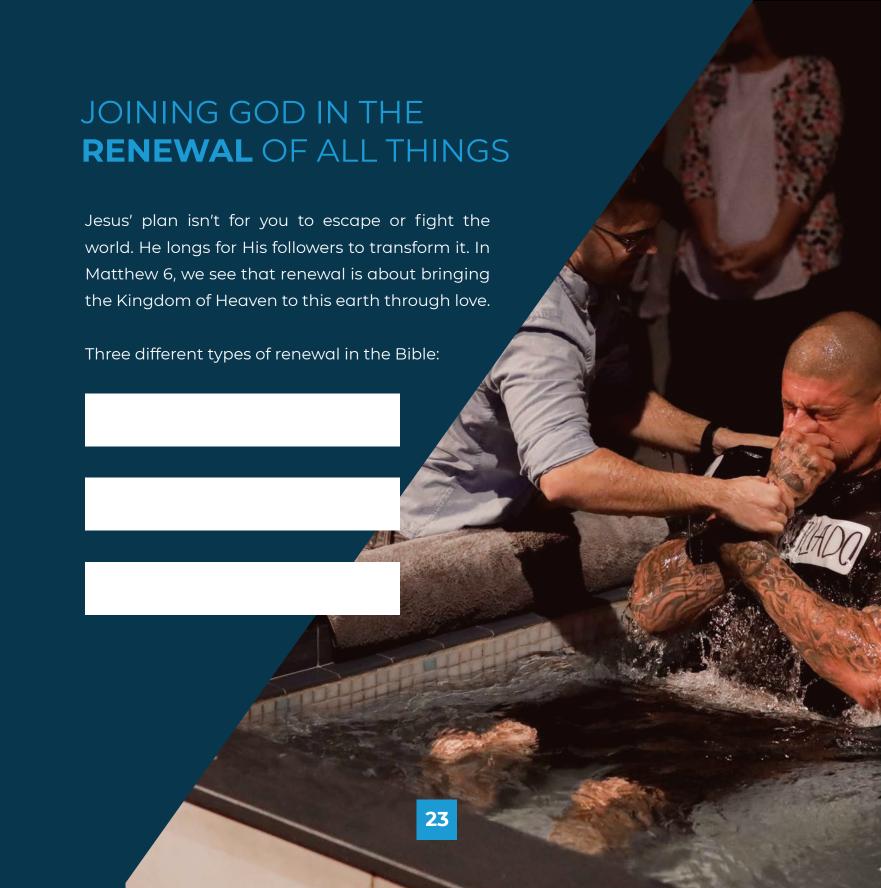
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# YOU WERE CREATED ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20





# **NEW NEIGHBOR VISITS**

Moving can be a very traumatic and stressful time for a family. It can certainly be filled with excitement, but that excitement can easily be tempered by the stress of the move. By visiting your new neighbor, you could provide some much needed hope at just the right time. Whether it is just a smile to brighten a day or the beginning of a new friendship - it is our hope that your visit will make an impact during a stressful season.

# MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

Missional Communities is a strategic approach The Heights takes to identify and reach key neighborhoods in the vicinity of our church, waking up the world to Jesus – block by block.

A Missional Community Group will be formed for a targeted neighborhood, led by a Pastor and a Champion who lives in the community. We want to resource you to begin a Missional Community where you live.

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# **JUSTICE WORKS**

We are giving a voice to those who are marginalized in our community. Our ministries in the Justice Works category reach a wide variety of people in need of love and support. Some of these ministries include: Cornerstone - Homeless Meals, Hospital/Nursing Home Care, Prison Ministry, Car Care, and Woven - Adoption Minstry.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - DALLAS

Join us in stepping out to serve the international students at the University of Texas at Dallas who are new to the United States. We currently host Alpha courses, lunches with the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM), and Heights Home Groups.

# PARK **CENTRAL**

Our goal is to reach and engage with the Hispanic-American families in an area south of The Heights. Some of the ways we do this is by hosting special events at Bukhair Elementary School and offering English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes for the community.

