



LIGHTHOUSE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO **STEP ONE: CONNECT**

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Lighthouse Christian Church! This class is the basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe.

THE LIGHTHOUSE GROWTH TRACK:

1. **Step One: CONNECT**

Connect here at Lighthouse and discover the ins and outs of the church, learn details about beliefs, mission, vision, values and church government, how we handle money, and how we intentionally organize our church. You will also have the opportunity to become a Lighthouse member.

2. **Step Two: DISCOVER**

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your spiritual gifts, and see how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry.

3. **Step Three: SERVE**

Find out what it means to serve at Lighthouse and connect to opportunities to live out your purpose by using your God-given gifts.

God's ultimate goal for our life is to make an eternal difference in the life of another person. The Growth Track process is complete when you join or start a ministry team.

THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS:

"...You are a member of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

KEY TRUTHS

1. The church is a _____.
2. God desires you to be a _____ of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is an _____.

GET TO KNOW OUR LEAD PASTOR

Pastor Bill Goodwin –

Prior to coming to Lighthouse is the summer of 2004, he served on staff at:

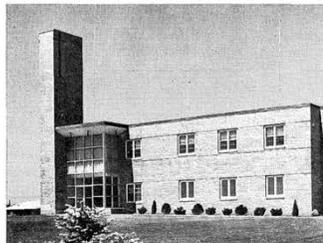
- Community Church of Joy in Glendale, AZ (1999-2004)
- Hosanna in Lakeville, MN (1993-1999)
- Elim Lutheran in Robbinsdale (1992-1993)
- Prince of Peace in Scottsdale, AZ (1991-1992)
- Christ Community in Glendale, AZ (1990-1991).

He has been involved in leadership with YoungLife, Prayer Watch International, The Alpha Course: North America Speaking Team, and ministering in various countries including Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and South Africa. Bill is an ordained minister with International Ministerial Fellowship (IMF) and currently serves on their Board of Directors. Bill and Karla have two adult children (Kristy and Dean), a son-in-law (Ryan) and two grandsons (Harvey and Oscar).



LIGHTHOUSE BACK STORY

Lighthouse Christian Church started by group of _____ speaking _____ as St. John's in **1888** in Eagan, Minnesota.



As of the late 1990's we became a non-denominational congregation, and our name was changed to Lighthouse.

OUR SPIRITUAL COVERING:

International Ministerial Fellowship (I.M.F.)
imfserves.org



International Ministerial Fellowship is an association of evangelical Christian churches, ministers and missionaries with an emphasis on the centrality of Christ and the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. IMF offers fellowship, resources including appropriate ministerial credentials and the service of a Missions Sending Agency. With a membership of over 1,300 across the nation and 100+ missionaries in 44 countries.

PART ONE: OUR PURPOSE

Our Mission...

Inviting all people to encounter the Living Presence of Jesus Christ, and the power He brings.

Our Vision...

Bringing faith, hope and love in Jesus to the world.

Our Core Values:

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| 1 _____ on the Lord | <i>Proverbs 3:5-6</i> |
| 2 _____ | <i>Isaiah 56:7</i> |
| 3 _____ and <u>Forgiveness</u> | <i>1 John 4:7-8</i> |
| 4 <u>Healing</u> and _____ | <i>Isaiah 61:1-3</i> |
| 5 _____ | <i>1 Cor. 14:26</i> |
| 6. _____ | <i>Proverbs 11:25</i> |
| 7. _____ | <i>Eph. 4:11-12</i> |

Our Strategy...

Encounter – Heal – Grow – Serve



Our Culture...

We are intentionally a cross-cultural, inter-generational and Spirit-filled ministry flowing in love & grace!

We are committed to growing!

We want to grow in our relationships with the Lord, with each other, with our community and globally.

We are imagining new ways to engage our church family, the community around us and global kingdom expansion.

The five strategic initiatives:

- Growing Closer** *...through fellowship and care ministry*
- Growing Deeper** *...through discipleship, worship & prayer*
- Growing Younger** *...through reaching multi-cultural families*
- Getting Updated** *...through improving our facilities*
- Going Global** *...through social media & global impact trips*

Let's imagine what it might look like if we took these initiatives seriously...

The results of these initiatives:

- We will have stronger relationships with others in Lighthouse
- An increasingly relevant, dynamic worship experience
- Increasing our weekend worship attendance to 400 or more
- Thriving ministries for all ages, especially for young people
- Facilities to accommodate a growing church
- Greater spiritual hunger and passion in each of us
- Multi-cultural families joining Lighthouse Church
- Going to the nations on short-term missions

LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!



