

Vision America is organized exclusively for religious, religious charitable, and religious educational purposes, including but not limited to (a) educating churches and Christians regarding Biblical teachings concerning our duties to understand and fulfill our God-given responsibilities as citizens, (b) mobilizing Christians and churches to fulfill those responsibilities in order to strengthen society and governmental structures, (c) facilitating churches in the spread of the Gospel in ways that strengthens our society and our governmental structures, and (d) making distributions to or for the use of exempt organizations.

At its core, VAM is a movement of mobilized churches aimed at sparking a national revival so that our nation turns in prayerful submission to the Lordship of Christ. As provided for in its bylaws, its stated mission is “to organize, engage, mobilize, and empower churches, their pastors, and their congregations, collectively and individually, to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every area of life, with an emphasis on fulfilling their civic responsibilities and impacting the broader culture for Christ.”

VISION AMERICA MOBILIZED, INC. STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **The Holy Trinity.** It is the testimony of both the Old and New Testaments and of the Christian Church that God is both One and Triune. The biblical revelation testifies that there is only one God and that He is eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - **God the Father.** God the Father is the creator and sustainer of all things, and He created the universe in love. He created man in His own image for fellowship and called man back to Himself through Christ after the rebellion and fall of man.
 - **God the Son.** Jesus Christ is eternally God. He was together with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, and through Him all things were made. For man’s redemption, He left heaven and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit through the virgin Mary; henceforth, He is forever one Christ with two natures—God and man—in one person.
 - **God the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is God, the Lord and giver of life, who was active in the Old & New Testament and given to the Church in fullness at Pentecost. He empowers the saints for service and to be a witness, cleanses man from the old nature and conforms us to the image of Christ. The baptism in the Holy Spirit, releases the fullness of the Spirit and is evidenced by the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.
2. **The Scripture.** We affirm that the Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, is alone the only infallible, inspired Word of God, and that its authority is ultimate, final, and eternal. It cannot be added to, subtracted from, or superseded in any regard. The Bible is the source of all doctrine, instruction, correction, and reproof. It contains all that is needed for guidance in godliness and practical Christian conduct.
3. **Salvation.** Christ’s death on the cross paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world, but its benefits are only applicable to those who receive Jesus as their personal Savior. The Word of God declares that salvation is an unearned gift of God, based on the merits of His Son, and is appropriated by faith. Salvation comes by personal repentance, belief in the Lord Jesus (justification), and personal acceptance of Him into one’s life as Lord and Savior (regeneration). The new life in Christ includes the privileges of adoption and inheritance in the kingdom of God’s

beloved Son. Salvation is an act of free will in response to God's personal love for mankind. It is predestined as God, through His omniscience, foreknew those who would choose Him. Salvation is secure just as every child born of a parent remains their child.

4. **The Christian Life.** Our new birth produces the fruits of a lifestyle of loving obedience to Jesus Christ our Savior. We believe that the Scriptures portray the life of the saint in this world to be one of balance between what is imputed to us as Christians and what is imparted to us according to our faith and maturity. God's provision for His children is total. The shortcomings of the individual are because of the still progressing sanctification of the saints. The Christian life is filled with trials, tests, and warfare against a spiritual enemy. For those abiding in Christ until their deaths or His return, the promises of eternal blessing in the presence of God are assured. Healing—body, soul, and spirit—and all of God's provisions for His saints, are provided for in the atonement, but these must be appropriated. We are called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and to love ourselves and others as He loved us.
5. **The Church.** The goal of the Church is to make disciples of all nations and to present the saints complete in Christ. The leadership ministry of Ephesians 4, the offices of elder and deacon, as well as other offices mentioned in scripture, govern the Church. Church polity is a balance between congregation and eldership authority, emphasizing the final authority of the Church leadership.
6. **Baptism & the Lord's Supper.** The Word of God directs the Church two perpetual ordinances of the Lord Jesus Christ. The first, baptism, is the outward sign of what God has already done in the individual's life and is a testimony to all that the person now belongs to Jesus. It is identification with Jesus and is effected in the name of the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of the death of the Lord and is done in remembrance of Him until He comes again; it is a sign of our participation in Him. Both institutions are restricted to those who are believers.
7. **Eschatology.** We affirm the bodily, personal, second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the saints, the millennium, and the final judgment. The final judgment will determine the eternal status of both the saints and the unbelievers, determined by their relationship to Jesus Christ. We affirm with the Bible the final state of the new heavens and the new earth.

We operate from a biblical worldview and support the below issues among others that impact and bring spiritual revival and improve the practical well-being of our citizens.

1. **Revival.** When righteous people of integrity govern a nation, its citizens can rejoice, and when people who are unrighteous govern a nation, its citizens groan (Proverbs 29:2). One of the hindrances to revival is when godly people are free to elect who governs them, but they do not vote, pray or run for office.
2. **Salt and Light.** All Christians are instructed to pray for, submit, and minister to those in authority. Christians are to witness and disciple government leaders. The church is the hope of the world. Christians should be salt and light to the culture and serve the nation but not place their hope in any political party or candidate.
3. **Religious Liberty.** Liberty is essential to the foundation of a healthy society. As Christians in America, we uphold the Constitution and its protections of religious worship, speech, liberty, and life. The government is God's instrument for governing society and not dictating the worship or freedom of its citizens. Believers submit to governmental authority unless it compels direct violation of scripture. The government exists for the people and should steward their resources according to the same biblical principles that apply to people without excessive intrusion, regulation, debt or taxation.
4. **Human Life.** Human life begins at conception, continues until natural death, and is to be protected.
5. **Biblical Marriage.** God created man and woman in the image of God, and biblical marriage is between one man and one woman.
6. **Those in Need.** The poor, orphans, needy, frail, widows and foreigners are of special concern to God. The Bible teaches individual work ethic and self-support for our families when we are able to and the local church is instructed to help those in need instead of excessive reliance on the government or perpetuating a government dependency entitlement mindset. The government should secure our nation and provide a biblical stewardship of its citizenship and immigration.
7. **Biblical Justice and Rehabilitation.** God is both just and the creator of forgiveness and second chances. Thus, our criminal and civil justice, and prison system should protect the innocent, punish offenders, and be rehabilitation focused in order to reduce crime in society and better its citizens. The government has authority and should protect our nation from attack and preserve each citizen's right to protect themselves.
8. **Equality and Unity.** All races and ethnicities are created by God and to be treated with biblical justice and compassion. Unity among the Christian church is essential. We serve all biblically based churches in America regardless of size, race or denomination.
9. **Israel.** Israel has a special place in the heart of God and should be prayed for, supported, and defended as a nation and as a people.
10. **God's Creation.** The earth and the animal life on it are God's creation and should be stewarded well by man – not worshiped or exploited.

Pastors and their churches who want to join in fellowship with VAM should agree with these beliefs as stated and amended from time to time, and VAM reserves its right to dis-fellowship with any pastor or church whose stated beliefs or actions no longer indicate an agreement with these beliefs, in the opinion of the VAM board of directors.