

Lighthouse Baptist Church Statement of Beliefs.

We believe that the Bible (King James Version) is the sole authority for faith and practice for the believer and for the local church. A church is not based on the culture nor the opinions of man. All doctrine discussed rests entirely upon the reality that the Bible is without error.

We do not believe that the Bible only contains the Word of God, we believe it IS the Word of God. We believe no further revelation is needed until Christ returns. The Bible is to be completely obeyed because it is the Word of God.

[2 Tim 2:15](#)

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

[2 Tim 3:16-17](#)

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

[2 Peter 1:20-21](#)

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

[Psalms 12:6-7](#)

6 The words of the Lord *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7** Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

[Prov 30:5-6](#)

5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **6** Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven.

[John 14:6](#)

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

[Acts 4:10-12](#)

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **11** This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

[Romans 3:22-24](#)

22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: **23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

[1 Peter 2:4-5](#)

4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, **5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

[John 3:15-18](#)

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Salvation is by grace alone. It always has been and always will be. Salvation is not by works, nor by baptism.

[Eph 2:8-10](#)

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

[Acts 15:11](#)

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

[Romans 5:15](#)

15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

Salvation is through the gospel.

[1 Cor 15:1-4](#)

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

The believer is eternally secure in Jesus Christ.

[Jude 1:24-25](#)

24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **25** To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

[Eph 4:30](#)

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

[Romans 8:37-39](#)

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Local church

[1 Tim 3:15](#)

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

We believe in the authority of the local church. We stand for the truth and are not ashamed of that truth. We are taught how we are to behave ourselves at church through the written Word of God. We are not allowed to conduct ourselves in any manner that society dictates to us.

(Alternative: instead of "we are not allowed to conduct ourselves in any manner that society dictates to us" say "We should not allow society to dictate our church practices.")

[1 Cor 12:18](#)

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

We do not believe that all churches are the same and that they all teach "sound doctrine", therefore not "just any ole church will do". God is the One that sets people in the body as it has pleased him. It is a local church.

It is local and not universal. You must "gather together" in order for it to be an assembly. The universal church does not gather together on Sundays to worship the Lord. That universal assembly will take place one day in the future.

We invite all people to come to our church. We are called to take the gospel to the Gadsden/Attalla area, therefore, we are obedient to the Lord's Word concerning this.

There is a literal Devil that seeks to destroy your life.

[James 4:7](#)

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

There is a literal Hell that all lost souls go to, with literal fire. The only way to escape Hell is through Jesus Christ.

[Luke 16:23](#)

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

[Matt 13:50](#)

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

[Mark 9:43-45](#)

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: **44** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. **45** And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

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