The Pines Church

Biblical Beliefs

God

God exists as a trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of the universe and is Sovereign over His creation. (Deuteronomy 6:4, 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Jesus

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who became man, is fully man and fully God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, died on the cross to pay for all sin, and rose from the grave three days later to conquer death, providing the way of salvation for all people. (John 1:1, 14, 18, Luke 1:35, Romans 3:24-26, 9:24, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. At the moment a person believes in Jesus, the Holy Spirit regenerates believers in Christ, baptizes them into the Church, which is the body of Christ, indwells them permanently, seals them for the day of redemption, and bestows spiritual gifts upon each one. (John 15:26, 16:7-15, John 3:8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 14:16, Ephesians 4:30, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 5:18)

Bible

The Bible is the authoritative word of God. It is without error in the original manuscripts. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Matthew 5:18)

Sin

People were created sinless but became sinful of their own will. All people since have a sinful nature and are alienated from God by that nature. People, on their own, are totally unable to regain their former state. (Genesis 1:26, 3:1-24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12, Ephesians 2:12)

Satan

Satan sinned through pride and led a host of other angels in rebellion. Satan subsequently tempted our first parents to sin, leading to their fall. He is, today, the enemy of God and God's people and opposes their efforts at Godly worship and service. Although Satan was judged at the cross, he rules temporarily as the god of this world—as God allows. Ultimately, Satan will be defeated and eternally condemned. (Ezekiel 28:11-19, Isaiah 14:12-17)

Salvation

Eternal life is a gift, received only by believing in Jesus Christ the Son of God. It cannot be earned by doing good works. (Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12, John 3:16-18, 14:6).

Eternal Security

All who have eternal life by believing in Jesus Christ are kept secure in Christ forever. (Romans 8:1, 29-30, 38-39, John 10:27-30)

Discipleship

In Christ, every believer has a perfect standing before God. However, our sinful nature remains until the resurrection. Thus, there is a daily need for discipleship, spiritual growth, and becoming more Christ-like. This is accomplished as the believer yields to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 3:17-18, Galatians 5:16-17)

Church

The universal Church is the body of Christ and is made up of all believers. The local Church is an assembly of believers who choose to gather for the purpose of remembering Christ through the Lord's Supper, fellowship, worship, service, teaching, accountability, sharing God's love, demonstrating God's grace, and edifying one another. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 1:22-23 and 5:25-27, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 4:11-16)

Future

Those who have eternal life by believing in Jesus will be in His presence immediately at death or at His coming in the clouds. This will happen at the bodily resurrection of all people. Believers will be resurrected to eternal life with Jesus Christ, and unbelievers will be resurrected to judgment with everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord. (Revelation 20:11-15, 1 Corinthians 15:40-58, 2 Corinthians 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Church Ordinances

Jesus instituted the ordinance of baptism for those who have believed to proclaim to others their new life in him. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is to be observed regularly in remembrance of Him by all believers until His return. (Matthew 28:19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)