# LIBERTY RINGS

## **Liberty Baptist Church Newsletter**

Note: This is the eleventh part of a series to introduce the revised and expanded doctrinal statement of LBC. Previous parts of the doctrinal statement may be found at our website in prior newsletters.

### WHAT WE TEACH (Doctrinal Statement of LBC)



### The Church (Spiritual Gifts and Ordinances)

We teach the need of the church to cooperate with God as He accomplishes His purpose in the world. To that end, He gives the church spiritual gifts. He gives men chosen for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:7-12), and He also gives unique spiritual abilities to each member of the Body of Christ (Romans 12:5-8; 1 Corinthians 14:31; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

We teach that two kinds of gifts were given to the New Testament church: miraculous gifts and ministering gifts. The miraculous gifts of divine revelation, tongues (languages), and healing, were given temporarily in the apostolic era for the purpose of confirming the authenticity of the apostles' message (Hebrews 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12). Since the New Testament revelation is complete, Scripture alone is the sole test for authenticating the message (2 Peter 1:19). The Holy Spirit sovereignly gives ministering gifts for the common good for building up the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 1 Peter 4:10). Every message is to be tested by Scripture carefully and correctly interpreted (Acts 17:11). The miraculous gifts have been counterfeited by Satan so as to deceive even believers (1 Corinthians 14:1-12). God can and does heal miraculously. God does continue to use known languages to communicate the gospel. God does hear and answer the prayer of faith and will answer in accordance with His perfect will for the sick and suffering (Luke 18:1-6; John 5:7-9; 2 Corinthians 12:6-10; James 5:13-16; 1 John 5:14-15). All the spiritual gifts must be regulated by the teachings of Scripture as found in 1 Corinthians 12-14).

We teach that God has given two ordinances to the church: baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:38-42). Christian baptism by immersion (Acts 8:36-39) is the solemn and beautiful testimony of a believer showing forth his faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, and his identification and union with Him in death to sin and resurrection to a new life (Romans 6:1-11). It is also a sign of fellowship and identification with the visible body of Christ (Acts 2:41-42). Baptism is, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation (1 Corinthians 1:17; Ephesians 2:8-9). Baptism by immersion is the first act of obedience and is foundational for church membership (Acts 2:41-42; 16:14-15; 18:8).

We teach that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration and proclamation of Christ's death until He returns. It should be celebrated with thanksgiving and joyful expectation, but should always be preceded by solemn self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28-32). We also teach that, whereas the elements of Communion are only representative of the flesh and blood of Christ, the Lord's Supper is nevertheless an actual communion with the risen Christ who is present in fellowship with His people (1 Corinthians 10:16).

Truth matters. Biblical truth matters supremely. LBC is committed to reading, studying, preaching, understanding, and applying Scripture for the glory of God.

Standing with you for biblical truth, Pastor Stan

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Hosanna in the highest! We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

We will observe Communion On Palm Sunday, April 2nd during the 7:00pm Worship Service

What's the modern-day equivalent of foot-washing? Jesus, help me serve others humbly and lovingly, following your example.





"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17, ESV).

Paul writes: "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, ESV). For this reason we worship and remember.

> Join as we Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ Sunday, April 9, 2023



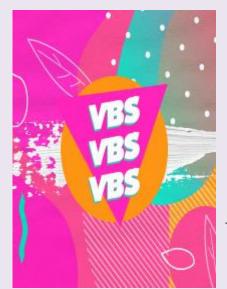


TRAINING STUDENTS TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE THE LORD!



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Who's excited for VBS 2023 ?????

We are!!!! our annual *VBS Luncheon is Sunday, April 16th* immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. We pray you will consider helping in VBS this year!



Haven of Rest Service Tuesday, April 25, 2023 7:30 pm

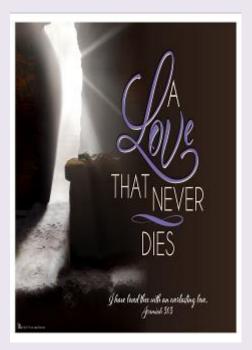
Speaker: Dustin Daugherty



Student Choir will sing Special Music on Palm Sunday April 2nd, during the Morning Worship Service

The Choir will sing Special Music on Easter Sunday Sunday April 9th, during the Morning Worship Service

*Everyone is invited to join us for Worship of our Lord & Savior* 



# BULLETIN BOARD



## **LBC Food Pantry**

Monday, April 3rd@ 12:30 PM Volunteers please arrive at 11:45AM Items needed Peanut Butter, Saltine Crackers, Can of Fruit, Mac & Cheese

Baptism Service Sunday, April 16th

During the Morning Worship Service

Please contact the Church office for more information

April 1	Maggie Leonard
	Cheyenne Sams
April 2	John Mark Darby
	Leah Worley
April 3	Veda Gilreath
9. S.	Jared Graham
	<b>Elizabeth Worley</b>
April 5	Lily Phillips
1 T P & M	Naomi Phillips
April 7	Linda Cross
April 8	Judy Addison
April 9	<b>Robert Chappell</b>
April 12	Lois Penley
April 13	Max Anderson
20.000	Kelly Fowler
	Tamara Graham
April 14	Brenda Stidham
April 15	Logan Jones
April 17	Matt Darby

LBC Financial Info YTD Budget Needs: \$99,177 YTD Budget Giving: \$71,420 YTD Building Fund Giving: \$2,582



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Jim Glass Gail Rishavy Marilyn Nelson India Barrett Ethan Bowman Amy Barkley Hunter Canter Sara Beverly Emma Killion Logan Phillips Lisa Brown Zac Killion



We invite everyone to join us for a special Baby Shower for Dan & Jen Darby on Sunday, April 16th from 2-4PM.

## It's a Girl!

\*The family is registered at Amazon, under Jennifer Darby, Bristol, TN



