

## *Guidelines and Principles for All BTH Residents*

1. BTH is a Christian discipleship program based on biblical teaching and Christ-centered behavior. ***Daily living and religious practices will only be from a traditional Christian perspective (The Baptist Faith and Message is the doctrinal guideline).***
2. All assignments will be completed on time and all meetings and classes will be attended, unless prior permission is obtained. Church attendance as a group is mandatory.
3. Each woman is responsible for her own attitude and behavior at all times. Courtesy, kindness and respect will be exhibited at all times. Cursing, yelling or inappropriate gestures are not acceptable. Dress will always be modest and subject to staff approval. Unity among the residents is the goal.
4. Possession or use on or off campus of alcohol, drugs, weapons, tobacco, e-cigarettes, or any other mind-altering substance is prohibited. Substance/drug tests are given randomly and frequently. Sexual activity on or off campus is prohibited. Theft and fighting are prohibited. Leaving the grounds of BTH without prior permission is prohibited. There is zero tolerance for these activities and for failed substance/drug tests. Immediate dismissal will result from any violation and the appropriate law enforcement/parole/probation/program personnel will be notified.
5. Possession by residents of telephones, computers, radios, media players, electronic media devices, books, knives, lighters, or weapons is prohibited unless approved in advance by staff.
6. All incoming and outgoing mail will be opened and screened by staff.
7. Written and telephone communication is only allowed with immediate family (if approved in advance by BTH). Immediate family means: parents, legal marriage spouse (biblically defined), children, and grandparents. Exceptions may be made as appropriate. Residents are prohibited from asking volunteers for any favors, including contacting any person, use of telephones, mail, or asking for gifts or money.
8. The use of any telephone on or off campus is a privilege and requires prior permission. In some cases, staff must be present when calls are made or received. In most cases, no calls will be made or received during the first 30 days of residence. Letters may be written to immediate family at any time. Computer usage at BTH or off campus is with prior permission only and then only approved programs or websites may be accessed. Browsing history is checked. THERE WILL BE NO USE OF FACEBOOK OR ANY SOCIAL MEDIA BY COMPUTER, CELLPHONE OR ANY OTHER METHOD.
9. Visitation is only with immediate family and only on the days and times allowed by BTH. Contact with any person may be prohibited or limited if circumstances warrant such limitation.
10. Dismissal from BTH is at the sole discretion of the Directors.
11. Unless otherwise permitted, all residents will be in their cottage and in bed by 10 P.M. Individual bedside lights may stay on as long as the resident desires unless it interferes with a roommate. Residents may not leave their cottage (except in an emergency or with prior permission) after 10 pm.
12. Failure to report a violation of these rules by any resident is the same as violating the rule and can result in dismissal.

I understand and agree and have received a copy of this: \_\_\_\_\_

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