### THEHEIGHTS.ORG/CITIES



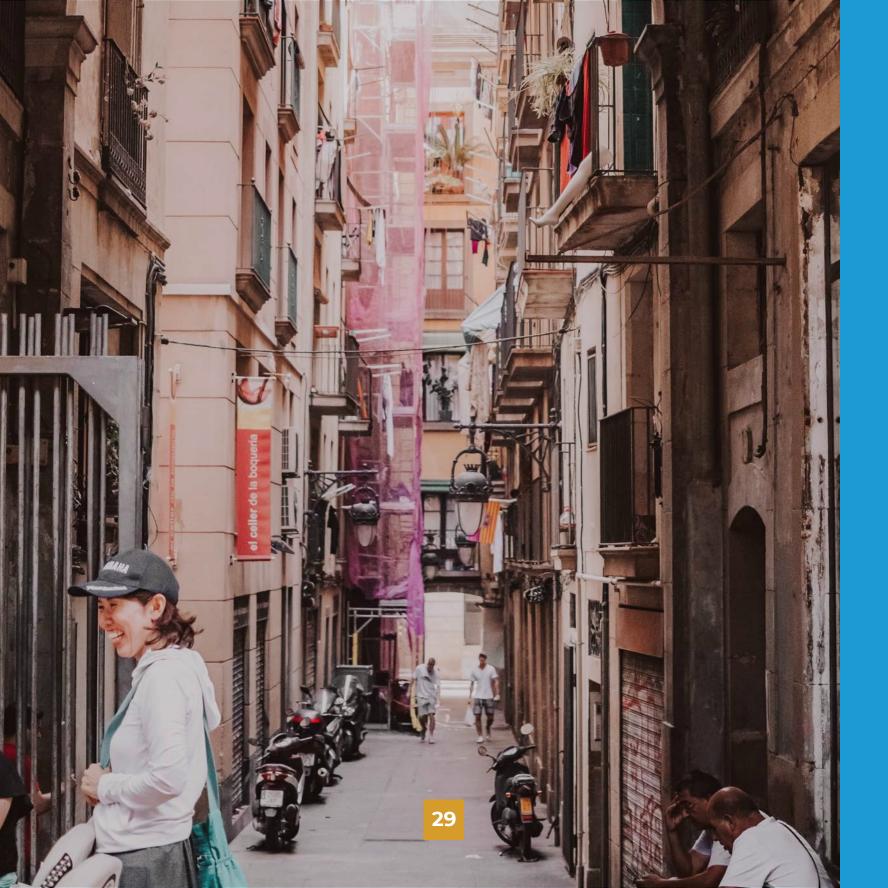
# **GLOBAL PARTNERS**

We support individuals and families all over the world who have chosen to live on mission in a country outside of the United States. You can find a list of our global partners on our missions webpage. We encourage you to join us in lifting these people up in prayer!

# **MISSION** TRIPS

Our God is a sending God who deeply cares about the nations. It is simply who He is. When you **GO** you are doing the very thing He has created you to do. A list of all annual short term trips can be found on our missions webpage.

**THEHEIGHTS.ORG/NATIONS** 



# NOTES

# **Appendix A - Statement Of Faith**

#### **ARTICLE I - THE BIBLE**

We believe that the Bible, including 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament, is "breathed out by God" and were written as historically accurate accounts by the hands of divinely inspired men, being God's revelation of His very self (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21). The Bible has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without error, for its matter, making it totally trustworthy and true. We believe that all Scripture centers on the Lord Jesus Christ in His person and work, in His first and second coming, and that no portion of Scripture can be properly understood until it leads to Christ (Luke 4:16-21, 24:27, Acts 17:2-3). Scripture was also written that the Christian might be instructed and encouraged leading to hope (Romans 15:4).

#### **ARTICLE II - THE TRINITY**

We believe that the Triune God has eternally existed in three Persons – Father, Son, and Spirit – and that these three are one God. The Triune God is all knowing, all powerful, present in all places at all times, holy, just, loving, infinite, eternal, unchanging and unchangeable, and is sovereign over all creation. Being one God, each of the Persons is of exactly the same essence, and because of which, they are worthy of exactly the same honor, confidence, and obedience (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:18-19, Mark 12:29, John 1:14, Acts 5:4-4, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Hebrews 1:1-3, Revelation 1:4-6).

#### **ARTICLE III - GOD THE FATHER**

God the Father has reigned with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all-powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. He is fatherly in His attitude towards those who are called His children through faith (Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3:14; Matthew 6:9-15, 7:11, 28:19; John 5:26, 14:6-13, 17:1-26; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15, 28).

# ARTICLE IV - JESUS CHRIST, GOD THE SON

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. The Son is the "image of the invisible God" and the "exact imprint" of the Father's nature (Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:3). Through Jesus, the fullness of God's nature and character is revealed. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38). In this He is both fully God and fully human (John 1:1, 14, 18, 20:28, Philippians 2:5-7, Hebrews 1:3, 8, 10). These two natures are fully distinct within Christ and yet completely united within His person. Christ, taking on the flesh, lived His life in full and perfect obedience to the Law and in complete submission to the Father. We believe that he was willingly crucified according to God's definite plans, died for our sins, was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead. After showing Himself to over 500 of His disciples, He ascended into heaven where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and awaits to return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission (Acts 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Ephesians 1:20-21).

