

# CORE VALUES

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## **We are driven by the Bible.**

The Bible is the authority over all our beliefs and practices. It's sufficient for the Christian life and the church's ministry, which means every decision, sermon, and ministry is anchored in God's Word.

## **We are shaped by the gospel.**

The gospel motivates and empowers our thoughts, desires, and actions. We never move past it but go deeper in it. We want Jesus and the aroma of grace and truth to permeate everything we do.

## **We are known and embraced.**

We desire for every person to feel welcome in our church and find a place to belong and be known. God invites us to come as we are but not to stay stagnant. We want everyone invested in relationships which encourage growth in Jesus. God wove us into a spiritual family where we can serve, love, and care for one another.

## **We are united in Christ and diverse.**

We seek to walk together in the biblical unity and oneness Jesus purchased for his Church. As we continually strive toward oneness, we rejoice in our unity through Christ and celebrate God's diversity in our church in different ethnicities and skin colors, ages and life-stages, levels of spiritual maturity, cultures, and complementary genders. Within the framework of sound doctrine and holy living, we display humility and guard against division in our relationships, ministry practices, and non-essential doctrines.

## **We are participants not spectators.**

The church is a congregation, not a crowd. Christians are called to sacrificially serve others and faithfully steward their God-given time, treasures, and talents by engaging in Christ's church and mission. Every member should be a contributor, not just a consumer.

## **We are sent and sending.**

We make disciples and join Christ's mission to multiply disciple-makers locally and globally. Jesus not only saves us but he sends us. The whole church is called to discipleship and evangelism to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus.