



## **Central Fellowship Baptist Church**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT ...Board**

As a member of the Board of Central Fellowship Baptist Church, I acknowledge my responsibility to live within the boundaries of Christian conduct as generally presented in the Bible, and as more closely defined in the following statements of ethics & conduct.

While it is clearly understood that, like everyone else, I am in the process of personal growth, and that grace is a predominant characteristic valued by Central Fellowship, as a Board member I realize and accept that the Board as a whole, or its designated Ethics Committee may find solitary or recurring violation of the standards of ethics and conduct outlined in this code to be grounds for discipline ranging from personal confrontation to removal from Board. I acknowledge Central Fellowship's right to remove an individual from an elected or appointed leadership position for just cause, upon violation of the specific or general elements of this code, as well as recognizing its responsibility to work compassionately and prayerfully toward correction, healing, restoration, and support where these are appropriate.

### **As a Follower of Christ:**

I will regularly pursue my relationship with God through prayer, meditation on His Word, and corporate worship, seeking demonstrable growth in the fruit of the Spirit.

I will illustrate my passion for the lost by building meaningful, identifiable friendships with those who have not committed their lives to Jesus.

I will behave with personal integrity, seeking a life of truth, love, purity, and holiness. This includes refraining from any practice that is contrary to biblical teaching, such as (but not limited to) things like drunkenness, substance abuse, pornography, stealing, cheating, breach of trust or confidence, premarital or extramarital sexual relationships, homosexual relationships, fraud, physical aggression, abusive behavior, sexual assault/harassment, and criminal activity. I appreciate that personal integrity in ministry is important enough to be deemed a valid reason for removal from a ministry or leadership position.

I will strive for a disciplined life in which I remain healthy through the consistent exercise of physical, emotional, and spiritual disciplines.

### **As a Family Member:**

I will maintain an appropriate time balance between my family and church work.

I will use my vacations as opportunities for personal and family renewal.

I will be a good steward of all that God has given, acting with integrity in the area of my personal finances, including regular giving to the church.

I will act with integrity and love towards my family, with the full recognition that engagement in those practices listed in paragraph three of the "Follower of Christ" section result in immediate removal from a leadership position at Central Fellowship for the good of both myself and immediate family.

**As a Leader in the Church of Jesus Christ:**

I will lead in the style of Jesus, acting with a servant attitude for the greater good of the church.

I will live my life in a way that is above reproach, accepting that those who lead in the church will bear greater responsibility.

I will regard all the people in our church family with equal love and concern, refraining from any activity, language, or attitudes that could contribute to diminishing any individual or group of individuals.

I will use careful judgment in exercising my personal freedoms in order not to harm other members of the Board, Central Fellowship, or the broader Community.

**As a Board Member at Central Fellowship :**

I will make a determined and sustained effort to reach all mutually agreed upon goals and results, and acknowledge the role of other Board members in holding me accountable for these results.

I will encourage other Board members to live out their passion for God, including providing accountability for mutually agreed upon ministry results.

I will not participate in conversations that present other Board members in a negative way, instead encouraging the other parties to discuss with those about whom they are concerned.

I will not lie or deceive other Board members regarding any area in life or ministry, although I may decline to answer questions that encroach upon the private matters of members of my family or that would require me to violate confidentiality. I understand that while mistakes are a regular part of ministry, lying about them is unacceptable.

When operating as a Board member, I will represent unconflicted loyalty to the interests of Central Fellowship. This accountability will supersede any conflicting loyalty to any special interest group, or other boards or staffs. As such, when an unavoidable conflict of interest occurs, I will absent myself from both the vote and the deliberation.

I will seek to be open, vulnerable, and non-defensive in order to facilitate Board unity and honesty.

I will seek ongoing professional and personal growth by actively pursuing learning opportunities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_