



Seeing What We  
believe

Isa. 41:20

Isa. 41:20 **That they may see, and know**, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of **the LORD hath done this**, and **the Holy One of Israel hath created it.**

Mountain Springs Baptist Church

Introduction

Our theme this year is....

VISION            20/20  
HIS VISION. OUR FOCUS.

Last week, we observed the church covenant:

covenant

4. In church affairs, a solemn agreement between the members of a church, that they will walk together according to the precepts of the gospel, in brotherly affection.

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/covenant>

## Our Commitment

- ❖ To our faith:
- ❖ To our fellowship:

## Our Conviction

- ❖ To spirituality:
- ❖ To stewardship:
- ❖ To Separation:

## Our Concern

- ❖ For edification and encouragement:
- ❖ For engagement and endurance:

## Our Conscientiousness

- ❖ Regarding the Scriptures:
- ❖ Regarding the Savior:

Tonight, we begin with Articles 1 and 2 of our church bylaws.

## MOUNTAIN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH BYLAWS

### ARTICLE 1 NAME AND PURPOSE

#### SECTION 1.01—NAME

This congregation of believers shall be known as Mountain Springs Baptist Church. It is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of New Mexico, as Fellowship Bible Baptist Church.

## SECTION 1.02—PURPOSE

This congregation is organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), for such purposes including, but not limited to, the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; the establishing and maintaining of churches for religious worship; the educating of believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture; and the maintaining of missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country.

## ARTICLE 2 STATEMENT OF FAITH AND COVENANT

### SECTION 2.01—STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Scriptures. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God.

**The Scriptures are inerrant, infallible and God-breathed and are, therefore, the final authority for faith and life.** The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the complete and divine revelation of God to Man. The Scriptures shall be interpreted according to their normal grammatical-historical meaning, and all issues of interpretation and meaning shall be determined by the pastor. We believe that the King James Version of the Bible is **the divinely preserved Word of God (Psa. 12:6-7)** and shall be the official and only translation used by the church. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)

**Original Word:** θεόπνευστος

**Transliteration:** theopneustos

**Usage:** God-breathed, inspired by God, due to the inspiration of God. <https://biblehub.com/greek/2315.htm>

Psa. 33:6 **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made**; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth.**

“Verbal” means “every word to the jot and tittle” (Ps 12:6-7, Matt 5:18).

Psa. 12:6 **The words of the LORD are pure words:** as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, **O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**

Mt. 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

“Plenary” means “the Scripture as a whole with all the words intact” (Matt 24:35, 1 Pet 1:25).

Mt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words** shall not pass away.

1 Pet. 1:25 But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever**. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.



“Verbal plenary” means the whole of Scripture with all its words even to the jot and tittle is perfectly preserved by God without any loss of the original words, prophecies, promises, commandments, doctrines, and truths, not only in the words of salvation, but also the words of history, geography and science. Every book, every chapter, every verse, every word, every syllable, every letter is infallibly preserved by the Lord Himself to the last iota.

[http://deanburgonsociety.org/PDF/dbs\\_course\\_on\\_VPP.pdf](http://deanburgonsociety.org/PDF/dbs_course_on_VPP.pdf)

Luke 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Rom. 15:4 For **whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of **the scriptures** might have hope.

2 Tim. 3:16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Pet. 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of **the scripture** is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

## Confluent Inspiration

By this we mean the Scriptures are a product of two agents, human and divine. The term “in such a way” found in the above definition declares inspiration ultimately to be a phenomenon, a mystery - the product of divine/human involvement - this as inexplicable as the Virgin Birth or the new birth.

<http://lbcbutte.com/pdf/03The%20Inspiration%20of%20the%20Bible%20Defined.pdf>

“**Confluent,**” meaning that scripture is the product of both God and human writers.

<https://areasonstobelieve.org/2017/05/30/bible-part-3-can-scripture-be-inspired-authoritative-and-confluent/>

“...inerrancy, simply means that ***the Bible is without error.*** It’s a belief in the “total truthfulness and reliability of God’s words” (Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, Inter-Varsity, 2004, 90).

<https://defendinginerrancy.com/why-is-inerrancy-important/>

## Conclusion

Jn. 5:39 **Search the scriptures;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**