

Highland Baptist Church (Adopted by Church Vote – April, 2008)

VISION: To fulfill the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20) by following the example of Jesus Christ and by practicing the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40).

Simply Stated: “To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ by Loving God and Loving People. (Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 22: 36-40)

Mission: To be the body of Christ, filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God, praying expectantly for God to work in and through us as we faithfully commit to living our lives as a Christ-like examples by sharing the Gospel of Jesus in word and in deed with people in our homes, our church, our community, and throughout our world.

Simply Stated: “Loving God, Loving People, Serving One Another”

CORE VALUES:

Our Core Values, those things that define us, as Highland Baptist Church are stated by using the acrostic SIMPLE. Our desire is that this simple acrostic will assist us in being able to recall easily who we are as Highland Baptist Church.

S – Scriptural Authority

We believe that the inerrant and infallible Word of God is our source for authority and truth. It also serves as guide for our very existence as the body of Christ, the Church. As Christians, God expects us not only to read, study, and know His Word, but more importantly, to do it. (I Samuel 15:22; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:22)

I – Intentional Service to One Another

We believe that as a part of the body, we are a community of believer’s who are commanded to love one another and serve one another by Christ himself. Our service to one another is an intentional expression of our love for one another. Every Christian is saved and equipped by God to serve. We are never more like Jesus than when we are serving others. Serving others brings personal fulfillment, encouragement and glory to God. (1 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 1:14-17; Psalm 139:13-16)

M - Missional Approach to Outreach and Evangelism

The word Missional is a relatively new term being used throughout our convention to describe an intentional approach to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. We believe that we must be intentional in sharing the Gospel and we can do so in many different ways. We believe that we must seek opportunities to take the Gospel outside the doors of the church in order to “seek and to save the lost” as Jesus did. (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20;)

P – Prayer is a Priority

Prayer is the privilege of every Christian and we believe that we must pray believing that God can and will do whatever we ask. We believe that prayer, both private and corporate, unleashes the power of God and that we can approach the throne of God boldly with our requests. (Luke 19:46; Jude 20; Mark 11:24; Matthew 21:22; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 11:1)

L – Lifestyle of Worship

All that we do is a reflection of our Worship – worship is not just an event in our lives, it defines our lives as Christians. (Romans 12:1-2; John 4:20-24)

E – Excellence in Everything

From our daily life to our relationships, our work ethic, our accountability, to what we give back to God, from the big picture to the smallest of details, we want to be excellent in all that we do – which means giving God our very best. (Malachi 1:6, 14-17; Colossians 3:17, 23-24)