#### **ARTICLE V - THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who is fully God and was there "in the beginning" (Genesis 1:2, Acts 5:3-4). It was He who inspired the biblical authors to write the Holy Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:16, 1 Peter 1:21). It is He who calls men to Christ and baptizes believers into the Body of Christ at the moment of salvation. He indwells the believer, enlightening and empowering them to do the will of God. He is the Spirit of adoption, which allows us to call God "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:15) The Holy Spirit seals the believer for salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14). He intercedes for the believer and is their guide into all truth (John 16:18, Romans 8:26). The Holy Spirit's work is to glorify Christ and declare what is His, that which is also the Father's (John 14:14-15).

# **Appendix A - Statement Of Faith (Cont.)**

#### **ARTICLE VI - HUMANITY**

We believe that man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). He created both male and female as the pinnacle of His creative works (Psalm 8:3-8). Man was created innocent and with freedom of choice. By choice man sinned against God by disobeying His commandment, resulting in sin and death entering the human race (Romans 5:12). Through this sin, mankind's innocence was corrupted and he inherited a nature of sinfulness and rebellion against God. Therefore, as soon as man is able to commit moral action, he will become a transgressor and be under the condemnation of God. It is by grace alone that God brings men back into holy fellowship with Himself (Romans 5:15-21). Because man is created in the image of God and Christ died for all men, all of humanity is therefore worthy of Christian love and respect (Mark 12:31).

#### **ARTICLE VII - SALVATION**

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God that comes by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, apart from any human efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6). Salvation occurs through the working of the Holy Spirit convicting men of sin and revealing to them "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4)." The Gospel, that which is of first importance, is that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Old Testament Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day according to the Old Testament Scriptures, and he revealed Himself to the apostles and many other disciples (1 Corinthians 15:1-7). The Bible teaches that if one confesses with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and believes in their heart that God raised Him from the dead then they shall be saved (Romans 10:9-10). Upon salvation, the believer is indwelt with the Holy Spirit and is sealed until the day of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:13-14). We believe that once a believer is indwelt and sealed with the Holy Spirit, God will complete the work of salvation that He has begun and they cannot lose their salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6).

#### **ARTICLE VIII - THE CHURCH**

We believe that all who are united to the Lord Jesus Christ through the gospel of grace are members of the Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ from Christ's resurrection to the present-day.

We also believe that the New Testament church is a local body of members, Spirit-indwelt, baptized believers, who are associated by the New Covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, committed to accurately preaching and teaching His Word, and seeking to spread the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. Its Scriptural officers are pastors, who are called to shepherd and teach, and deacons, who serve the body (Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 3:8-13). The church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation, members are equally responsible to one another as they employ their God-given gifts in service of the Body (1 Corinthians 12).

#### **ARTICLE IX - THE GREAT COMMISSION**

We believe that those whom God has saved are sent into the world by Christ just as He was by the Father. We who are sent are ambassadors, commissioned to go make disciples of the whole world. We also believe that everyone should have the opportunity to carefully examine the facts about Jesus and have an opportunity to make an informed and educated decision about Him and His claims (Matthew 28:18-20; John 17; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21).

#### **ARTICLE X - THE ORDINANCES**

The ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer into water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, therefore identifying the believer with God (Matthew 28:19). It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's

# **Appendix A - Statement Of Faith (Cont.)**

death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:1-4). Baptism is also a testimony to the believer's faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership. The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize and proclaim the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

#### **ARTICLE XI - THE LAST THINGS**

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end (Mark 13:32-36). According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth, the dead will be raised, and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to hell, the place of everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:31-46). The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell and reign forever with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth (Revelation 21-22).

#### **ARTICLE XII - THE FAMILY**

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the sacred union of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5). It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:31-32). Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord (Psalm 139:13-16). Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth (Deut. 6:4-9). Children are to honor and obey their parents (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3).

# **Appendix B - Our Ordinances**

#### **OUR ORDINANCES**

The Heights observes two ordinances--Believer's Baptism by immersion following salvation and the Lord's Supper. They are visible examples of God's grace in the life of believers.

