



Our Structure & Beliefs

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders at Highlands Community Church includes both lay and pastoral staff. These men work together in a team relationship. They see God's direction for us through prayer, study, application of Scriptural principles and input from the congregation (including a ratification vote on most major issues such as our annual budget).

The Bible qualifications for Elders are found in 1 Timothy 1:1-7. These include such matters as character, marriage, honesty, experience, hospitality, generosity, wisdom, ability to teach, not addicted to alcohol, or belligerent.

Deacons and Deaconesses

At Highlands we believe that everybody should be a minister and therefore a very large number of people who are members of the family of God here at HCC are serving in a position which is by definition a deacon or deaconess. Our word (deacon) comes from a Greek word which means servant. As the New Testament Church grew, the needs of the members of the church grew as well. In Acts, chapter 6, a solution was found which God blessed. Find godly people and appoint them over the important task of serving the membership of the family of God. This group of people came to be known by their function; Servants for Deacons (from the Greek word for servant diakonos).

Our Beliefs

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave two special commands to the church. These commands are often called Ordinances.

Command #1 - Baptism

By command and example, Jesus taught that all believers should publicly announce their faith by being baptized (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 35-39). The New Testament Church example was to be baptized as soon as possible after receiving Christ as their personal Savior. We, therefore, want to facilitate baptism in every way possible.

Acts 2:41

Those who accepted his (Peter's) message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (NIV)

Commands #2 - Communion

Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper. It is a special symbolic meal in which we take time to think through our personal walk with God and to specifically remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us in His death on the cross (1 Corinthians 11:23-33). We have communion about every six weeks. Communion is a family celebration remembering our beloved Savior.

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (NAS)

If you have any questions regarding our structure or beliefs, please contact us at membership@highlandsc.org.