PART TWO: OUR BELIEFS

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. In essential beliefs, we have unity.

“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...”

Ephesians 4:4-6

2. In non-essential beliefs, we have liberty.

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.”

Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

3. In all our beliefs, we show charity.

“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” 1 Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

FOUR ESSENTIAL TRUTHS

1. The _____ is the Word of God.

2. _____ is the Son of God.

3. You must be _____.

4. Believers can be _____ with the _____.



STATEMENT OF FAITH

- **We believe the Bible to be divinely inspired, undivided, infallible, authoritative Word of God.**
(Matthew 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:12; Romans 15:4; Timothy 3:14-17)
- **We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
(Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22; Matthew 11:27; John 10:37-38; John 14:8-11; 1 John 5:7)
- **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 redemptive death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.**
(John 1:1; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:13; Acts 4:33; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:11; John 4:46-54; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; John 5:1-9; John 9: 1-7; John 20:30-31; John 21:25; Matthew 28:1-8; John 20:1-18)
- **We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is biblically essential.**
(John 3:3-8; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 1:18-23; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:1-3)
- **We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling and empowerment the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and through whom the Spiritual enablement's are operational in the Church today.**
(John 7:39; John 14:15-18; John 16:7-15; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-21; Romans 12:6-8)
- **We believe that God has provided to desiring believers an enduement of Spiritual power for the evangelization of the lost.**
(Acts 1:4-5, 8; Acts 2:1-4, 38-39; Acts 10:44-46; Ephesians 4:11-12; Acts 19:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Romans 8:26-27)
- **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.**
(Matthew 25:31-33; Mark 9:43-47; John 5:25-29; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15)
- **We believe in the Spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**
(Romans 15:5; Ephesians 4:3; Philippians 2:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:14-27; John 17:22-26; Colossians 3:12-15; Hebrews 10:23-25; Ephesians 4:11-13)
- **We believe in the marriage of one naturally born male to one naturally born female.** *(Genesis 2:23-25).*

We Believe...

-We believe **God is Love**. With the help of the Holy Spirit, **we love** those whom the Lord sends to Lighthouse.

-We believe the local church should be cross-cultural and multi-generational, like our neighborhoods, schools and workplaces are. *Everyone is welcome here.*

-We believe that God desires to **speak corporately** to His children. Therefore, **we wait** upon the Lord each week in our services, knowing He will reveal His heart through the corporate body.

-We believe the **Lord is worthy to be worshipped**. Therefore, we don't just sing some songs about God, we **enter into worship**.

We worship the Lord with song and dance because He is worthy of all praise.

-We believe **relationships** are important. We want everyone to know someone at Lighthouse and be known by someone here.

-We believe in the power of prayer. *Much prayer, much power!*

-We believe that everyone seeks **belonging, significance and purpose** and it is only through Jesus that we find these. We strive to **create an environment** for all to experience **belonging, significance and purpose**.

-We believe that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and it is through Him that we find our way, the truth and our life.

-We believe that Jesus is the **Healer of the broken hearted** and broken hearts experience healing here through community, through love, and by experiencing the presence of the Lord.

-We believe in **training up future generations** to know God and love His ways.

-We believe **there is joy in serving the Lord** and His people; We invite everyone to **participate in the ministry** in some way.

-We believe our **God is a God of miracles** and **Lighthouse is a place where miracles happen**.

-We believe there are many people who aren't here yet. **We all are to invite others to join us**.

-We believe we are to **equip people** to reach their **full potential in Christ**.

-We believe when the church is activated, ***change is coming!***

-We believe we are to **send out leaders into God's kingdom** and this is our Apostolic call.

...Building God's Kingdom in Rosemount, South of the River and to the ends of the earth!



PART THREE: OUR STRUCTURE

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH GOVERNMENT

People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives. We have key leadership in following ways:

GUIDED BY _____

According to the New Testament, elders are responsible for the primary leadership and oversight of a church. Spiritual Elders shepherd, oversee, lead, and care for the local church.

Elders should be peacemakers, prayer warriors, teachers, leaders by example, and decision makers. They are the preaching and teaching leaders of the church. The role of elder is not a position to be taken lightly.

