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Love Jesus, Love others, Help others love Jesus ~ Matthew 22:37-39

Dear Sir,

At the end of 2024 our pastor of more than eight years made the decision to retire due to persistent health issues. His last Sunday has come and gone and we are now seeking God's direction for a new pastor. We are looking for a man who is called by God to come shepherd our congregation. If you are interested in applying for this position, please take time to pray for God's direction. If you would like a snapshot introduction to our church, please visit our facebook page, "Knox Ridge Baptist Church Community" (<https://www.facebook.com/krbcknoxme/>).

We are currently working on rebuilding our website, so unfortunately that is not available. We welcome you to read the attached doctrinal statement, and call Barry Gillette, who serves as a deacon and chair of our Pulpit Committee at 207-877-5095.

If you believe the Lord is leading you to begin the application process with us, please click on the link below to complete the "Pastoral Application Request Form"

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck2arvYTb7UL5t0LSaUPmVceoX0t0Uci23C20ADohOAhVV4g/viewform?usp=sharing>

Thank you again for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you! Once the Pulpit Committee has reviewed the request form and any other documentation you share with us, we will reach out to you regarding next steps. We are trusting in our Lord to guide us and you in this process.

May God bless you!

The KRBC Pulpit Committee

Article XII - Doctrinal Statement

A. Scripture - We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Scriptures as God's complete revelation to man, inerrant in the original writings, and that it is therefore the supreme and final authority in all matters of doctrine, faith and life. [II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:19-21; Proverbs 30:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19]

B. God - We believe that there is one triune God who exists eternally in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All three persons of the Godhead are co-equal, co-eternal, exhibiting the exclusive attributes of God, including His sovereignty, eternity, omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence and immutability. God is also righteous, just, loving and the embodiment of absolute truth as seen in His relationship to mankind. [Isaiah 44:6; Psalm 103:19; Hebrews 4:13; Jeremiah 23:24; Ephesians 3:20; Psalm 102:27; Deuteronomy 32:4; Revelation 15:3; John 3:16; Titus 1:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; Genesis 1:26; I Timothy 2:5]

1. The Father - We believe that God the Father is the first person of the Trinity describing His position and not rank in regards to the Son and the Holy Spirit. God the Father is God of all creation. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and He is the Father of all who believe in Christ (spiritual birth). [Ephesians 3:14-15; Ephesians 1:3; John 3:16; John 1:12,14,18; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:19]

2. The Son - We believe that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, is the eternal Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. Jesus is fully God and fully man in His incarnation. As the sinless Son of God, Jesus died of crucifixion, was buried and rose bodily on the third day victoriously. The shedding of His blood is sufficient for the salvation of all of mankind from their sins. The resurrection of Christ is foundational to our faith. He is now seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for the saints as their great high priest. [Psalm 2:7; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:31-35; I Timothy 3:16; II Corinthians 5:21; I Corinthians 15:3-4,17; I Timothy 2:6; Colossians 1:15,16; Hebrews 9:24]

3. The Holy Spirit - We believe that the Holy Spirit of God is the third person of the Trinity who proceeds out from both the Father and the Son. His purpose in the world is to glorify the Son and to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The work of the Holy Spirit includes the regenerating, sealing until the day of redemption, baptizing into the body of Christ, indwelling, and empowering of every believer. The Holy Spirit imparts gifts to the saints for the edification of the church. All believers are commanded by Scripture to be filled with the Spirit. [John 15:26; John 16:7-11; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 1:13-14; I Corinthians 12:11-13; Ephesians 5:18]

C. Man - We believe that God created man in His own image and likeness as the crowning accomplishment of His creative work. Adam was the first male; and Eve was the first female. God's purpose for man was to give praise, worship and glory to his creator. Man of his own free will fell into sin and thus through Adam's disobedience all mankind is separated from God and eternally lost. Every man, woman and child since Adam was born into this world in sin and with a sinful nature, thus basically evil and in need of salvation from a merciful God who did not give up on His creation. [Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:10, 23; Romans 5:12]

