

# Statement of Faith and Policy Adherence

Lighthouse Christian School, in accordance with Lighthouse Church, is fueled by faith to attempt great things for God and to expect great things from God. Our heart is to see people saved, embrace discipleship and grow in their faith. We see the following five pillars essential to achieving that goal.

## THE FIVE ESSENTIAL PILLARS THAT DEFINE LIGHTHOUSE CULTURE.

1. **Grace:** We are fallen, broken people who are absolutely dependent upon God's unmerited favor through Jesus Christ.
2. **Truth:** We believe the Bible to be God's Word. We teach it. We believe it. We try our best by God's grace to live by it.
3. **Honor:** It is not about individual glory or recognition, but about rejoicing over each other's successes.
4. **Excellence:** We strive to do everything we do to the best of our abilities and resources. Jesus is worth it!
5. **Mission:** We live on a mission to make the name of Jesus great among the people.

## *In order to identify the church as conservative in theology and evangelical in spirit, we set forth the following fundamental beliefs:*

1. The Bible itself, is the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, and is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of church doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Governing Board of Elders is the church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. There is only one true God, Creator of heaven and earth, who eternally exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-6; Isaiah 46:9-10; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Genesis 1:26; Psalm 45:6-7; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:17-20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6).
2. All things exist for the glory of God (Psalm 148; Proverbs 16:4; Isaiah 61:3; Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Ephesians 1:3-14).
3. All humanity, Christ excluded, is sinful by both birth and action (Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; 5:8, 12-21; 7:18; Ephesians 2:1-3).
4. The deserved penalty for sin is physical and spiritual death (Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:12; 6:23; James 1:14-15).
5. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, was born of a virgin and is both fully God and fully human (Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:52; John 1:1-4, 14; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3).
6. Jesus Christ died as the sacrificial substitute to pay the penalty for sin (John 1:29; 10:1-18; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; 1 Peter 3:18).
7. Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and will one day physically return (Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 1:20-21:25; 1 Corinthians 15:12-34; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7).
8. There will be a future physical resurrection of the dead. Only those who turn from sin and to Jesus in faith and repentance will be raised to eternal reward.<sup>2</sup> Those who do not turn from sin and to Jesus will be raised to eternal punishment (Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15).
9. Only through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ and repentance from sin can one be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy (John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Timothy 2:5-6).<sup>3</sup>
10. The term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is: marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:24)

That God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. (Matthew 19:1-10)

That any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 5:28, Colossians 3:5, 1 Corinthians 6:9-13, Mark 7:20-23, Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Romans 1:26-27, Deuteronomy 22:5, 1 Corinthians 11:3-16, Leviticus 18:23, Leviticus 20:15-16, Exodus 22:19, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, Galatians 5:19-21, Genesis 1:27-28)

That in order to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly. (1 Peter 1:8)

That God's design for humanity is that of two biological sexes, male and female based in God's desire in part to represent His union to His Church. Further that gender is the reality of these distinctions of male/female expressed in God's design, equal in dignity but different in design intended to form a complimentary union for the purpose of procreation, exercising dominion over the earth and serving God. (Genesis 1:27-28, 2:24, 4:1, 5:2, Matthew 19:4, Ephesians 5:22-23, Psalm 100:2-3, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

11. That God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:8-11)
12. That every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hatred and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church. (Matthew 22:37-39, Matthew 5:44, Philippians 2:3-4, Galatians 3:28)
13. That all human life is sacred and begins at conception (defined as the moment of fertilization). The unborn child is a living human being, created in the image of God, and must be respected and protected both before and after birth. The abortion of an unborn child or the active taking of human life through euthanasia constitutes a violation of the sanctity of human life and is a crime against God and man. (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:19, Matthew 5:21) scripture nor the doctrines of the church. (Matthew 22:37-39, Matthew 5:44, Philippians 2:3-4, Galatians 3:28)