

## LAKE HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is...

### A CHRIST-CENTERED CHURCH

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

*We believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God who overcame the power of death when he died on the Cross and rose from the grave for our salvation.*

### A DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCH

**Matthew 28:19** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

**Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

*We are committed to making disciples in Lake Highlands and beyond by living life on mission with God in the power of the Holy Spirit through sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in words and deeds.*

### A BIBLICALLY SHAPED CHURCH

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Romans 12:2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

*Believing that all Scripture is God-breathed and authoritative for our lives, the Word transforms our community through Bible-centered teaching that equips disciples to share the Word of Christ.*

## A COMPASSIONATE CHURCH

**Matthew 25:35-40** "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me"...The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** And we also thank God continually because when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

*We believe we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Lake Highlands and beyond, reaching others through ministries of compassion, mercy, justice and healing.*

## A PRAYING CHURCH

**Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 12:12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

*We put our trust in God, believing he is the God of the impossible who reveals His power to make a way where there is no way, the God of miracles who also loves to encourage us in prayer.*

## A MULTI-GENERATIONAL CHURCH

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9** "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

**Acts 2:17-18** "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”

*We are committed to reaching and training all generations of disciples of Jesus Christ through effective multi-generational ministry.*

### A CHURCH OF FELLOWSHIP

**Acts 2:42** They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Ephesians 4:15** Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Galatians 6:2** Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

*We are a community of Christ followers in fellowship together for worship, prayer, learning, growing, loving, sharing life, and serving together as we carry each other’s burdens through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

### A WESLEYAN CHURCH

**Romans 10:12-13** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**2 Corinthians 3:18** And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

*As a church in Wesleyan protestant tradition, we believe that every person can be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and that every person can be transformed by the grace of God through the practice of the means of grace until we reach full maturity in Jesus Christ.*