

## Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Statement of Vision

We believe that the mission (purpose) of the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship is first and foremost to glorify God in every area of our lives and to allow Him to reveal His glory in us, through our personal lives, families and church. To fulfill this mission we will follow Jesus Christ as our example, using the Holy Scriptures as our guide, and being enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit. We will work together as a local church as well as with the greater body of Christ by building a “team ministry” concept of the church through which every individual believer is equipped to fulfill God’s personal destiny for them and thereby causing growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

The fundamental teachings of the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship are reflected in the following clear statements of faith:

- We believe in the plenary-verbal inspiration of the accepted canon of Scriptures as originally given. The Scriptures are infallible, inerrant, and the sole and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct (2 Tim 3:16; 1 Cor 2:13.)
- We believe in the Eternal Godhead who has revealed Himself as One God described through various manifestations, including but not limited to Father, Son, Holy Spirit and Word, distinguishable but indivisible (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14.)
- We believe in the creation, test and fall of man as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to Divine righteousness (Rom 5:12, 18.)
- We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of men, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, very God and very Man (Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14-18; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6.)
- We believe Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day, and personally appeared unto His disciples (1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 4:25.)
- We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation, and personal, literal and bodily coming again the second time to establish His Kingdom (John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:23-24; Rev. 21:1-3.)
- We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the Cross of Calvary by which we obtain remission of sins (Eph 2:8-9; Heb 9:12, 22; Rom 5: 11.)
- We believe in the necessity of water baptism by immersion in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, fulfilling Jesus command in the "Great Commission" and as applied by the Apostles in the Book of Acts (Matt 28:19; Acts 2:34-36; 19:1-6.)

- We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a real experience at or subsequent to salvation, with the Scriptural evidence, namely, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:1-4; 14-17; 10:44-46; Gal 3:14-15.)
- We believe in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in 1 Corinthians 12-14, as manifested in the Early Church.
- We believe in the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world and perfecting of the holiness in the fear of God as expressing the true Christian faith (Eph 5:18; 2 Cor 6:14, 7:1.)
- We believe in the healing of the body by Divine power, or Divine healing in its varied aspects as practiced in the Early Church (Acts 4:30; Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 12:9; James 5:14.)
- We believe in the table of the Lord, commonly called the "Communion" or the "Lord's Supper", for believers (1 Cor 11:28-32; Matt 26:26-28.)
- We believe in the reality and personality of the Devil and eternal judgment in for the Devil and his angels (Matt 25:41; Rev 20:14, 15.)
- We believe in eternal life for believers (John 5:24; 3:16), and eternal punishment for the unbeliever (Mark 9:43-48; 2 Thess 1:9; Rev 20:10-15.)
- We believe that there is one true universal Church, made up of genuine believers, but this one universal Church is also composed of many local Churches in given localities. These Churches are under the sovereign Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, exercising autonomous government under Him, administering all its local affairs and ministry, as well as the propagation of the Gospel (Acts 15:22; with Matt 16:18; 18:15-20.)
- We believe in the offices of the Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Teacher and Evangelist (often referred to as "Five-fold Ministry"), and their current place in the governmental ministry of the local church (Eph 2:19-22; 4:11-12.)
- We believe that Government is ordained of God, and the powers that be are ordained as ministers of God to us for good. To resist the powers and the ordinances is to resist the ordinance of God. We are subject not only for wrath sake but for conscience sake, rendering to all their dues, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. We declare our loyalty to our Government and its leaders and will assist in any way possible consistent with our faith in the Scriptures as Christian citizens (Romans 13.)