

Lighthouse Christian Athletics

Mission, Vision, and Statement of Faith

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About Us: Lighthouse Christian Athletics (“LCA”) is a volunteer-driven legally incorporated 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Established in February 2006, LCA provides the organizational, financial, legal, logistical, and administrative support needed for the operation of a variety of homeschool sports teams covering high school, junior high, and elementary age classifications. LCA’s daily operations, policies, and procedures are overseen by our Athletic Director and the Board of Directors who collectively ensure that the teams and all volunteers abide by LCA policies and procedures.

Purpose: Lighthouse Christian Athletics seeks to leverage the power of competitive sports, along with our faith in Jesus Christ to build strong bodies, minds, and Christian character in the youth that we serve. We want homeschooling parents to have the opportunity to provide competitive sports to their homeschooled children. We believe that opportunity for competitive sports should never be an obstacle for homeschool families. We aim to serve our homeschool community with well-coached, disciplined, competitive teams in an environment that is pleasing to God. We are unashamed of Christ, and we will seek to minister to all we come in contact with through our words, our actions, and our behaviors on and off the field.

Mission Statement: Lighthouse Christian Athletics exists to provide competitive homeschool athletics in Southwest Missouri, leveraging sport to develop mind, body, and Christian spirit while glorifying God through Christ-like character on and off the field.

Vision Statement: To ensure every homeschool family in Southwest Missouri can access well-coached, disciplined, competitive teams in a distinctly Christian environment—building a unified community of student-athletes who serve the Lord Christ and reflect Him in their words and actions.

Participation in the program will provide a format for life, teaching young men and women:

- Teamwork (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- Accountability (Colossians 3:22-24)
- Competing to win without compromising their Christian values, (1 Corinthians 9:24)
- Achievement Christian character and grace (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
- Self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Perseverance (Philippians 3:13-14)

Statement of Faith*:

- We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death on the cross and bodily resurrection, in His ascension into Heaven to the right hand of the Father, in His present ministry of intercession for us, and in His return. (Deity-John 1:1) (Atonement-Hebrews 9:15-22) (Virgin Birth-Matthew 1:18, 25) (Bodily Resurrection-1 Corinthians 15:1-8) (Sinless Life-Hebrews 4:15) (Personal Return-Hebrews 9:27-28)
- We believe that by grace we are saved through faith in the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and this salvation is the gift of God. (John 3:16; John 5:24; Titus 3:3-7)
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (John 14:15-26; John 16:5-16; Ephesians 1:13,14)
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, but because of sin, was alienated from God. We believe that Jesus Christ paid the penalty of the sin of mankind of dying on the cross.
- We believe in the forgiveness of sins.
- We believe in the coming judgment and that those who believe in Jesus will spend eternity in heaven.
- We believe God created us male and female and that marriage constitutes the union between one man and one woman. (Gen 1:27, Matt 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-9)
- We believe in the biological male and female gender of an individual at birth.(Gen 1:27, 5:2)

* The Fellowship for Christian Athletes Statement of Faith was used as a guideline. Reference:
<http://www.fca.org/quick-links/ministry-leader-application/>