

Shorter BCM Leadership Belief & Lifestyle Statement

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe the bible to be the divinely inspired, infallible Word of God

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of Jesus The Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious & Atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost & sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential, &

That repentance from sin and acceptance of Jesus The Christ as Lord & Savior is the only way to enter into a saving relationship with God. Grace is a free gift from God and is not something we can earn.

We believe that the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in the believer upon acceptance of Jesus The Christ as

Savior, therefore enabling the believer to live a Godly life and to continue to grow as a disciple.

Followers of Jesus develop spiritual disciplines in order to become more like Jesus.

We believe that the local church is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, unified by God's Love and grace, empowered and gifted by His Holy Spirit, commissioned to make disciples of all nations with the Gospel, and called to love God with all our soul, strength, & mind and to love our Neighbor as thyself.

Lifestyle Statement

During this year, I covenant to live out a lifestyle that is indicative of a growing relationship with Christ. I will maintain the highest standards of Christian character, conduct, and curtesy. I understand that I represent my BCM, Shorter University, my church, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, the Southern Baptist Convention and most importantly my Lord.

I covenant to refrain from any use of alcohol, tobacco, pornography, sexual contact outside of marriage, and/or any other activity that may call into question my integrity or hinder my witness for Christ. I will not offer opinions or ideas that contradict with these directives.

I covenant to have respect for the sanctity of all human life and will not offer opinions that are counter to it.