



Our Core Values



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Our Core Values:

- **Truth**

We believe that truth is found in the Bible. This truth (the Gospel) leads to new spiritual life in Christ and fulfillment in daily living; the Bible's truth must be taught honestly, effectively, and practically by the leaders of the church so that those who hear it can apply it to their lives. (*John 1, John 14:6, 2 Timothy 3:16-17*)

- **Grace and Faith**

We believe that all people, especially those who do not already follow Christ, matter to God. They should be offered grace by the local church and actively and continually invited by Christians to place their faith in Christ and His Gospel. (*Acts 2:37-41, Matthew 18:21-35, Acts 8:26-40*)

- **Community**

We believe that all people need healthy, growing relationships based on biblical ideals. These relationships are best found in the Christ-centered family and in a small groups of Christians meeting regularly to encourage and support each other as part of a larger local church community. (*Proverbs 27:17, Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 18:19-20*)

- **Serving Others**

We believe that serving others is a natural lifestyle of committed believers in Christ. Christ-followers should seek to serve both those we encounter in our community and those at the far ends of the earth as a means of sharing the Gospel with all people. (*Matthew 28:19-20, Isaiah 49:6, Acts 1:8*)

- **New Churches**

We believe that beginning and supporting new churches is a healthy, noble, and God-honoring activity. New churches are the most effective means for Christians to reach to others with the grace and love of Christ; all Christians should support the planting of new churches. (*Acts 16:6-15, Titus 1:5, Romans 15:19-24*)

- **Fun!**

Worshiping our holy God should be an enjoyable activity. Although there must be serious times of repentance and spiritual challenge in the lives of all believers, the experience of meeting God in worship should be exciting, anticipated, interactive, and practical. (*Exodus 15:19-21, 1 Samuel 6:12-19, Nehemiah 8:10, Matthew 26:17-25*)

What Our Core Values Look Like "Lived Out":

Truth:

We teach the Truth of Christ from God's Word, the Bible. The Bible is the source for all of our beliefs and doctrines, and the guidebook for our preaching, teaching, and daily life.

Grace and Faith:

We extend grace to those around us by sharing the love of Christ with all others both within and outside our fellowship. Because of the grace we have from God, we call all those we meet to faith in Christ and hold those in our fellowship accountable to their faith in Him.

Community:

We share community with others in our fellowship through simply living life together daily. Worship gatherings, small group settings, fellowship-wide celebrations, and simple and frequent "hangout times" are all awesome places of community for Christ-followers.

Serving Others:

We serve others around us by participating in corporate service projects and ministry activities, small-group based ministry opportunities, and family and individual acts of service. We encourage believers to become involved in serving their local schools, neighborhoods, and civic organizations. We strive to partner with local ministries first, then expand our reach to include our city, region, nation, and finally the world.

New Churches:

We encourage others to plant new churches and actively support the planting of churches. We support church planters financially and prayerfully, bring church planting interns into our midst and sending out those called to plant churches with our blessings.

Fun:

We are created to enjoy God and the world He made for us. We have fun as a fellowship worshiping God. We have fun enjoying His Earth, the friendship of other believers and non-believers, family relationships, and the life we are all given. We have fun at regular church gatherings of all kinds where our entire community is welcome.