

Strangers and new comers feel at home with us.

Cardinal Doctrines of Baptists.

1 That the scriptures are the only authority in matters of faith and practice.

2 That personal faith in Jesus Christ alone secures salvation; therefore infant baptism is to be rejected.

3 That a church is composed of believers who have been baptized on a personal confession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

4 That each church has the entire control of its affairs without interference on the part of any external power.

5 That the outward life must be in accordance with such confession of faith, and to this end it is essential that church discipline should be maintained.

These five articles still express the essential elements of a Baptist church; the Bible for its creed; believers who have been duly baptized on their personal profession for its members; democracy, (clergy and laity exercising equal rights), for its government; and an upright life, full of good works, for its ritual and vindication.

It has occasioned many surprised comments and enquiries, that without an episcopacy Baptists should have withstood destroying heresies—as for instances the tide of error that almost inundated orthodoxy in New England in 1800 when not a single Baptist church, nor one prominent Baptist minister, went over to Unitarianism. Spiritual ties are stronger than ties ecclesiastical. "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother," said Jesus, meaning that soul-affinity is mightier than the affinity of the flesh.

The Baptist principle of equal rights for the laity (men and women), has received a high tribute of late by the admission of laymen in the councils of churches heretofore ruled almost exclusively by ecclesiastics. We rejoice that at last the rights of believing people, for which their fathers toiled and suffered, are being gradually restored to the credit of Christianity and to the advantage of mankind.—Condensed from Lorimer's "Baptists in History."

Applications for Sittings should be made to Deacon Jas. McPherson. The seats are assigned, not rented. Each holder of a sitting is expected to be a contributor.

THIS CHURCH IS SUPPORTED by the voluntary contributions of the people that is to say, every member of this church is covenanted voluntarily to subscribe towards the expenses of the church whatever sum it is in their power to give, and shall so inform the Financial Secretary, and from him receive envelopes for that purpose. All bills or accounts are to be sent to A. E. Soulis, 119 Robie St. All monies contributed, donated or raised by and for the church, are to be handed to N. L. McDonald, Fin. Sec'y.

CONVENTION FUND offering the second Sunday of each month. W. M. A. S. OFFERING the third Sunday of each quarter beginning with August.

Families having cases of sickness or distress will please send word at once to the Pastor, or one of the Deacons. You are urged to use the information cards in pews. If you are not a regular member of some other city congregation, you are cordially invited to come with us and find a permanent home.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."—Matt. 6: 33.