

STATEMENT OF FAITH

To provide unity and clarity, Lighthouse Baptist Church accepts the Bible and its 66 books of the Old and New Testaments as our bases for ministry in the following statement of faith:

1. We believe the Bible is the whole, verbally inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16).

2. We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:33); in His Virgin Birth (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35); in His sinless life (Heb. 4:15; 7:25); in His miracles (John 2:11); in His atoning death through His shed blood (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14); in His bodily resurrection (John 11:25); in His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:11); and in His personal, imminent, premillennial return in power and glory (Rev. 19:11-16).

3. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:1; John 10:30; John 4:24, John 14:26).

4. We believe in a literal six-day (24 hour) creation. (Gen. 1:3-2:3)

5. We believe that all men are sinful by nature and, as such, are enmity with God; therefore, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to salvation (Rom. 3:19).

6. We believe that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (Acts 13:33-39).

7. We believe that Satan is a created being (fallen angel), and that hell is a place of eternal conscious punishment of all unsaved (Job 1:6-7; Matt. 25:46; Rev.20:14-15).

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, God the Father offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and makes believers children of God through the new birth, assuring them of heaven and by His indwelling enables Christians to live a Godly life (John 16:8; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 12:13).

9. We believe in the eternal security of the believer (John 10:28-29).

10. We believe that the local church is composed of regenerated, immersed believers, voluntarily united together for the purpose of the worship of God, the fellowship of believers, and the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world (Acts 2:41-42; Matt. 28:19-20).

11. We believe in the symbolic ordinances of Believer's Baptism (Immersion) and the Lord's Supper (Communion) (Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 11:23-32).

12. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29)

13. We believe that 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. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or any attempt to change one’s sex, or disagreement with one’s biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. (Gen 2:23-24; Matt 19:4-6; Lev. 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-28)

As a result, we believe 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 of Faith and conduct themselves accordingly.

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful 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.