

Mosaic Boston Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be a movement of expanding communities that serve Boston and the world as gospel renewal-agents in personal spirituality, relationships, the arts, and urban healing.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The church believes in the Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testament, as the word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. The church believes in the necessity of personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior for salvation. The statement of faith is:

1. The sixty-six canonical books of the Bible as originally written were inspired of God, hence free from error. They constitute the only infallible guide in faith and practice.
2. There is one God, the Creator and Preserver of all things, infinite in being and perfection. He exists eternally in three Persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are of one substance and equal in power and glory.
3. Man, created in the image of God, through disobedience fell from his sinless state at the suggestion of Satan. This fall plunged man into a state of sin and spiritual death, and brought upon the entire race the sentence of eternal death. From this condition man can be saved only by the grace of God, through faith, on the basis of the work of Christ, and by the agency of the Holy Spirit.
4. The eternally pre-existent Son became incarnate without human father, by being born of the virgin Mary. Thus in the Lord Jesus Christ divine and human natures were united in one Person, both natures being whole, perfect and distinct. To effect salvation, He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as the sinner's substitute, shedding His blood for the remission of sins. On the third day He rose from the dead in the body which had been laid in the tomb. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He performs the ministry of intercession. He shall come again, personally and visibly, to complete His saving work and to consummate the eternal plan of God.
5. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Triune God. He applies to man the work of Christ. By justification and adoption man is given a right standing before God; by regeneration, sanctification and glorification man's nature is renewed.

6. The believer, having turned to God in penitent faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is accountable to God for living a life separated from sin and characterized by the fruit of the Spirit. It is his responsibility to contribute by word and deed to the universal spread of the Gospel.

7. At the end of the age the bodies of the dead shall be raised. The righteous shall enter into full possession of eternal bliss in the presence of God, and the wicked shall be condemned to eternal death.

VALUES

1. Commission: **Mission is why the Church exists.**

The Church is a movement, not an institution.

Every follower of Jesus is commissioned by God.

2. Community: **Love is the context for all mission.**

The Church is relational, not programmatic.

Every follower of Jesus is part of a larger community.

3. Connection: **Structure must always submit to Spirit.**

The Church is empowering, not controlling.

Every follower of Jesus is called and connected uniquely to serve.

4. Communion: **Relevance to culture is not optional.**

The Church is incarnational, not esoteric.

Every follower of Jesus celebrates communion with God.

5. Character: **Creativity is the natural result of spirituality.**

The Church is transforming, not conforming.

Every follower of Jesus grows in Christ-like character.