#### **BAPTISM**

Baptism is one of the earliest acts of obedience following salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:37, 38, 41; Acts 8:12). Baptism symbolizes salvation and new life in Jesus. By immersion in water, you symbolically die, are buried, and then resurrected (Romans 6:1-4). Baptism is a public profession of faith in Jesus. Jesus set the example by being baptized (Mark 1:9). He also commanded all believers to be baptized (Matthew 28:19-20). The early believers in the New Testament followed that example (Acts 18:8). As a result, The Heights observes believer's baptism — baptism by immersion following salvation.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON BAPTISM:

How can I arrange to be baptized?

Visit TheHeights.org/Baptism

#### Why is baptism by immersion?

The primary meaning of the word "baptize" is "to immerse." While there are other words meaning "sprinkle" and "pour," they are never used in the Bible for baptism. So, the most natural reading of the Bible passages on baptism suggest that immersion was the method for baptism. Immersion provides the best visual for the significance of baptism in terms of death, burial, and resurrection.

#### What if I have already been baptized?

If you have been baptized by immersion following salvation, you do not need to be baptized again. We require that all others be baptized by immersion as part of the church membership process.

#### What about infant baptism?

While infant baptism is often very meaningful, we

understand it to represent something different than baptism by immersion following salvation. Depending on the various views of those who believe in infant baptism, it either initiates salvation, saves, or joins a person to a covenant community. For The Heights, baptism has a different meaning that we feel is more consistent biblically.

#### What if I am not yet ready to be baptized?

We believe baptism is a significant event, but we will never pressure someone into making that decision. We would like to help you work through the issues and your questions about the baptism process.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

John Calvin wrote that the purpose of the Lord's Supper is "to nurture our faith through the remembrance of Christ's death, to confess our faith in Christ, and to aid and inspire us toward holiness, love, and peace with one another."

I Corinthians II:23-26 teaches several aspects of the Lord's Supper. First, the Lord's Supper reminds us of Jesus and what He did for us. Second, the Lord's Supper is an act of worship. As we share the Lord's Supper, we share fellowship with Jesus as well as with those who are partaking it with us. The Lord's Supper is a profound demonstration of unity. Third, the Lord's Supper is a declaration of what Jesus did on the cross.

Finally, the Lord's Supper is a testimony that we are believers in Jesus. For that reason, only those who have placed their faith in Jesus should partake in the Lord's Supper. We practice open communion, where you do not have to be a member of The Heights to participate. All believers in Jesus may participate.

The Lord's Supper is also a reflective time of prayer. I Corinthians 11:27-34 teaches that we should prepare ourselves to make sure we do not approach the Lord's Supper casually or in an unworthy manner.

# **Appendix C - New Member FAQs**

#### How do I become a member of The Heights?

- Profession of Faith & Believer's Baptism by Immersion
- Transfer of Letter (from another Southern Baptist Church)
- Statement of Faith and Baptism You have accepted Jesus as Savior previously in another church of similar beliefs and you were baptized by immersion as a testimony of your faith. Examples of churches include nondenominational, Bible Church, or other types of Baptist churches.

#### How do I stay informed of church events, sermons series and updates?

Visit TheHeights.org/Events, follow us on social media @heightspeople, and subscribe to our email newsletter by visiting TheHeights.org/Newsletter.

#### How do I check-in on Sundays?

After attending on a Sunday morning, your information is stored in our database. On Sunday mornings, you can visit any one of our kiosks throughout the building to print out a nametag for yourself and family members attending with you. If you have children in childcare, this is also how you will check them in and get your pick-up sticker. If you need assitance, volunteers are always standing nearby to help.

#### Where should I park on Sundays?

You are welcome to park anywhere in our parking lot except the section reserved for new guests. Our Family Entrance is located on the west side of the building is the most convenient place to park if you are a family with young children.

#### What are my giving options?

Financial gifts to The Heights can be given via check, cash, or online. You can add The Heights to your regular payees with your banking provider or using The Heights' website ACH available at TheHeights.org/Give. You can also give by using our Heights App on your smart phone.

## Do you have weekday childcare?

Yes, we have a Child Development Center (CDC), which offers a preschool program and Mother's Day Out. Call 972-238-7289 for more information.

### Who do I call if I need to speak to a pastor?

Call the church office at 972-238-7243. If it is after hours or on the weekend, your call will be answered by an answering service which will contact one of the pastors.

### Do the pastors visit hospitals?

Yes, daily visits (Monday – Friday) are made to the local hospitals. Contact the receptionist in the church office at 972-238-7243 if you or a family member would like a hospital visit from one of the pastors.



## **STAY CONNECTED!**

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