



## ***Statement of Faith***

***“For physical training is of some value, but Godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8***

**Push The Rock** has One Passion! It’s Jesus Christ! In 1997, we believe that God placed on our hearts a call to win people to our passion, Jesus Christ, through Sport! Sport is a powerful and universal language: every country, every culture and for all people! Each week, millions of people pass the church Sanctuary for the recreation sanctuary. We live in a leisure-oriented, competitive-driven culture. Recreation is important for all aspects of life... from the infant to the Senior Saint!

We believe:

- A.** The Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, in the original manuscripts, is the inerrant and complete Word of God, the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. **(2 Tim. 3:16)**
- B.** There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality. **(Matt. 28:18-20)**
- C.** Man was originally created in the image of God. He sinned by disobeying God; thus, he was alienated from his Creator. That historic fall brought all mankind under spiritual condemnation. **(Gen. 1:26-27, Gen. 3:14)**
- D.** Every person is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. **(John 14:6)**
- E.** Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own. **(Heb. 9:28)**
- F.** Salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justified them in His sight. **(Eph. 2:8-9)**
- G.** Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
- H.** God admonishes His people to assemble together regularly for worship, for participation in ordinances, for edification through the Scriptures and for mutual encouragement. **(Matt. 16:18)**
- I.** Jesus Christ will come again to the earth - personally, visibly and bodily - to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. **(Rev. 21:6-7)**



- J. The Great Commission was given to the Church and this task of world evangelism is the mission of the Church today. We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ had its historical beginning at Pentecost; is composed solely of believers; is the Body and Bride of our Lord; is distinct from Israel; and that it will be completed as believers fulfill their duty by making Christ known. **(Matt. 28:19-20)**
- K. All human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all of its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. **(Ps. 139)**
- L. God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a biological man, a biological woman and Himself. God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman joined in marriage. **(Matt. 19:4-6; Eph. 5:22-33)**
- M. God immutably creates each person as male or female, reflecting the image and nature of God. A rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the created image of God. All conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin. **(Gen. 1:27; Deut. 22:5)**

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible word of God, speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality and the proper conduct of mankind, and is the sole and final source of what we believe. For purposes of Push The Rock's faith, doctrine, practice, policy and discipline, our Board of Directors is our final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.



### Our Vision

To be a global leader in sports ministry, impacting the world for Jesus Christ... One life at a time!

### Our Mission

As a global sports ministry, we proclaim the life-changing message of Jesus Christ through the pursuit of excellence in sportsmanship and athletics.

### Our Core Values

#### 1. Firm in our Faith

- a. **Scripture – Romans 1:16** – *“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.”*
- b. **Demonstrated By**
  - A no-compromise stance on Doctrine, Values, and Standards
  - An inward attitude of Christ-centeredness and outward display of Christ-likeness in all we do
  - Placing the Gospel of Christ at the center of each program
  - Prayer before, throughout, and after every program and interaction

#### 2. Kingdom Minded

- a. **Scripture – Matthew 6:19-21** – *“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”*
- b. **Demonstrated By**
  - The core pursuit and promotion of spiritual growth of our staff, volunteers, and participants
  - Intentional acknowledgment of God and His glory in everything
  - Commitment and action to pursue heavenly treasure over earthly treasure
  - Partnerships that equip others in Kingdom-building work

#### 3. Individual Focus

- a. **Scripture – John 4:7-15** – *“Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans, She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking*



*me for a drink?” Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” ... Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”*

**b. Demonstrated By**

- Connecting with each participant on an individual level, recognizing their story and our role in it
- Treating one-on-one interactions as moments of truth to make a positive impact
- Committing to prayer and follow-up with every relationship
- Recognizing that every interaction is part of our repetitive contact philosophy, which stands to have the best impact on a life over single interactions

**4. Family Oriented**

**a. Scripture –**

- **John 13:34** – *“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.”*
- **Philippians 2:2** – *“Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.”*

**b. Demonstrated By**

- Care and compassion for staff and volunteers, as if they were family
- Speaking the truth in love, through transparency and with vulnerability
- Being accountable to one another, recognizing that each of us succeeds with the support of the other
- Sharing an “all in” commitment as staff and volunteers

**5. Innovative**

**a. Scripture – 1 Corinthians 9:19-22** – *“Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ...” When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.”*

**b. Demonstrated By**

- Offering an ever-growing diversity of sports that are sometimes off the beaten path
- Pursuing relationship with cultures that are foreign, marginalized, and in need of the Gospel
- Committing to listening to ideas, considering them, and giving them due analysis
- Approaching work and opportunity with initiative and an entrepreneurial spirit, while respecting internal structures