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Central Baptist Church

Ponca City OK

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What Do Baptists Believe?

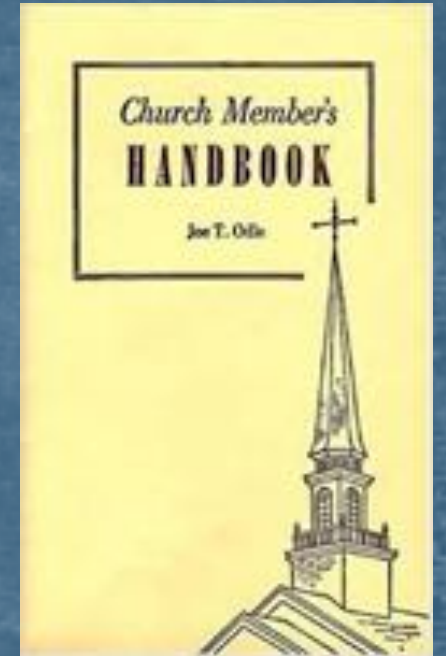
**Luke 1:1-4 – 1 Cor. 4:17, 7:17
Jude 3**



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Joe T. Odle
(1899-1980)



“There is no single distinctive doctrine which makes men Baptists. It is their position on a number of beliefs, which when taken together, make them a distinctive people.”



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**George W.
McDaniel**
(1875-1927)
*The People Called
Baptist*
1919

“In other decades Baptists were better indoctrinated than they are today. The environment in which they lived, sometimes unfriendly to them, was conducive to the mastery of their principles.



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Of later years, a tendency to depreciate doctrinal discussion is easily discernible, and young converts particularly are not rooted and grounded in the faith.



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Modern nonchalance acts as if it made little difference what one believes. With cavalier air it belittles the man who has the nerve to make a denominational affirmation.”



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**Are Baptist Churches
New Testament Churches?**



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**New Testament Churches
Believe the Bible is the Sole
and Final Authority of a New
Testament Church**

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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God is true...Romans 3:4

God inspired the Scriptures...2 Timothy 3:16

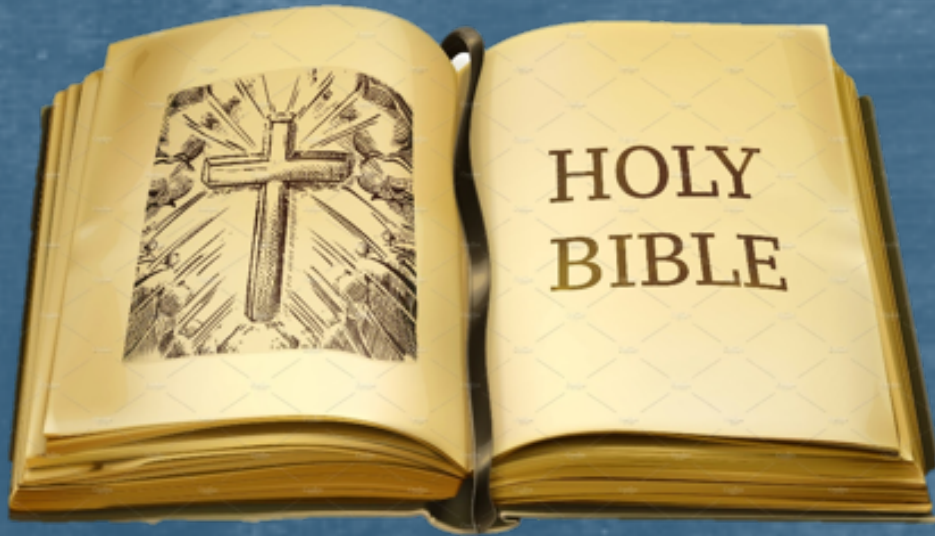


All Scripture is true...John 17:17



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X Catholicism

X Protestants

X Charismatics



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**New Testament Churches
have a Single, Simple
Message of Salvation**



