



Lighthouse

Bible Fellowship

Announcements

March 3rd, 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.





CREEDS CONFESION

Missional Communities

We meet every Wednesday at 6pm in the fellowship hall. We start with dinner, then a time of study to follow. We are currently going through a general overview of creeds, confessions, and catechisms. If you're a newcomer you can let someone know you'll be coming or go online and RSVP to attend.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

**Last Monday of every month,
next on March 25th at 6pm.**

Join us as we pray for our nation, state, city, community, church, and loved ones. Meet in the church office. No need to RSVP.





Sunday School

Next one is March 10th.

Join us from 9am to 10am **every other week** for Sunday School. We are going through the Heidelberg Catechism. This class is designed for adults. Youth may attend with a parent. Meet in the church office.

Ladies Discipleship

5 week Study in the book of Ruth. Thursday evenings at **6pm, starting on March 7th.** Study guides are \$12 each (and they include a study in Esther, which we may do at another time). **Please sign up on the interest sheet at the welcome center or contact Lisa Greatman at 209.489.4511.**

ESTHER & RUTH

THE LORD DELIVERS AND REDEEMS

A 13-LESSON STUDY

REFORMED EXPOSITORY
BIBLE STUDY

JON NIELSON
and IAIN M. DUGUID



Listen to Your Elders Potluck

March 10th, after service

Join us as we bridge the gap between generations. A selected panel addresses specific pre-selected topics about the church, culture, life, community, and more. Sign up to attend at the Welcome Center or online.



Men's Fire Pit Fellowship

March 22nd, dusk until whenever

Meet at the church parking lot to enjoy a time of fellowship with other men. ALL men are welcome, so feel free to invite family members or guests.

Christ in the Passover

**Good Friday, March 29th at
5:30pm**

Join us for this special time as we explore how Christ comes alive in the Passover. Please sign up at the welcome center. This event will be open to the public, so we encourage bringing guests and friends. Suggested donation of \$20 per adult, \$10 per child OR you can contribute by preparing food dishes/items for the meal.



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 universal church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

HEBREWS

JESUS IS GREATER

Chapter 10:1-10; Jesus, The Christ,
The Only Sacrifice That Sanctifies, Pt. 2

10:¹ For since the law has **but a shadow** of the good things to come instead of the **true form** of these realities, it can **never**, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, **make perfect** those who draw near.
² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a **reminder of sins** every year. ⁴ For it is **impossible** for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, **when Christ came** into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O
God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will **we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

Legalism, moralism, etc.

Presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ is not a proposition to invite behavioral changes into the lives of other people. It is first one's demonstration of submission to Christ in gratitude for what He has done in saving you and allowing such submission to bear witness to others of your faith in God Almighty!

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Acts 16:²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was **about to kill himself**, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

Does away with = kill = abolish

The doing away with the Old Covenant was an important order of business because of the disorder, obfuscation, and confusion it brings to the truth and wonder of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Understand the eschatological implications of this language.

Israel and The Church are one and the same. This has bearing on more than we care to admit in our world, from politics to national security, to how the church sidles up to various parachurch organizations and presents herself as The Bride of Christ.

Our only allegiance **MUST BE** to The Lord!

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—
¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might

create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

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Sanctification: To be made holy, consecrated, set apart for ritual purpose.

Pre-salvation

Positional

Progressive

Plenary

By definition such sanctification puts us in proximity to The Lord. Thus, we are able to live, “Coram Deo,” before the face of God.

How does this reality shape, inform, or impact your daily life?

The gift of The Holy Spirit can be realized in our understanding of this reality.



Confession & Communion



The Lord's Table is a blessed sacrament given to the church as a sign of God's faithfulness to His promises and an assurance in the heart of the one to whom the promises are given.

Lighthouse invites participation in communion to all who are saved by Jesus Christ, baptized in the church, agree with the entirety of The Apostles' Creed, and seek to live in unity with the body of Christ.

If you are either unconverted, unrepentant, or unsure of any of these things, please refrain from participating in The Lord's Supper today, and speak to an Elder, Pastor, or more mature believer after the service to address any concerns you may have. Coram Deo!

1 Corinthians 11:²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Silent Prayer & Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Our Assurance of Pardon!

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

*The Body of Christ, together – **“Thanks be to God!”***

Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures
here below;

Praise Him above,
ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.

Amen!





Hebrews 13:²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.