

In essential beliefs - we have unity. *Ephesians 4:4-6*

In non-essential beliefs - we have liberty. *Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22*

In all our beliefs - we show love. *1 Corinthians 13:2*

**MISSION: EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE TO
EXPERIENCE LIFE WITH JESUS**

**VISION: JOINING GOD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD**

When we say "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" – we're talking about...

PRAYING • SERVING • GIVING

**When we say "OUR COMMUNITY" – we're talking about
"HIGHLANDS FELLOWSHIP"**

- SERVE PEOPLE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
- CONNECT JUST ONES

**When we say "THE WORLD" – we're talking about
"HIGHLANDS NETWORK" (Regional + Global)**

- TRAIN PASTORS
- DEVELOP MINISTERIAL LEADERS (THROUGH HF COLLEGE)
- LAUNCH NEW LOCATIONS OR STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The Great Commandment

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul and...mind.
This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second
is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the law and the
prophets hang on these two commandments.” *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Great Commission

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”
Matthew 28:19-20



God

There is only one living and true God. He is Creator, Redeemer and Ruler of the universe. The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. God the Father The Father is all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present, and all-wise. God is sovereign over all creation and Father to those who place their faith in Jesus Christ. In Him, we have our being. He is loving, gracious, merciful and just. (*Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 2:7; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

God the Son Christ

God the Son Christ is the eternal Son of God. Sent by the Father, He joined us here on earth, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, becoming fully man and remaining fully God. He lived a perfect, sinless life while on earth. He died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, was buried and rose victorious over sin and death on the third day. He is now seated at the right hand of God, will return to earth to rescue His church, and reign over His new creation. (*Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 4:14, 15; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13; Rev. 21:1-5*)

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He brings awareness of our sin and our need for Jesus. The Holy Spirit lives in each person at the moment of salvation. He provides the Believer power for living, understanding of spiritual truths, guidance to do what is right in our daily walk, and a spiritual gift to serve the church. (*2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18*)



The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us. It is the supreme source of truth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, written without error by man. It is the final authority in all matters of faith, practice and truth.

(2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5)

Humanity

People are made in the spiritual image of God, male and female, to be like Him in character. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all are marred by a disobedient nature toward God called sin. Sin separates people from God, and we are incapable of repairing this relationship. *(Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2)*

Salvation

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it by faith alone. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by turning to Jesus Christ and trusting in the sacrifice He made on the cross can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his/her life by faith. *(Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 14:6; 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1)*

Eternal Security

Because salvation is born of grace, it is kept by grace. While all believers were given the gift of salvation, we are called to persevere in the faith. Ultimately, salvation is sealed by the Holy Spirit and protected by the power of God's hand. *(John 10:9, 29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5)*



Eternity

We believe that those who have received the free gift of salvation will experience eternal life with God in Heaven. Those who have not will be separated from Him in an eternal lake of fire. (*John 3:6; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:13-15; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9*)

About the Church

The church is global, made up of believers of all nations. Jesus calls us to gather to pray, study the Bible, build community, and worship. The church is called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, providing hope to a broken world. (*Revelation 5:9, Acts 1:8, Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:15-16; Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:4:2; 1 Corinthians 14:26*)

Ordinances of Jesus: Baptism & Communion

We believe Baptism is the immersion of a person in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit after salvation. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior. It is the outward expression of an internal decision. (*Matthew 3:13-16; Acts 2:41 - 41; 8:36-38*)

The Lord's Supper (Communion) is to remind the believer of the sacrifice Christ made for us through His death on the cross. The bread symbolizes His broken body, and the cup reminds us of His shed blood. (*Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)



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