

## **YATES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CORE BELIEFS**

**We believe the only way of salvation and forgiveness of sin is through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.**

**We believe the Bible is the authoritative source of truth for Christian living.**

**We believe in the autonomy of the local church and its central role in sharing the gospel and growing believers.**

**We believe in local churches cooperating to accomplish together more than we can alone.**

**We believe in intentionally caring for pastors and equipping church leaders.**

**We believe in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and extending His kingdom in the Durham-Chapel Hill Metro Region and beyond because all people matter to God.**

**We believe in “hands on” mission and ministry opportunities that engage people locally and throughout the world.**

**We believe in cooperation with other Christians, churches and organizations that are like-minded to advance God’s kingdom work.**

For a more in depth understanding of our beliefs, see the Yates Baptist Association Constitution and Bylaws and go to [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net) (About /Baptist Faith and Message/Comparison of 1925, 1963, 2000 BFM)

*“The confession of faith this Association recognizes shall be consistent with any Baptist Faith and Message with its five point statement of the historic Baptist conception of the nature and function of confessions of faith in our religious and denominational life as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.” (From the YBA Bylaws, Article 1. Section 3.)*