

Lighthouse Christian Church

FELLOWSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Our Biblical **MODEL**: A FELLOWSHIP OF COMMITTED CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

A. **The Great Commandment** - Matthew 22:37,40

³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

B. **The New Commandment** - John 13:34-35

³⁴A new commandment I give unto you, That you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that you are my disciples.

Our Biblical **MANDATE**: RECOVER, RESTORE, RELEASE

C. **The Great Commission** - Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹**Go ye** therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

- **Recover** = Evangelism & Outreach
- **Restore** = Discipleship & Equipping
- **Release** = the Saints for the work of the Ministry.

Our **MISSION**:

D. **Empowered to (be) Witness(es)** – Acts 1:8

⁸But **you shall receive power**, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and **you shall be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

MISSION STATEMENT:

**We are united by the Command of Our Lord Jesus Christ to
Go into all the World and Demonstrate the Gospel of His Kingdom
To Anyone and Everyone through the Power of the Holy Spirit!**

Our **VISION**:

1. The **Recovery, Restoration** and **Release** of the whole person; spirit, soul, and body.
2. Establishing and Restoring strong **families**.
3. To bring revival and spiritual breakthrough to the **Sonoma Valley**, the greater Northern San Francisco Bay Area, and the **nations of the world** through the preaching of the gospel with signs and wonders following.
4. To support and extend his kingdom in the world, by:
 - a. Joining with the body of Christ as possible in efforts to give a living witness of Jesus Christ to every person in Sonoma County and surrounding areas.
 - b. Seeking to responsibly, personally, and completely develop as Christians, thereby becoming a meaningful part of the Christ's church on earth.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Lighthouse Christian Church is a part of the [Assemblies of God Fellowship](http://www.AG.org) of churches. We are grateful to be a part of the Assemblies of God denomination. While we also recognize that the body of Christ transcends organizations and denominations, we value the covering and oversight benefits afforded such a relationship. See www.AG.org for more info.

COVENANT OF FELLOWSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

According to the Scriptures, every member is expected to

- a) have been **born again** through the Holy Spirit (John 1:12), and
- b) have **publicly confessed my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ**, in the Word of God, (Romans 10:8-10) and in Christian Baptism by immersion (Romans 6:3-5).

Further, each must

- a) **subscribe to the *Statement of Fundamental Truths*** (also called "Tenets of Faith") of Lighthouse Christian Church and
- b) be voluntarily willing to **enter into covenant** with other members of this church as a local expression of the body in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12).

I hereby promise by the aid of my Savior (Philippians 2:13):

1) To Walk the Walk

- To walk lovingly (John 13:34-35) and humbly with my brethren (1 Peter 5:6);
- To pray for them (James 5:16);
- To separate myself from worldliness and unchristian practices (Titus 2:12).

2) To Support My Church

- To pray (James 1:5-6) for the advancement of my church in knowledge and spirituality, and fruitfulness (John 15:8, 16);
- To uphold its program of worship, training, and teaching;
- To observe its ordinances (Matt. 28: 19-20; I Cor. 11:24-27) and affirm its doctrines (1 Peter 3:15; Jude 3);

3) To Give Faithfully

- To give regularly and cheerfully, as God prospers, for:
 - the support of an evangelistic ministry among us (II Cor. 9:5; I Cor. 16:2);
 - for the relief of the needy (Mark 14:7; Prov. 19:17);
 - And the spread of the Gospel over the earth (Matt. 28:19-20);

4) To Serve Willingly

- To serve faithfully in some activity of the church (James 1:22-24; 2:18); taking care to assume only such duties as can be effectively performed (I Cor. 4:2);
- To improve my abilities in service by prayerful study of God's Word (II Tim. 2:15);

5) To Maintain a Christ-Centered Home

- To maintain family worship, encourage family prayer, Bible study and Christian nurture of any under my care (Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6);

6) To Be a Living Witness

- To endeavor by example (Matt. 5:16) and effort (Matt. 28:19-20) to win souls to Christ (James 5:20); and to encourage the un-churched to attend our worship services.

7) To Be Devoted to God's Word

- To follow the New Testament as my rule of faith and practice (II Tim. 3:16-17).

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP ENTAILS:

- a) **Community and fellowship.** We are called to commit our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and to one another as members of His body. These cannot be experienced independently, nor can they be separated from one another. He who does not want to be a part of the local Church does not truly want to belong to Christ.
- b) **Becoming like Jesus in character and ministry.** This includes the transformational process of allowing God to change our worldview from one cultural position to another. It assumes that there is a culturally correct way to live, and that such a life must be adopted.
- c) **Reproducing other disciples.** This is understood to be required of all, not simply the task of a select, special few. Jesus spoke the great commission to all of His followers, and He had a reasonable expectation that they could fulfill His command.

LIGHTHOUSE CORE COMMITMENTS

- The Word of God is our rule of faith and practice. As believers we believe the entire Bible and believe that is the inerrant, inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:16).
- Jesus Christ is Lord, and he has finished His atoning work (John 19:30)
- We, the Church are to be a habitation for the presence of God (Amos 9:11; Ephesians 2:21-22; 2 Corinthians. 6:16).
- We worship the Father God in Spirit and in Truth (John. 4:23-24; Revelation 4:11).
- We are to reach all nations with the good news of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15-20).
- We believe in and for the demonstration of the supernatural ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. Miracles, healings, transformations, and supernatural interventions of God are normal in the Kingdom of God (Psalm 103:1-6, Isaiah 53:4-5, Mark 16:20, John 14:10-12, I Corinthians 4:20, Hebrews 13:8). The full ministry of Jesus is to be released in and through His body (I John 4:7)
- We commit ourselves to the expression of the Church through a community; as a community we value the commands of Jesus to LOVE GOD with all of our hearts and to love one another as Jesus loves us. Relationships are of the utmost importance in the Kingdom of God (Matthew 22:37-40, John 13:34-35, I Corinthians 13, Philippians 2:1-8).
- We seek to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; We are committed to a being a fellowship in which there are no divisions, that works shoulder to shoulder with the body of Christ for the glory of God (Psalm 133, John 17:21, Ephesians 4:3).
- We are committed to live lifestyles of Christ's likeness; One biblical definition of character is to live a life of obedience, transformed into the likeness of Christ by the Holy Spirit (John 14:21 & 23, Romans 8:29, II Corinthians 3:18, Galatians 5:22-24).
- We believe in equipping and sending believers to serve the Lord in this generation in the power of God's Spirit. No one is too young or too old to participate in the move of God (Ephesians 4:11-13, I Timothy 4:12, Psalm 92:13-15).
- We participate in prayer and intercession. God moves in the earth in answer to prayer! (Isaiah 56:7, Ezekiel 36:37, II Corinthians 10:3-6, Ephesians 6:10-18).