

# Code of Conduct

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Welcome to Palominas Chapel. We are a congregation set apart for God's service, and we invite all who engage with us to share in that calling.

These standards apply to everyone who interacts with our ministry—whether seeking membership, serving as volunteers or employees, staying at our camp, attending classes, or participating in any other capacity. They are grounded in our Statement of Faith and reflect our commitment to biblical holiness and separation from worldly practices.

We hold these standards not as burdens, but as expressions of our love for God and one another. They protect the spiritual integrity of our fellowship and keep us united in purpose.

## Our Standards

### 1. Holiness and Separation from Sin

We believe that through the Holy Spirit's power, believers can live free from sin—and that God calls us to nothing less. Holiness is not optional; it is essential to salvation and must be reflected in how we live each day.

All who engage with Palominas Chapel are expected to avoid all forms of sin, including dishonesty, theft, gossip, profanity, sexual immorality, and violence. We pursue holiness together, encouraging one another toward consistent, faithful living.

### 2. Modest Dress and Appearance

We teach that the outward appearance reflects an inward focus on honoring God rather than drawing attention to oneself. While participating in our ministry or visiting our facilities, we ask that everyone dress modestly and in accordance with biblical distinctions between men and women.

For women, this means full-length dresses or skirts reaching the foot, long hair, and no cosmetics or jewelry.

For men, this means full-length trousers, short hair, and no jewelry.

All clothing should be loose-fitting, gender-appropriate, and free from flashy or attention-seeking styles.

We understand that many are growing in grace and knowledge, and we welcome you wherever you are on that journey. These standards reflect our convictions, and we ask that all who join us respect them while here.

### 3. Separation from Worldly Practices

At Palominas Chapel, we set aside the distractions of the world to focus on what matters most—serving God, fellowship with one another, and enjoying His creation.

While participating in our ministry or visiting our facilities, we ask that everyone join us in stepping away from:

- Historical pagan holidays
- Entertainment media such as movies, TV shows, social media apps, video games, and secular music
- Organized competitive sports

Instead, our time together centers on prayer, doing good, biblical hospitality, and encouragement in the faith.

*"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing."* — Psalm 100:2

For members and those in leadership, these standards reflect an ongoing way of life.

#### **4. Biblical Marriage and Family**

We hold to God's design for marriage and family as revealed in Scripture. Marriage is a sacred covenant between one biological man and one biological woman, and all intimate relationships are reserved for this bond alone.

We affirm that God creates each person male or female at conception, and this cannot be changed or reassigned. Men and women have different but equally important roles that complement each other according to God's plan. Marriage is binding until death—whether literal or biblical (referring to serious violations that constituted capital offenses under Mosaic law).

These convictions shape how we live and who may access our facilities or lodging.

#### **5. Substance Use**

All alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, marijuana, illegal drugs, and misuse of prescription medications are prohibited. Sobriety and clear-mindedness are expected at all times.

#### **6. Sacred Nature of Our Ministry**

All aspects of our ministry—our property, facilities, equipment, and activities wherever conducted—are consecrated to God's service and under His authority.

#### **7. Submission to Pastoral Authority**

We follow the biblical pattern of spiritual oversight and accountability. All who engage with Palominas Chapel are expected to submit to pastoral and congregational leadership, follow biblical dispute resolution, and refrain from actively opposing doctrine or organizing resistance to pastoral decisions.

### **Pastoral Discernment**

The interpretation and application of these standards rests with pastoral leadership through prayerful, Holy Spirit-led discernment. Leadership determines what constitutes holiness and holy living through assessment of spiritual fruit and biblical conformity.

We take this responsibility seriously, seeking God's wisdom to shepherd His people in truth and righteousness.

## Accountability

We hold one another accountable because we care about each person's walk with God and the health of our fellowship.

Palominas Chapel reserves the right to discipline or dismiss, for any reason consistent with our Statement of Faith, anyone who engages with our ministry. Failure to maintain these standards may result in disciplinary action up to and including loss of membership in good standing, expulsion from activities, dismissal from volunteer positions, or termination of employment.

Our desire is always restoration. Those who genuinely repent may be restored through pastoral guidance. See our "How Membership is Lost" FAQ for complete details.

## Acknowledgment

By signing below, I joyfully commit to walk alongside this congregation in holiness:

- ✓ I have read and understand these standards
- ✓ I commit to live according to these biblical requirements while engaged with Palominas Chapel
- ✓ I understand violations may result in disciplinary action including loss of membership in good standing, expulsion from activities, dismissal from volunteer positions, or termination of employment
- ✓ I submit to pastoral and any appointed congregational authority in conduct matters
- ✓ I recognize these standards are essential to Palominas Chapel's religious mission and identity

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_