

TEACHING POSITION OF LAZY MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH
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1. The Word of God is our final authority in faith and in practice.
II Timothy 3:15-17.
2. The Holy Spirit can instruct us in spiritual matters as we study the scriptures.
I Cor. 2:10-13.
3. The ministry of teaching is to be accompanied by prayer so that the teacher and student alike will grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 1:18-23; 3:14-21.
4. Media, drama and teaching curricula will be selected according to the following principles.
 - a. It must have a biblical purpose.
 - b. It must be culturally and morally tasteful.
 - c. It is to be in agreement with the biblical teaching of LMBC.
 - d. For pre-approval, the material should be presented to the responsible staff person who will, after review, present it to an elder if questions arise.
5. We desire that three core spiritual goals shall be fulfilled throughout the program of the church: evangelism, spiritual maturity, and the equipping of others to serve in the local church and missions.
6. The importance of unity in the local church is the primary guiding principle at LMBC with regard to spiritual phenomenon.

The early church was commissioned with the priority of being a witness for Christ,
Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:8.

The early church also experienced signs, wonders, and miracles which accompanied the preaching of the Word of God, Acts 4:29-33; II Cor. 12:12. Such phenomenon was evidenced by speaking in tongues, healing, raising of the dead, prophecies, disciplinary death, afflictions and miraculous deliverances.

The Scripture says, ". . . but let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner." I Cor. 14:40. It is our practice that the preaching, teaching and application of the Word of God is our priority in light of the confusion, division, and the counterfeits that accompany some of the modern movements that put a great emphasis on phenomena. We desire to be on the side of caution as signs, miracles, and wonders can be duplicated by Satan himself. II Thess. 2:8-9.

Therefore, as a matter of policy for all of those in a teaching or appointed leadership capacity, we do not promote that which would cause division in our church, such as the speaking in tongues and extra-Biblical experiences. We have come to this policy desiring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:2-3; Romans 15:5-6; I Cor. 1:10; 14:33.

We reserve the right to refrain from cooperation in meetings where the spiritual phenomena is encouraged and practiced.