

Session 3: Who is Craig Memorial Baptist Church?

One Among Many: (Distinctives)

- Protestant
- Baptist
 - Autonomy of the church
 - Elder led, congregational rule
 - Believers baptism (believer only church)
 - Missional
 - Priesthood of the believers
 - Cooperating
- Southern Baptist
 - Unified around the Baptist Faith & Message
 - Cooperating with like minded churches to proclaim the gospel
 - Associations
 - State Convention
 - 37% to SBC
 - 63% to Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
 - National Convention
 - Cooperative Program
 - International Mission Board (50.41%)
 - Richmond, VA
 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 - North American Mission Board (22.79%)
 - Alpharetta, GA
 - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 - Seminaries (22.16%)
 - Southern (Louisville, KY)
 - Southeastern (Wake Forest, NC)
 - New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)
 - Southwestern (Fort Worth, TX)
 - Midwestern (Kansas City, MO)
 - Golden Gate (San Francisco, CA)

Craig Memorial Baptist Church Membership

1. Familiarity with CraigMBC
2. Evidence a saving relationship with Christ
3. Attend membership class
4. Recommended to the congregation by appropriate leadership
5. Accepted by CMBC congregation
6. Believers Baptism

CMBC Government

As it currently stands, CMBC is elder/pastor led, congregational rule. In addition to pastoral leadership, the board of deacons play a significant role in the decision making process. While the pastor(s) and deacons should lead in such a way that the congregation would desire to submit to their leadership, neither the pastor(s) or deacons possess any ultimate authority to act on their own. With the exception of any areas that the congregation delegates to the pastor(s) and deacons, ultimate authority rests in the hands of the membership. This is an area that will require some time to develop over the subsequent months and presented to the membership.

Ministries & Fellowships of CMBC:

1. Sunday morning Worship – This serves as the main gathering of the membership of CMBC. Members should seek to be present regularly for this ministry. Membership requires participation and participation in this ministry is expected. We offer a brief children’s sermon during the morning service as well as children’s church for children through 5 years old.
2. We offer a fellowship time prior to morning Bible study beginning @ 9:30am.
3. Sunday morning Bible Study – We currently offer Bible study for all ages from 10:00–10:45.
4. We offer a Sunday Evening Worship time at 6:00pm. There are occasions when we cancel this gathering (ex. Holidays).
5. Wednesday evening Bible Study – We offer an additional time of Bible study on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00. After prayer and music together we dismiss our children to mission groups.
6. Discipleship – We are in the process of developing our plan of discipleship and will be offering further opportunities to grow in our faith together. Recently our women have launched a discipleship opportunity

(Mom2Mom) on the 1st Thursday morning of each month @ 10:00am.

7. Missions – In addition to cooperating with other SBC churches for the sake of missions, we support other mission efforts both nationally and internationally. Currently our mission support consists of giving to the Cooperative Program and the South Fork Baptist Association. We plan to see further development in this area in the months ahead.

8. Others – we also offer a variety of other ministries and fellowships throughout the year that seek to engage our community such as Vacation Bible School. We look forward to growing in this area in the future.

CMBC Mission:

We do not currently have a mission statement that serves to direct our focus.

Pastor Randy's personal mission statement is:

Proclaiming the word of God for the Glory of God, to exalt Christ and redeem sinners.

CMBC will be striving to make our number one priority and calling the proclamation of the gospel! We are seeking to ensure that this provides the foundation for all that we do.

Ours is the work of proclaiming, only God can provide the increase. We leave what only God can do to Him and seek to be faithful in our mission of proclaiming.

The Current State of Craig Memorial Baptist Church:

CMBC is currently going through a major growth and change process. CMBC has existed under the leadership of the same pastor for the past 38 years. This pastor retired in December of 2016. Randy Starkey has served as Interim Pastor since March 26, 2017.

During this transition CMBC found itself struggling financially and in need of making necessary changes to enable CMBC to be faithful stewards of the resources God continues to graciously provide.

Financial Snapshot:

The Current Budget of the church has been fluid since the transition and will be clearly established with the start of the new church year on

October. It appears, based on averages, that the church can sustain a budget of approximately \$122,000.

Approximate Financial Standing as of February 2017:

Checking:	\$7,000	C
Building:	\$15,000	E
Savings:	\$1,000	S

Approximate Financial Standing as of May 2017:

Checking:	\$20,000	C
Building:	\$20,000	E
Savings:	\$1,000	S

While the church is currently only paying a part-time pastor salary, the clear trajectory of the church is in a positive direction.