

PVBC Survey - Congregation, Faith and Values							
PLEASE CIRCLE THE ANSWER THAT BEST REPRESENTS YOUR PERSONAL AGREEMENT OR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE STATEMENTS.							
Answer Options	Totally Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Totally Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
Salvation is a gift of Jesus Christ, to be freely received by faith in Him.	0	0	0	1	22	4.96	23
Jesus Christ is Lord (Head) of the congregation; therefore, Christ guides the church through the leadership of the Holy Spirit who is active in the lives of all members.	0	0	0	1	21	4.95	22
It is important to identify spiritual gifts in order to determine where and how one may serve within the congregation.	0	1	2	6	14	4.43	23
The Great Commission ("Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." -Matthew 28: 19-20) is given to all believers, not just those called to full-time Christian service.	0	0	0	3	19	4.86	22
Baptism and the Lord's Supper are not essential to one's salvation, but are to be observed as the two ordinances of the church, celebrated as outward signs of a person's faith in Jesus Christ.	0	0	1	4	18	4.74	23
Believer's baptism, in the form of immersion, should follow the commitment of a person's life to Jesus Christ as an indication that he/she has died to a self-directed life and has been resurrected to a Christ-directed life.	0	0	0	4	19	4.83	23
Believer's baptism (in the form of immersion), or proof thereof, should be required for membership in our church.	3	2	5	5	8	3.57	23
Each believer has equal and direct access to God through prayer.	0	0	0	1	22	4.96	23
There should be no preferential treatment of any church member - e.g., relative to one's education, wealth, race, gender, etc.	0	0	0	1	22	4.96	23
Believers are responsible for loving, encouraging, helping, forgiving and praying for each other... they are to be disciples to each other.	0	0	0	1	22	4.96	23
Each congregation is free and responsible for itself, and should not be directed or coerced by any outside entity (denominational hierarchy or governmental force).	0	0	0	6	17	4.74	23
Women should be allowed to hold positions of leadership within the church.	0	1	2	4	15	4.50	22
Everyone should be free to worship as s/he feels lead by the Holy Spirit.	0	3	0	6	13	4.32	22
Separation of church and state is a historic Baptist principle. Government shall have no control over the church and the church will refrain from using government to promote its causes.	0	1	0	5	17	4.65	23
Individuals shall not be coerced by civil or religious authority in matters of the soul; however, believers should be good citizens, living out their faith freely and responsibly under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.	0	0	0	2	21	4.91	23
The Bible is the Word of God, written by men and women of faith who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.	0	0	0	2	21	4.91	23
Scripture is the believer's ultimate guide for faith, behavior and doctrine.	0	0	0	1	22	4.96	23
Every Believer is free to responsibly interpret Scripture, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for himself/herself.	0	1	0	4	18	4.70	23
The standard by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.	0	0	0	1	22	4.96	23
Following Jesus' example, Missions and Evangelism are to be done in the context of meeting spiritual, emotional, physical and educational needs of people.	0	0	0	4	18	4.82	22
Missions and Evangelism should be concerned ONLY with the salvation of lost souls.	5	5	4	7	2	2.83	23
Baptists should work cooperatively with other believers (including non-Baptists) in being supportive of and being involved in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting human needs.	0	0	0	5	18	4.78	23
The pastor should agree with and follow the most recent Baptist Faith & Message?	0	1	4	6	12	4.26	23
The pastor should be involved in the Baptist Convention of New England (BCNE)? The BCNE is a group of New England churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention(SBC). BCNE is made up of seven New England based Baptist associations (including Green Mountain Baptist Association), consisting of 270 churches as of 2010. BCNE offers support, funding, training and more to its churches.	0	1	3	8	11	4.26	23
Should the pastor be involved in the Green Mountain Baptist Association (GMBA)? The GMBA is an association of the BCNE. It exists to strengthen and mobilize VT churches to fulfill the Great Commission. Learn more online at vermontbaptist.org.	0	0	4	6	13	4.39	23
<i>answered question</i>							23
<i>skipped question</i>							0