

Expanded Values

Loving God

Jesus clearly said that the greatest commandment in scripture is to love God with all your heart. (Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37). We want to inspire, be inspired, and empower people to live a life where they have a real, loving relationship with the one true God. Loving God is at the core of everything we do.

Engaging in Worship: Everybody worships something. We all give our attention, devotion and loyalty to someone or something we love, value and respect. God created us with this nature and desire because He longs for us to spend time with Him, to see Him as He is, and to worship Him. We believe that joining together as a church to celebrate and worship God is part of our purpose and role as a church. (Acts 2:46-47, John 4:19-24, Colossians 3:16) Worship can take many forms and expressions. It's mainly an attitude of reverence and love resulting in acts of service. As we regularly meet together we experience God's presence and we are reminded of who He is.

Following God's Word: We believe the Bible is the main way God communicates with us. It is a vital part of how we grow in our relationship with Him, because it is the living, active word of God. His Spirit helps us to understand and apply Biblical truths to our everyday life. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 10:17, Psalm 1:1-13)

Staying Connected: God is with us all the time. When we stay connected to Him we live a life with Him through His Spirit. We constantly look and pray for spiritual awakening in all people. By this we become part of something much greater than ourselves with an eternal promise. (John 15:5-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 18:19, Acts 2:17-18)

Recognizing God is our Provider: We recognize all we have is a gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). We want to use our resources wisely, and to share what we have received. As we give, the world is changed, the gospel is preached, lives are touched, people are fed, bodies are healed, and God's kingdom is extended.

Loving People

Jesus says "Come". Come as you are – everybody is welcome. We want to provide a safe place for people to experience grace and truth, as we experience God's love for us.

Wherever You Are, Wherever You Go: People in need cross our path every day. We believe that one of the main roles of the church is to serve and care for, and be as Christ to, the poor, oppressed and marginalized in our communities, our town and beyond. We can all be listening and looking for ways to serve through our church and in our neighbourhood and in our workplace. (Deuteronomy 10:17-19, Deuteronomy 15:7-11, Proverbs 19:17, Micah 6:8, 1 John 3:17, Matthew 25)

Nobody Stands Alone: We're convinced that the best place for real, life-changing processes to happen is in the context of small groups of people "doing" life together. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Luke 6:12-13, Acts 2:44-46) We are a church committed to the value of everyone being cared for in a community that will both love us and prompt us to grow.

Everyone's Welcome: We believe authenticity, acceptance and honesty create an atmosphere where people can become whole. (Romans 12:3, Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-26). There is no need to pretend we are something we are not. As we accept each other and love one another, we can help each other grow into whole people.

Culturally Relevant: We believe it is important to speak the language of our culture but not to compromise Biblical truth. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21) We use all appropriate mediums to represent who God is and His love for people.

Quality Relationships: Jesus commands us to love and care for one another. As individuals in need of grace we value authentic relationships that are transparent and real. (John 17:22,23)

Making Disciples

Sharing Our Faith: God loves lost people (Luke 15) and asks us to see others through His eyes. Because of this we encourage everyone to pursue a personal relationship with Him (Romans 10:9-15, Revelation 3:20,21). We value and support the spreading of the "good news" both here and overseas. (Matthew 28:19)

Come As You Are, But Don't Stay That Way: We believe that the more we choose "to do" life with God, every day, the more He changes us. We become more loving people, displaying the fruit of the Spirit of God (Matthew 22:37-40, Galatians 5:22-23) Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are the indicators of spiritual growth. We're all at different stages of our journey, but for progress to be made we need to be intentional about our goal and take it step by step.

Be The Body To One Another: We believe that everyone has unique spiritual gifts that God has given us to serve one another and build His church. A significant part of growth and becoming who He made us to be happens when we choose to serve others using these gifts. The church is only able to be what it is supposed to be when everyone does what they were created to do. (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-12)