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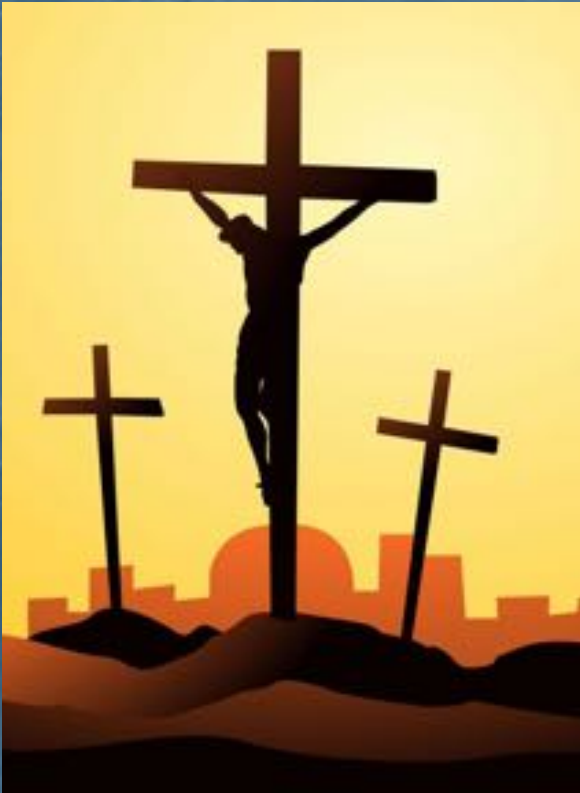
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The saving gospel of Jesus Christ, offered by grace alone, received by faith alone, to “whosoever will,” is the exclusive means of a knowable, eternal salvation



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**New Testament Churches
Believe Christ Founded the
Church During His Personal,
Earthly Ministry**

Matthew 16:18; Mark 3 – Luke 6; 1 Corinthians 12:28



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***B. H.
Carroll
(1843-1914)***



**“Christ alone founded his church.
I mean that the church was
established in the days of his
sojourn in the flesh; that the work
of its construction commenced with
the reception of the material
prepared by John the Baptist.**



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That organization commenced with the appointment of the twelve apostles, and that by the close of His earthly ministry there existed at least one church as a model, the church at Jerusalem.”



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**New Testament Churches are
Local, Autonomous Assemblies
of Baptized Believers
Under the Headship of Christ**



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“The term ‘church’ indicates one church, one body of the Lord’s people, meeting together in one place, and not several congregations, forming one church.”



***William B.
Johnson
(1782-1862)
First President of the SBC***



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**New Testament Churches
Practice Two Ordinances
Instituted by Christ: Baptism
& the Lord's Supper**



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A.A. Davis
(1900-1978)
*Pastor &
Lecturer
"The Trail
of Blood"*



“Baptism has been the battleground of many hurtful religious heresies in the world today. That is where the religious world had its first argument. The waters of baptism. And significantly, the man who is wrong on the baptism question will invariably be wrong on the Lord’s Supper question. Without a single exception.”



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- ✓ **Not optional**
- ✓ **Believers only**
- ✓ **By immersion only**



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- ✓ **Symbolic, not saving**
- ✓ **Church authorized**
- ✓ **Adds to church membership**



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**Q: What makes
Baptist immersion
different from
other immersions?**



**A: The blood of the martyrs is
in our baptismal waters!**



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✓ **Open – Christian ordinance**



✓ **Close – Baptist ordinance**

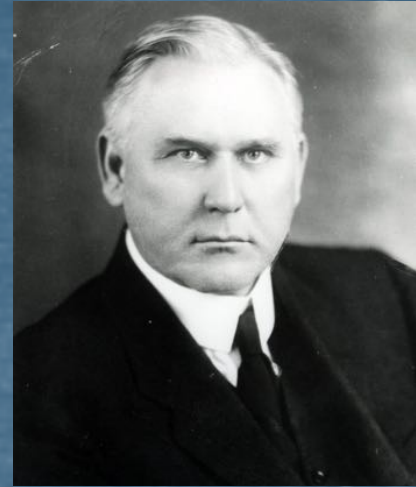
✓ **Closed – Congregational ordinance**



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Truett***
(1867-1944)
***Pastor FBC
Dallas***



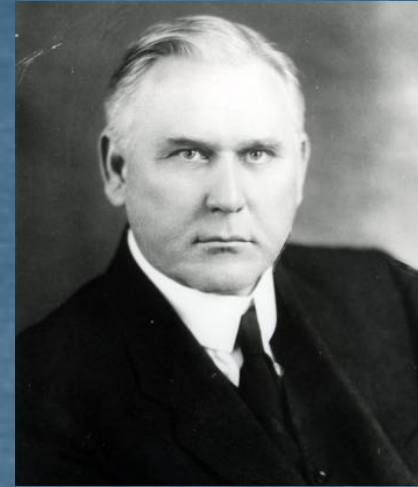
“Since the Supper is an ordinance of the church, it must inevitably follow that whatever would debar a man from the church must also debar him from the Lord’s table in that church.



