



Glen Osmond Baptist Church Vision

Making disciples of Jesus, wherever we go

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus

Jesus is the foundation of who we are and what we do. We believe in the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ, and the second person of the Trinity, who came into our world to offer forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. He achieved this through the ultimate sacrifice of His death on the cross and physical resurrection three days later. We are saved, not by our actions, but by faith in Jesus and the grace he extends to us. Jesus invites us to share in His mission of building God's kingdom.

Church

Church is the people, not the building. Church is the called out community of God, built upon the truth that Jesus is the risen, conquering son of God. Church provides a spiritual family and a tangible experience of God's love for us. It is a place to connect and encourage one another, to love and be loved; to serve and be served. Church was created by God, for our benefit, with the primary purpose of bringing Him glory.

Authority

Our ultimate authority in faith and practice is Jesus Christ, as revealed in Scripture and present among his people through the Holy Spirit. We hold that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God. We recognise the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, interpreted under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and in the community of God's people, as the primary authority for knowing God's revelation in Christ. The Bible contains in its pages everything humanity needs to know about who God is, how to be saved and how to live a life pleasing to God.

Mission

God has given us a mission to be his representative. God wants us to make His love known through word and action. Our world is broken and hurting, as sin (our rebellion against God) impacts every aspect of our world. But, we have good news of God's love and forgiveness. God wants us to make His love known through our words and actions. The great commission in Matthew 28 tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." To ensure the authenticity of our witness, we have a responsibility to be disciples ourselves first, to seek to grow and nurture our own faith.

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a seal given to God's people to confirm that we are His and to enable us to live out this mission through:

- A) Illuminating the Bible and helping us understand what it means for us today.
- B) Inspiring and enabling us to live for God. The spirit performs a work of sanctification in our lives, transforming our desires and shaping us to be more like God's son, Jesus.
- C) Empowering us by giving us spiritual gifts, to be used in the service of His people, for His glory, out of love for others.