D. Sin - We believe that Sin is anything contrary to the character of God. God cannot sin, however, He allowed sin to enter the world but also provided the way for mankind to enter His presence with sins forgiven. Sin began with Satan and his fall from Heaven. Sin entered the human race when man willfully disobeyed God. Everyone since Adam has been born with a sin nature. Man's sin leads to a

loss of fellowship with God. [James 4:17; I John 3:4-9; Ezekiel 28:15; Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 5:12; Romans 1:18-3:20]

E. Salvation - We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died once for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice for all people. All who trust Him are saved by grace through faith alone on the ground of His shed blood, accepted in the beloved, kept by God's power, and thus secure in Christ forever. [John 1:12; John 6:37-40; John 10:27-30; Romans 8:1,38-39; I Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 2:8-10; I Peter 1:5,18-19]

F. Angels and Satan - We believe that angels are beings created prior to man by God for the purpose of bringing honor, praise, and glory to Him. There are different classes of angels with different roles. God has bid angels to act as messengers and to watch over and protect individuals. Angels are greater in power than man, though under the direct control of God. Though angels are spirit beings not usually visible to man, they sometimes appear on earth as men. Angels are not to be worshiped. [Job 38:4-7; Psalm 8:5; Psalm 103:20-21; John 1:3; Hebrews 1:13-14; Hebrews 12:22; Hebrews 13:2; II Peter 2:11; Revelation 22:8-9]

Though created to bring glory to God, Lucifer and a host of angels rebelled against God and were thrown out of Heaven. There are many names given in Scripture for Lucifer including: the Devil, Satan, the prince of this world, the wicked one, the serpent, father of lies, the god of this age, the great deceiver, the adversary of Christ, the accuser of the brethren, and prince of devils. Satan currently works to deceive mankind, to keep them from knowing God, to tempt man to disobey God. Though Satan is greater in power than man, the Christian can resist him through the power of God. Satan and his demons are destined to be punished forever in the lake of fire. [Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 25:41; II Corinthians 4:3-4; Ephesians 6:10-18; I Peter 5:8; I John 3:8; Revelation 12:9-10; Revelation 20:10]

G. Church - We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and of which all regenerated people are members. We believe that the local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, immersed on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship in a community. To the church was committed for perpetual observance, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and God has laid upon the church the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. Christ as the head of the Church has ordained pastors and deacons to which He has given the task of watching over the flock. [Matthew

16:15-18; Acts 2:41-47; Acts 15:22-23; I Corinthians 3:4-11; I Corinthians 11:2; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:11-12; Ephesians 5:23-27; Colossians 1:18; I Timothy 3:5,15; Hebrews 10:25]

H. Future Events and the Eternal State - We believe in the personal, pre-tribulational, pre-millennial, and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His church in an event called the Rapture of the Church. No man knows the day nor the hour of this occurrence. The rapture will be followed by a seven-year period of tribulation which will end with the return of Jesus Christ to Earth to set up His literal thousand year reign. At the close of this period Satan will be loosed for a season before being cast into the lake of fire to suffer forever. Jesus will destroy the earth as we know it and create a new heaven and a new earth in which we will reign with Him forever in Heaven. [Psalm 102:25-26; Isaiah 65:17; I Corinthians 15:51-57; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; II Peter 3:7,10-13; Revelation 20:1-15; Revelation 21:1-22:5]

We believe in a literal Heaven and a Hell. We also believe that there are only two groups of people: the saved and the lost. Only those who are saved by faith in Jesus Christ will spend eternity with their Savior in Heaven; and all others as lost individuals will be condemned to spend eternity apart from God in the torments of Hell. [Matthew 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:28-29; John 11:25-26; John 14:1-6; II Corinthians 5:8; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; II Thessalonians 1:7-9 Revelation 20:4-15]