



# Galilee Bible Camp

## Statement of Belief

Galilee Bible Camp, an InFaith property, is built upon the Word of God and our personal faith in Jesus Christ. We hold to the great foundational truths of the historic Christian faith held in common like-minded evangelical Christians with whom we share both fellowship and the mission mandate: We believe that there is one God, Creator, and Sustainer of the universe, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, is inerrant in the original manuscripts, and is uniquely infallible, our only authority for faith and practice.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary sacrifice upon the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His victory over sin and His enemy Satan, in His present exaltation at His Father's right hand, and in His personal return, at any time, in power and great glory.

We believe in the fall and the lostness of man, whose total depravity requires that he be regenerated by the Holy Spirit for his salvation.

We believe that salvation consists of the forgiveness of sins, the imputation of Christ's righteousness, and the gift of eternal life, received by grace through faith alone, entirely apart from works.

We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, and by whom the Church, the Body of Christ, is gifted and equipped to serve and glorify God.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all mankind: those who have trusted in Christ, the ultimate Judge, will receive everlasting life and blessedness in heaven; those who have not will receive everlasting punishment and separation from the presence of God.

We believe that Christ has commanded His Church to preach the gospel to all people and that this mandate should be a primary concern of all Christians.



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## Marriage and Sexuality Policy

We believe the Bible is uniquely, verbally, and fully inspired by God. It is the author under which the Board of Galilee Bible Camp (GBC) and InFaith makes and assesses all ministry, policy, and operating decisions. The living, holy, inspired Bible is also determinative for all GBC's board members, officers, employees, staff, and volunteers.

GBC endorses the following foundational principles from the Bible:

1. Humans, being created in the image of God, are inherently relational beings (Genesis 1:26)
2. The inherent relational nature of humankind is expressed in a variety of contexts including family, marriage, work, and for Christians, the body of Christ (Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 12:14)
3. Humans were created by God as biologically gendered beings, male and female. They were expressly blessed by God to be fruitful and multiply and to exercise dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26-28)
4. Heterosexuality is God's design for sexually intimate relationships. Sexual union is only to take place within the marriage covenant between a biological man and a biological woman (Genesis 2:18, 21-24; Hebrews 13:4)
5. Jesus reaffirms that marriage is designed to be a lifelong covenant existing between a man and a woman (Matthew 19:4-9)
6. The New Testament teaches that followers of Jesus Christ are to remain celibate outside the bond of marriage. In sexual union, both body and soul are deeply impacted. A person who engages in sexual unions outside the bond of marriage, whether heterosexual, homosexual or otherwise, sins against his or her own body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:13, 18-20)
7. The sexual union between a husband and a wife has been designed by God to bring them together as "one flesh," creating a solid foundation on which to produce and build a family (Genesis 2:18-24; Ephesians 5:31)
8. All humans, Christian and non-Christian, are sinful (Romans 3:23); Christ commands us "to love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31); the New Testament explicitly warns against the sin of judgmentalism (Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:1-5; Galatians 6:1) Therefore, Christians should approach everyone with humility; seeking to understand them while offering the forgiveness of Jesus Christ to all who would receive it.

All conduct occurring at GBC must be consistent with the Bible, as interpreted by InFaith and the Board. We believe that any form of sexual immorality is sinful according to the Word of God. GBC exists to serve and love all people and to help reconcile them to God. Those who experience same-sex attraction, transgender dissonance, or any other form of sexual misrepresentation according to the Word of God, are to be loved, befriended, and equipped for overcoming sexual brokenness, as they come into the community of believers. In this community, we support one another and trust in Christ's love and honoring His Lordship over our lives.



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## Code of Conduct Regarding Marriage and Sexuality

As a religious organization, GBC reserves the right to exercise its legal rights regarding employment and asks guests/ campers and employees to conform to GBC policies and Code of Conduct while on GBC properties and/or attending an GBC program.

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Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. We repudiate hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual or group, as not in accord with Scripture nor the religious doctrines of GBC. We also believe that certain behaviors are not lifegiving or in accordance with God's plan. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

- People will treat each other with respect. Any bullying or harassment will be addressed.
- All child safety policies must be observed carefully, in line with the Child Protection Policy.
- Child abuse will be reported and otherwise addressed, in line with the Child Protection Policy.
- In Scripture, maintaining sexual purity includes abstaining from certain sexual behaviors. These behaviors fall under the broad designation of "sexual immorality" (Greek "porneia", e.g. 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Ephesians 5:3) and include, but are not limited to:
  - Premarital sexual relations (1 Corinthians 7:2,9)
  - Adultery (Exodus 20:14; Hebrews 13:4)
  - Homosexual relations (Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:24-27)
  - Intentional viewing of pornography (Matthew 5:28)
  - Incest (Leviticus 18:7-18)
  - Bestiality (Leviticus 18:23)
- Transvestitism or gender reassignment (Deuteronomy 22:5; Genesis 1:26-28; Mark 10:6)
- Alcohol and drugs (other than legitimate prescription drugs) will not be used on GBC properties.
- Integrity is paramount, both verbal and with regard to conduct.

### Application to Staff, Guests, Campers, and Property Use

The foregoing will be applied to staff and other employees as well as guests and campers, consistent with the Statement of Belief and the Marriage and Sexuality Policy.



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### **A. Staff**

GBC staff members are employees of InFaith and personally affirm and agree to comply with the truths set forth in our Statement of Beliefs, Marriage and Sexuality policy, and this Code of Conduct. If any staff member or employee does not conduct himself/herself in accordance with our policies, he or she may incur discipline up to and including termination.

### **B. Guests and Campers**

Guests and campers agree to conduct themselves in accordance with GBC's Statement of Beliefs, Marriage and Sexuality policy, and this Code of Conduct while on GBC premises. Should they not do so while participating in an GBC program or using an GBC property, they may be asked to withdraw or leave. GBC will report child abuse and may report other crimes.

### **C. Prohibiting properties from such use**

GBC properties shall not be used by any individuals, families or groups who have publicly stated purposes contrary to GBC's Code of Conduct and/or God's Word as described herein. No event or program will be allowed that, while on GBC property, proclaims, engages in, or endorses the acceptability of any lifestyles contrary to the Biblical truths set forth herein. GBC reserves the right to decline the use of GBC property or facilities to any such individuals, families or groups.