



## What We Believe

The churches of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches are committed to these truths of historic, biblical Christianity:

### 1. GOD

There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator, Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

### 2. THE BIBLE

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

### 3. THE HUMAN RACE

All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

### 4. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

### 5. SALVATION

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to

all in the gospel. God in his love forgives sinners whom he calls, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

### 6. THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

### 7. THE CHURCH

The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, which are congregations of believers who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, for pastoral care and discipline, and for evangelism. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel.

### 8. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been given to the churches by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. Baptism is a symbol of union with Christ and entry into his Church but does not impart spiritual life. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all and involves no change in the bread and wine. All its blessings are received by faith.

### 9. THE FUTURE

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and the righteous will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.

# The Partners' Scheme



## My Spiritual Passion

To help us update you with information, please could you indicate your particular area(s) of interest:

- Church Planting
- Church Restoration (life-support for ailing churches)
- Training (providing routes into gospel ministry)
- Outreach (providing churches with resources to evangelise their communities)
- Fellowship Events

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# The Partners' Scheme

Partnership is an amazing concept. It suggests the sharing of aims, values, energies and resources. In joining forces, we are able to do things together we could never achieve on our own. Partnership makes things possible.

FIEC is a family of gospel churches committed to working with others in the re-evangelising of the United Kingdom. Although we are diverse in size and culture, we rejoice in our wholehearted allegiance to the primary issues of the gospel as expressed in the FIEC's Basis of Faith.

## The role of FIEC is to:

- enhance the quality of church life
- assist churches in growing leaders
- inspire them to reach their communities
- represent them in the wider world



In doing this, it is our desire to express the values of New Testament partnership in the gospel.

*"We want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." 2 Corinthians 8:1-2*

Although FIEC is an association of churches, we value highly the fact that many individuals share our aims and are committed to supporting our work.

## If you become a Partner, you will receive:

- a free magazine twice a year
- a free directory with details of all FIEC churches and ministers in membership with the Pastors' Association
- personal mailings of all important information about the Fellowship
- a monthly e-mail containing information for prayer
- discounted prices on publications or entry at selected FIEC events

*"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..." Philipians 1:4-5*

Just as Paul was able to rejoice in his on-going relationship with the church in Philippi, so we need your interest and prayers as we support gospel churches and pastors.

This is a strategic and significant ministry, especially at this time of immense spiritual confusion in our nation. **Please join us in this great enterprise which honours the Lord and is so valuable to his people.**

Thank you for considering becoming a Partner with us in this great work. We appreciate your interest and hope that this will be the beginning of close links with you for many years to come.

You can keep up-to-date with developments in the Fellowship through our website at [www.fiec.org.uk](http://www.fiec.org.uk)

# Application Form

I/we apply to become a Partner of FIEC and declare my/our wholehearted adherence to the Fellowship's Basis of Faith as shown on the back of this leaflet.

Name 1

Signed  Date

Name 2

Signed  Date

Address

Postcode

Tel No

Email

I am a member of

Church in  (town)

I enclose my/our donation of £   
(minimum suggested annual donation £35)

I  (name) am a UK tax-payer and wish to Gift Aid my donation to increase its value at no extra cost to me.

Here is the name and address of my/our minister/pastor or someone known to FIEC who will provide a reference.

Name

Address

Postcode

Tel No

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