Our Statement of Faith

The Bible

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by Inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

(II Timothy 3:16)

God

There is one true and living God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

(Deuteronomy 6:4; John 4:24; Genesis 1:1; Psalm 47:7).

Christ

Christ is God manifested in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God and in His human nature truly man.

(John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:6, 7; Romans 4:25; 1 Timothy 2:5)

The Holy Spirit

The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Third Person of the Trinity and is a Person, not merely an influence (John 16:7-14).

The Government of God

God exercises a wise and benevolent care over all beings and in all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature.

(Acts 17:28; Psalm 22:28).

The Sinfulness of Man

Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation.

(Ecclesiastes 7:29, Ephesians 4:24, Psalm 51:5, Ephesians 2:2, Romans 3:23)

The Work of Christ

The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin, and is the ground of salvation by faith (1 John 2:2; Titus 2:11; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 5:18; 8:1; Ephesians 2:8, 9).

The Terms of Salvation

The conditions of salvation are <u>Repentance</u>, (2 Corinthians 7:9,10) (Proverbs 28:13) <u>Faith</u> (Revelation 2:10), and <u>Continuance</u> in faith and obedience until death (Revelation 2:10).

Election

God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect (Ephesians 1:3-6).

Freedom of the Will

The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Holy Spirit and thus be saved, or to resist them and perish (Deuteronomy 30:19; Mark 16:15, 16).

Salvation Free

God desires the salvation of all, (Isaiah 55:1; Ezekiel 33:11) the Holy Ghost strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely (John 3:16; Revelation 22:17).

Perseverance

All believers in Christ who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life have the promise of eternal salvation (Romans 8:38, 39; 2 Peter 1:10; Ezekiel 33:18).

Gospel Ordinances

Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water (Romans 6:3, 4), the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-27) are ordinances of the Gospel, and are to be perpetuated until Jesus comes.

Tithing

God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 14:22; Malachi 3:10), Jesus endorsed it in the New Testament (Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul commended it (1 Corinthians 16:2).

The Christian Sabbath

The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God (Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6; Acts 20:7).

Resurrection, Judgment, Final Retribution

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day.

Oak Hills Church Affiliation

Oak Hills Church is a self- governed, congregationally ruled church. The membership of the church by majority vote guides the church in all of its business. Oak Hills Church is a member of three associations of churches. The First Oklahoma District Association of Free Will Baptists, the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists and the National Association of Free Will Baptists.