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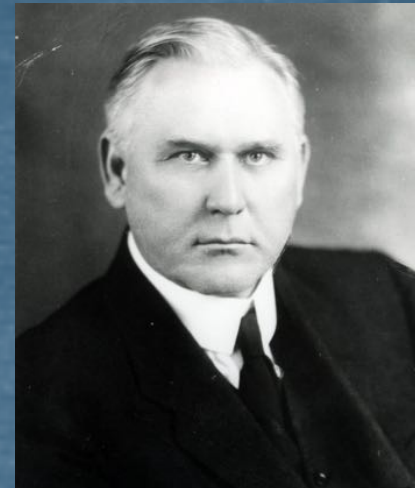
It is logically inconceivable that one should be deprived of membership in the church and yet not also be deprived of coming to the Lord's table in that church, since the first privilege is the source and foundation for the second.



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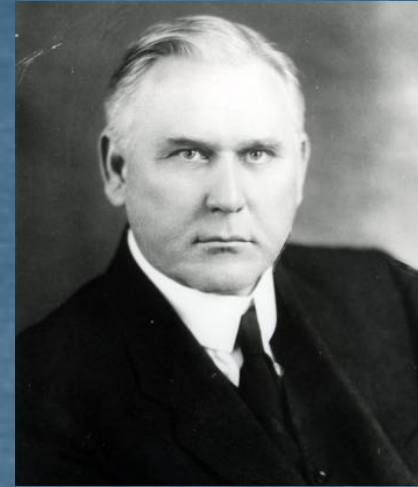
That the local church is the custodian of this ordinance, and must judge the qualifications of those desiring to partake of it, is shown by the fact that the command to observe it was given, not to individuals, but to a company (Luke 22:29, 30). Manifestly, this table is inside and not outside the church.



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The church alone can, therefore, be charged with the responsibility of its government. The local church is the only body known to the Scriptures which has any competency or jurisdiction in the government of her two ordinances.”



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**New Testament Churches
Believe in the Soul
Competency and the
Priesthood of the Believer**



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**New Testament Churches are
Led by a Pastor, Served by
Deacons and Governed by the
Congregation**



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Elder, Bishop, Pastor



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✓ **Gender specific**

✓ **Biblically qualified**

✓ **Holy Spirit appointed**

✓ **Divinely Accountable**





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✓ **Feed**

✓ **Lead**



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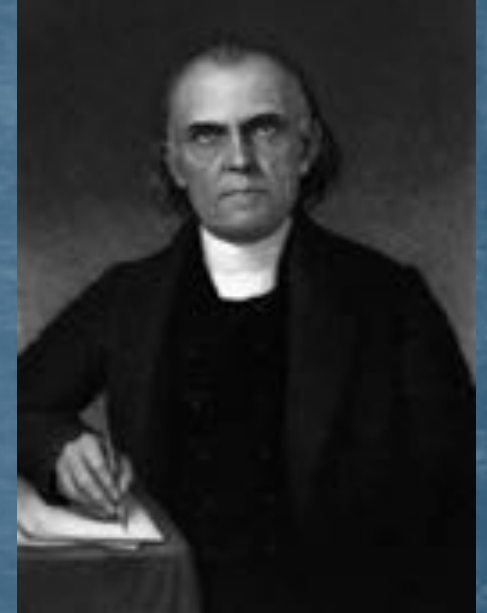
**New Testament Churches
Respect the Privilege of Church
Membership & Dismiss from
their Fellowship Ungodly
Members who Refuse to Repent**



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**“When discipline leaves
a church, Christ goes
with it.”**



John L. Dagg
(1794-1884)
*Pastor
&
Theologian*



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**New Testament Churches are
“Great Commission” Focused –
Winning the Lost, Sending
Missionaries, and Planting
Churches**



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**New Testament Churches look
for the Imminent Return of
Christ and His Ultimate Reign
on the Earth as King of kings
and Lord of lords**



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