

Beliefs

Forest Grove Church is a Non-Denominational Bible Church located in Lucas, Texas. We believe that our mission is to make disciples of all people and help them to become more like Christ.

We desire to do life together, praising our God and King as a church comprised of people from all walks of life, all ages, all ethnicities, united to serve the One who gave His life for us.

Our Faith Statement

At Forest Grove, we believe we are a part of the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which has chosen to meet for worship and have fellowship in the Forest Grove Community (*1 Corinthians 1:2*). We celebrate baptism and the Lord's Supper until Christ returns (*Matthew 26:26-29, 28:18-20*).

We are the body of Christ, and He is the head of this church (*Ephesians 1:22-23*). We are founded on the teachings of the apostles and prophets, which are recorded in the Old and New Testament Scriptures (*Ephesians 2:19-20*).

We strive not only to study, understand, and teach these scriptures, but most importantly to obey and live out the scriptures so that the world may know that Jesus is the Christ and that we are His disciples (*John 8:31, 20:31*).

We follow no teachings that are contrary to God's Word. We believe that our ultimate purpose in living is to glorify God by proclaiming Him to all people and by serving Him in every aspect of our lives. We believe that sin has separated all people from God (*Isaiah 59:2, Romans 3:23*), but God is not willing that any should perish but for all to come to repentance (*John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9b*). This is why He commissioned us to go and preach the good news of the Kingdom of God to every person, and to guide those who believe this message into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ (*Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20*).

We believe that every Christian needs to be equipped for works of service under the guidance of the local church leadership (*Ephesians 4:11-16*). We have faith that God has enabled us to

complete this mission by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit given to us in response to our salvation and obedience to Him (*Ezekiel 36:27, Acts 5:32*).

We Believe...

- God is One, the only true living God, eternally existing in three equal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each completely and fully God (*Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22, John 10:30, 14:9*).
- Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God, who died for our sins and arose from the dead (*1 Corinthians 15:1-8, John 3:16*).
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God, without error in the original inspiration, and of final authority in all matters about which it speaks (*John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21*).
- Every person has worth as a creation of God, but all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (*Psalms 139:14-16, Romans 3:23*).
- Forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust Christ as Savior and Lord (*John 3:16, 11:25-26*).
- Those accepting Christ should repent of sin, confess their faith, and be baptized into Him (*Romans 6:1-6, 10:9, Acts 2:38*).
- The Church is the body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and exists to evangelize the lost, edify the saved, and care for those in need (*Ephesians 4:1-16, Matthew 25:31-46*).
- Jesus Christ will one day return to earth and reign forever as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 19:11-16, 22:12-13*).