

## What We Believe

### 1. GOD

There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator; Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

### 2. THE BIBLE

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

### 3. THE HUMAN RACE

All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

### 4. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

### 5. SALVATION

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to all in the gospel. God in his love forgives sinners whom he calls, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

### 6. THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

### 7. THE CHURCH

The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, which are congregations of believers who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; for pastoral care and discipline, and for evangelism. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel.

### 8. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been given to the churches by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. Baptism is a symbol of union with Christ and entry into his Church but does not impart spiritual life. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all and involves no change in the bread and wine. All its blessings are received by faith.

### 9. THE FUTURE

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and the righteous will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.

## Clarkston Baptist Church

### *Sharing God's Good news*



**You recently joined us in worship and we would like to take this opportunity to say that we greatly appreciated your company. We would be delighted if you worshipped with us again. There is a great deal happening in the church; details can be found in this leaflet as well as on our web site.**

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## *Sunday Services*

Morning Service: 11:00 am.  
Sunday's Cool  
Crèche available.

Evening Service: 6:30 pm

## *'Sunday's Cool'*

Sunday's Cool is designed for children aged 3-12 and meets every Sunday morning at 11am. Our goal is to help our children come to know, love and obey God through all the activities we plan each week. We have a lot of fun learning together through singing, games, crafts as well as lessons. This year, we are learning about the people Jesus helped. We also enjoy special activities throughout the year such as Harvest Night, our Happy Birthday Jesus party and our annual Sunday's Cool trip.

For more information, come along on Sunday morning or contact Sheena Shaw at [iain.shaw@ntlworld.com](mailto:iain.shaw@ntlworld.com)

Crèche available for babies and children under 3 years of age.

## *Bible Study*

Every Wednesday evening we meet to study the Bible together and ask God to help us live for Him in a practical and meaningful way. At the moment we are studying the life of Elijah and our main theme is Confrontation and Courage. Once a month we also project a Christian video; so far we have viewed a documentary looking at new evidence of the finding of Noah's Ark, a video about when and where the Exodus took place and a video about Paul's letter to the Romans.

We meet at 7.45 p.m. and all are warmly invited to any of our meetings. On the first Wednesday of every month we hold our Missionary Meeting.

## *The Way Cool Puppets*

'The Way' Cool Puppets is an outreach puppet team based at our church though our 17 puppeteers represent several area churches. We have great fun at our team practices on Friday nights and we are excited about the opportunities we have had to challenge people with God's Word through puppets. We presented our first major programme (Super-Duper Christmas) throughout December 2002 at several churches, the cub scouts' carol service, Hairmyres hospital and the East Kilbride town centre. Our present programme, 'Build Your Life Upon the Rock' looks at what the Bible has to say about 'wising up'.

For more information about our puppet team or our performance schedule, contact Iain Shaw at [iain.shaw@ntlworld.com](mailto:iain.shaw@ntlworld.com)

## *Men's Fellowship*

The men's fellowships meets at the church once a month and has a varied programme for the coming year. For further details visit our web site at [www.clarkstonbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.clarkstonbaptistchurch.org.uk) or contact Iain at [iain.shaw@ntlworld.com](mailto:iain.shaw@ntlworld.com)

## *Ladies Fellowship*

The ladies fellowship meets fortnightly and has a varied programme for the coming year. For further details visit [www.clarkstonbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.clarkstonbaptistchurch.org.uk) where the full programme can be viewed.

## *Junior Bible Club*

Junior Bible Club is for children who are in P1-P7. The club meets at Clarkston Baptist Church every Friday night from 6.30pm till 7.45pm. At Junior Bible Club we sing songs, learn memory verses, learn the books of the Bible by doing the Sword Drill, listen to stories from the Bible and take part in quizzes. The children have a great time taking part in all the activities, making new friends and, most importantly, learning about God. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susanne at: [guitarz00@hotmail.com](mailto:guitarz00@hotmail.com).

## *Sundawe Prayer Meeting*

Along with Elgin Baptist Church and three churches in Pennsylvania USA, we are involved in the 'Adopt a people' programme started by AIM (Africa Inland Mission). As a church we have promised to pray and help in any way we can the people of the Sandawe area in Tanzania, Africa. Several years ago there were no churches to be found in the Sandawe area, now there are at least six and the churches are growing.

For more information visit the [Africa Inland Mission](#) website.

## *Youth Fellowship*

The YF is for those of Primary 7 through to secondary school age. We plan to meet after the Sunday evening service at 7:45 pm. The main focus of the YF is to learn more about God, but along the way the group also learn more about themselves and develop friendships with others. A full programme will soon be available on the church website.