## Faith and Lifestyle Commitments

Expectations and Responsibilities for the Non-Traditional Learning Communities of Emmaus Bible College

## Members of the Emmaus Non-Traditional Learning Communities commit themselves to the following tenets of faith:

The Bible is God's word and constitutes final authority for doctrine and practice. There is only one true God who exists in three eternal persons with perfect unity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Son of God became a man, without ceasing to be God, in the person of Jesus Christ, and accomplished our salvation from everlasting judgment through His death and resurrection. This salvation is received only through faith in Jesus Christ.

## Members of the Emmaus Non-Traditional Learning Communities commit themselves to the following standards of behavior:

Emmaus Bible College is a community of Christians that has come together for the purpose of learning and applying "the things concerning Himself." The underlying basis for community living is the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Community is built when we agree to encourage each other, prefer one another, consider the 'weaker brother,' and willingly be held accountable for our conduct and behavior towards each other.

The Word of God clearly delineates that certain behaviors prevalent in society are prohibited and, therefore, should be avoided in our lives. These would include lying, cheating, gossip, slander, backbiting, profanity, vulgarity, immodesty, and sexual promiscuity.

**Whereas:** corporate worship, fellowship, prayer, and biblical instruction are imperative, I commit to faithfully attend the weekly meetings of a local church.

**Whereas:** Emmaus Bible College is an academic institution, I commit to apply myself fully to the study of God's Word and my other programs of study. I will faithfully complete assignments, fully engage in learning activities, and support the learning of fellow students.

**Whereas:** the Bible calls us to a state of sexual purity, I commit to refrain from immoral conduct inclusive of adultery, premarital sex, homosexual behavior, and the use, possession, or distribution of any pornographic material.

**Whereas:** the Bible teaches that human beings are created in the image of God, I commit to refrain from any behavior inclusive of profane language, violence, or other form of discrimination towards others for any reason, including race, ethnic or national origin, gender, or disability.

**Whereas:** certain products are potentially dangerous to one's physical and psychological well-being, I commit to refrain from use of illegal drugs and other substances, including marijuana and pharmaceutical drugs not prescribed by a licensed physician, and illegal use or abuse of alcohol.

**Whereas:** the Bible calls upon us to submit to those in authority over us, I commit to abide by all policies and procedures outlined in the Non-Traditional Student Handbook.