

## STATEMENTS OF FAITH AND CHRISTIAN CONDUCT FOR ECHO LAKE BIBLE CAMP

**Essentials of Doctrine: Statement of Faith.** The *Statement of Faith*\* of ELBC is as follows:

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the only supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

ONE GOD, eternally existent in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and His personal return in power and glory.

THE SALVATION of the lost and sinful people through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE UNITY in the Spirit of all true believers, the Body of Christ, visibly expressed in the cooperative life of believers in congregations and in kingdom enterprise.

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.

\* **THESE ARTICLES** are the non-negotiable Essentials of the Christian faith. The statement is Orthodox and Evangelical. *Orthodox* means in agreement with the historic teaching of the Christian faith as expressed in the historic creeds. *Evangelical* means an emphasis on the Biblical gospel about salvation by faith in Christ and new life (regeneration) by the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. This new life is essential to the *Christian walk*.

**Essentials of Conduct: Statement of Christian Conduct and Lifestyle** The *Statement of Christian Conduct* of ELBC is as follows:

The Christian's conduct is modelled on the example of Jesus.

Out of gratitude to God for His Covenant love, empowered by the Spirit of Holiness, informed and shaped by the instruction of the Word of God, the Christian walks in the steps of Jesus, obedient to the teaching of Jesus.

The Scriptures teach that the divine pattern for marriage is the union of one man and one woman in a lifelong covenant relationship in mutual submission to Christ where care and respect for each other are practiced.

The Scriptures teach that the believer is to be unfettered by anything that attains an addictive, compulsive or idolatrous dominance or control in one's life and conduct.

The Scriptures teach that the believer is to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in one's dealing and faithful in one's engagements.