



Announcements


January 7, 2023

Welcome to Lighthouse!

Worship Registration Cards are located in the chair pockets in front of you. Please take time complete them and submit to a greeter or in the offering plate.

You can also go to our website at lbfchurch.org and complete a Connection Card online.





WHY
— CREEDS & —
CONFESIONS

Missional Communities

We meet every Wednesday at 6pm in the fellowship hall.
Check out our website or download the app to find out more. Please join us as we kick off the new year learning about confessions and creeds.

LBF ALL Church Meeting & Potluck

January 28th at 12:30pm

All LBF covenant partners and regular attenders are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be discussing important information, including LBF budget, vision and planning for 2024, and other items that pertain to church membership and participation. Bring a dish to share for potluck. Sign-up sheet and event post are now up.



Remember to input and update!

Be sure to input and update all your profile info on the app. Be sure to include birthdays and anniversaries.

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS

Hebrews 7:15-28;
Jesus, The Necessarily Incomparable
High Priest

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¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him,
“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made **nothing** perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we **draw near to God**.

²⁰ And it was **not without an oath**. For those who formerly became priests were made such **without an oath**, ²¹ but this one was made a priest **with an oath** by the one who said to him:

***“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever.’ ”***

²² This makes Jesus **the guarantor** of a better covenant.

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were **prevented by death** from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, **because he continues forever.**

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to **save to the uttermost** those who draw near to God through him, since **he always lives to make intercession for them.**

²⁶ For it was indeed **fitting** that we should have such a high priest, **holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners,** and **exalted** above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this **once for all** when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the **law appoints men** in their weakness as high priests, but the word of **the oath,** which came later than the law, **appoints a Son** who has been made **perfect forever.**

Ephesians 3:⁷ Of this **gospel** I was made a **minister** according to the gift of **God's grace**, which was given me by the working of **his power**.⁸ To me, though I **am the very least** of all the saints, **this grace was given**, to **preach** to the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches of Christ**,⁹ and to **bring to light for everyone** what is **the plan** of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ **so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.**

The corporate relationship between the Hebrews and the Old Testament Law and Covenant is consistent and parallel with the corporate relationship between Christians and the New Covenant in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1 Timothy 3:¹⁴ I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the **household of God**, which is **the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.**

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The law remains as a means for us to recognize our constant need for an intercessory **High Priest**.

Jesus, our High Priest and **Hope**, causes us to draw near to God.

Jesus is the **GUARANTOR** of a better covenant that He maintains, as He is **ALWAYS** making intercessions for us and will do so **FOREVER**.

Communion



Romans 12:3-8