

GET TO KNOW PASTOR COLE BARNES

Bio and Background

I am a Christ-centered Baptist pastor with over a decade of ministry experience in preaching, shepherding, worship leadership, and church administration. The Lord has called me to lead the local church through expositional preaching, faithful administration and oversight, discipleship-driven ministry, and mission-focused engagement, with a heart for both local church health and global missions. I hold a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and earned my B.A. in Biblical Studies from Truett McConnell University in Georgia.

Convictions that shape my ministry

I desire to shepherd a church shaped by Scripture, united in the gospel, and devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ from every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of God.

01 CHRIST-CENTERED

Our aim must be to glorify the Lord in our gatherings and in our lives. In all things, We must cherish the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ, who has acted to redeem sinners for his glory and our joy.

03 EXPOSITIONAL PREACHING

God gives life through his Word. Therefore, the regular preaching of the church should read, explain, and apply Scripture faithfully.

05 ELDER-LED CONGREGATIONALISM

The gathered congregation holds final authority in the church, while a plurality of qualified male elders share responsibility for pastoral leadership and shepherding.

07 MEANINGFUL MEMBERSHIP

Church membership is a real covenant of mutual responsibility. The church must know, shepherd, disciple, and lovingly spur one another on to love and good works.

09 CHURCH-CENTERED MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

The local church is central to Christ's mission: making disciples and gathering them into churches. Every member is to be active in evangelism and missions, in one way or another, through praying, giving, sending, and going.

02 WORD-CENTERED WORSHIP

God's Word governs our worship. We glorify the Lord as we read, preach, pray, sing, and visibly proclaim Scripture through the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper

04 HISTORIC BAPTIST DOCTRINE

I believe the Scriptures teach believer's baptism, regenerate church membership, and that the Lord's Supper is for baptized believers who are united with local churches.

06 SOUND DOCTRINE & BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Sound doctrine guards the gospel and nourishes the church. A pastor must faithfully teach truth, refute error, and guard his life and doctrine, and lead the church to do the same.

08 DISCIPLESHIP & FAMILY MINISTRY

The church makes disciples, and Jesus calls every believer to be a disciple-maker. Parents bear primary responsibility for discipling their children, with the church equipping and supporting them.

10 GOSPEL UNITY

God redeems and unites people from all ages, stages, and places. The church must value generational, ethnic, economic, and educational diversity among its members.