Lighthouse Elders:

Our Elders are here to serve your spiritual needs. Please feel free to call upon them.



Bill and Karla Goodwin

Bill grew up in Arizona and Karla grew up in Minnesota. Bill became born again at age 15. Karla was rescued by Christ over 30 years ago. They married on September 11, 1993. The Goodwin's live in Apple Valley and have been at Lighthouse since the summer of 2004. Pastor Bill became our Lead Pastor in March 2006. **Favorite Scripture:** *The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple.* Isaiah 50:4



Charles and Krystel Lewis

The Lewis' reside in Farmington where they have been blessed to raise their two children, Chanelle and C.J. Charles is in IT and Krystel is a business owner and Spiritual Health & Wellness Educator. She is also a home school mother. They carry a special heart for the nation of Israel and desire to see the Body of Christ grow in unity and fellowship. They desire to use their gifts and talents to train and equip the Body of Christ to walk in spiritual authority and come into their full identity in Christ. **Family scripture:** *"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15



Jeff and Tricia Vogelsang

Their journey with the Lord, as a couple, began in 1994. Jeff and Tricia have three children, Angel married to Phillip Brown, Andrew married to Gabby & Ben. Both business owners, their family began attending Lighthouse in 2010 because they were captivated by the overwhelming love of God they experience through this church family. The Presence of God experienced at Lighthouse has brought much needed healing to them. It has provided a place for them to belong and fulfilled a sense of purpose for their lives. **Family verse:** *For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future, declares the Lord.* Jeremiah 29:11

PROTECTED BY _____

The Trustees are members of the congregation who oversee the finances and direct the provision of the physical facilities needed by the church. They provide counsel to the Lead Pastor regarding the major financial commitments of the church.

Lighthouse Trustees:

Bill Goodwin

Bruce Oren

Dave Lakey

Jeni Reynolds

DIRECTED BY _____

Church Staff oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These leaders serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

Lighthouse also has non-staff Staff Leaders known as Team Leaders. These leaders are over different ministries of the church under the leadership of our Lead Pastor. These men and women support the church staff as the primary protectors and encouragers of a positive spiritual climate within the church body. They serve in neither a governing nor a corporate capacity, but a spiritual capacity to create and maintain stability.

All Leaders are responsible to model a Godly lifestyle, provide a prayer shield for the members, defend and protect the integrity of the church, pray for the sick, mediate disputes, counsel, and represent the church to the community.



Phillip Brown
Dir of Yth and Media Ministries



Evelyn and Paul Mutebi
Worship Leader



Michelle Pellinen
Dir of Lighthouse Kids



Caroljean Kulla
Finance Clerk



Katie Wermager
Admin and Communications

Next Steps: Not in any particular order

1. Attend Sunday Services
2. Complete Digital Connect Card
3. Accept Christ
4. Rededication to Christ
5. Sign Up to Attend an Event
6. Attend a Welcome Reception!
7. Growth Track ☺
8. Volunteer to Serve at an Event
9. Serve on a Ministry Team
10. Submit a Prayer Request
11. Support Lighthouse Financially
12. Child Dedication
13. Water Baptism
14. Membership Commitment

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5. Leadership

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PART FOUR: OUR HOPE FOR YOU

I. THE NEXT STEPS

1. Become a member of Lighthouse Christian Church.
2. Regularly Participate in the Life of the Church
3. Continue the Growth Track.
4. Serve on a Ministry Team.

II. WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER

The difference between “attenders” and “members” can be summed up in one word:

_____.
An Attender is a _____.

A Member is a _____.

At Lighthouse we recognize the need for a formal membership.

We offer membership for the following reasons:

1. A Biblical Reason: Christ is committed to the church.

“...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it.” Ephesians 5:25

2. A Cultural Reason: It is an antidote to our society.

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage...our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers”.

Membership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

3. A Practical Reason: It defines who can be counted on.

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

4. A Personal Reason: It produces spiritual growth.

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

III. LIGHTHOUSE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in the Church 101 class, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Lighthouse Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church...

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

“So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together.”

Romans 14:19 (Ph)

2. I will share the responsibility of my church...

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting others to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

“To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly.”

1 Thessalonians 1:2

3. I will serve the ministry of my church...

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...By developing a servant's heart

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you...”

1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

“God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”

Ephesians 4:11-12

4. I will support the testimony of my church...

- ...By attending church services faithfully
- ...By living a godly life
- ...By giving regularly

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42