

AS FOUND IN OUR CONSTITUTION:**Appendix II: Lighthouse Bible Church's Philosophy of Ministry****We Are . . .**

1. *Bible Centered, Like Our Name:* Only by in-depth teaching and preaching of the Word of God, with direct and relevant life application, can we equip our people to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3b). The Scriptures are central to every ministry we have.

2. *A Praying People:* Prayer and study of the Word must go hand-in-hand. As God communicates to us through His Word, we have the great privilege and responsibility to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). In so doing, we bring our petitions to the Lord, we intercede for others, we seek His guidance and direction for the many decisions of life, and we confess our sins so that our walk with Him will go unimpeded.

3. *Conservative in Our Worship and Music:* We sing hymns to music that points our hearts to heaven, not to the world; glorifies the Lord, not man; is Christ-centered, not self-centered; and appeals to the regenerated spirit, not to carnal impulses. Our worship and music will honor God in all ways, and will be doctrinally sound in its teaching.

4. *Intergenerational in All Our Ministries:* As much as possible, we will keep families together, integrate children and youth with adults, and younger adults with older adults in all that we do. We will facilitate the passing of godly wisdom from one generation to the next, in accordance with Titus 2 and other Scriptures. We will help our people understand the importance of learning, serving, praying, and worshiping with people of all ages, not just with our peers. Therefore, we will assist and empower parents to train up their children in the way they should go in their own homes (see Proverbs 22:6).

5. *Mission-minded:* We encourage our people to support missionaries directly, over and above what they give to the church. We will also set aside no less than 20% of our church budget to support missionaries. Additionally, we will encourage and equip our people for personal evangelism.

6. *Outward Focused:* Serving Christ has become equated with doing something in the church building, often at the expense of reaching out to our neighbors. Our goal is to have far fewer "in house" programs that consume our people's time and energy. We will encourage people to think "outside the box" when it comes to serving the Lord. The saints should serve as the Lord has called and gifted them, and not just to fill a position in a program within the walls of the church building.

7. *Accountable:* Leaders are accountable to God, to one another, and to the people for shepherding "the flock [and heritage] of God" (I Peter 5:1-4).