

Highland United Methodist Church
Adult Education
Statement of Faith and Behavioral Expectations

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, authoritative, and living Word of God. **2 Timothy 3:15-17**

We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 4:4-6**

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in his sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory. **John 1:1-4; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 & 4:15; Acts 1:11 & 2:22-24; 1Corinthians 15:3-4**

We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. **Titus 3:4-7; Luke 24:46-47; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12**

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. **Galatians 5:16-18; Romans 8:9**

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment. **Revelation 20:11-15; 1Corinthians 15:51-57**

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. **Ephesians 1:22-23; 1Corinthians 12:, 27**

We believe that the ministry of evangelism is a responsibility of both the church and each Christian. **Romans 10:9-15; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; 1Peter 3:15**

Behavioral Expectations

We believe that the Scriptures call us to worship our Creator, and that a Sabbath should be observed as the Lord's day for the express purposes of corporate worship, rest from labor, Christian fellowship, and service to others, especially people in need.

We believe the Scriptures say that certain behaviors are available to individuals through the Holy Spirit, including "love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23). We will seek to demonstrate and encourage these behaviors in our relationships.

We believe the Scriptures condemn certain behaviors, such as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, bitterness, needless anger, harmful discrimination, prejudice, and an unforgiving spirit. We will seek to repudiate these behaviors in ourselves and in our community. We will seek God's forgiveness and help to grow in grace.

We believe the Scripture condemns certain acts, including drinking alcohol to excess, stealing, speaking or writing profanely or slanderously, acting dishonestly, cheating, engaging in occult practice, and engaging in sexual relations outside the bonds of marriage (including premarital sex, adultery, and homosexual behavior).

We also believe other practices to be inconsistent with scriptural principles for Christian living and our view of our bodies as the temples of God. Therefore, we do not tolerate the following: demeaning gestures or words, threats of violence, or physical attack on people or property; pornography; non-medical drugs and other chemical substances (except as specifically prescribed by a physician), and the excessive use of alcoholic beverages.

I have carefully studied the above "Statement of Faith" and "Behavioral Expectations" printed on this form. I am in agreement with these doctrines and practices and will conduct myself in harmony with them and be supportive of them.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

