

Baptist Faith and Message Study

Doctrine is important. According to the Merriam-Webster website, doctrine is defined as, “a principle or position or the body of principles in a branch of knowledge or system of belief.” As Southern Baptists, we need to know and understand the statement of our faith, *The Baptist Faith and Message*.

As a member of Fairacres Baptist Church you have made a commitment to accept and agree with *The Baptist Faith and Message* and to support and defend the doctrinal beliefs contained therein. With that in mind, you are encouraged to spend the next few weeks while our services are dismissed exploring and learning more about *The Baptist Faith and Message*.

Weekly Instructions:

1. Read the sections of The Baptist Faith and Message as indicated below and study the supporting scripture verses given for each section,
2. Review the provided sermon-based study documents that correspond to each section, and
3. Spend time in prayer asking God to help you understand clearly and accept fully what you have read and studied.

Week 1 (Sunday, March 22)

- I. The Scriptures,
- II. God,
- III. Man,
- IV. Salvation,
- V. God’s Purpose of Grace, and
- VI. The Church.

Week 2 (Sunday, March 29)

- VII. Baptism and the Lord’s Supper,
- VIII. The Lord’s Day,
- IX. The Kingdom,
- X. Last Things,
- XI. Evangelism and Missions, and
- XII. Education.

Week 3 (Sunday, April 5)

- XIII. Stewardship,
- XIV. Cooperation,
- XV. The Christian and the Social Order,
- XVI. Peace and War,
- XVII. Religious Liberty, and
- XVIII. The Family.