

The Nicene Creed: 1700 Years Later

First Bible Church and the Holy Spirit

Acts 5:1–11

November 3, 2025

The Lord's Day Morning | The 60th Anniversary of First Bible Church

Q1: When was First Bible Church founded?

A1: On November 7, 1965, thirty-five people gathered at the office of Cook's Pest Control for the first worship service of the newly formed First Bible Church. While most of those who were there that day are members of the church triumphant, John Cook, Jr. remains to bear testimony to God's faithfulness to our church for these six decades. In the weeks after that first worship service, the Lord added others who are still with us today, including Bobby Johnson and Lynn (Gazaway) Byrd.

Q2: What is a Bible Church?

A2: A Bible Church is a local and autonomous group of believers who have freely covenanted together to glorify God through the right preaching of the Word of God, the proper administration of the ordinances, and the loving exercise of church discipline. Each member commits to gathering every Sunday morning for public worship, growing together in prayer and Bible study throughout the week, and going into the world to make disciples. A Bible Church traces its roots to the apostles through the Protestant Reformation, confessing without reservation the apostolic teaching summarized in the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the five *solas*.

Q3: Who is the Holy Spirit According to the Nicene Creed (325–381)?

A3: "And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together, is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets."

Q4: Who is the Holy Spirit According to the First Bible Church Constitution (1965)?

A4: "We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Person who convicts the world of sin, that He alone brings new life to those who are spiritually dead, and that He baptizes [or places] all believers into the one true Church, which is the Body of Christ, that He indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them and fills those who are yielded to Him."

Q5: How has the Holy Spirit ministered to and through First Bible Church?

A5: For these 60 years the Holy Spirit has been:

1. _____: Causing unbelievers to be born again so they can _____ Christ.
2. _____: Helping believers make progress in _____ Christ.
3. _____: Keeping believers safe until they shall finally _____ Christ.