

Common Values

Inerrancy of Scripture

We believe that the Scripture is God's very words and that Scripture is complete and without any error. (Numbers 23:19; Psalms 12:6; 119:89, 96; Proverbs 30:5; Matthew 24:35; John 17:17)

Sufficiency of Scripture

We believe that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Therefore, we make every effort to structure our lives, our families and church according to the biblical mandate. Thus, we are constantly reforming according to God's word. (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 22:19).

Systematic Exposition

We practice, with few exceptions, expository preaching. We preach verse-by-verse through sections of the Bible in order to faithfully proclaim the whole counsel of God to His people.

Regenerate Church Membership

Membership in Christ's church is a serious matter. Because of this we are very deliberate in our membership process. Every member is carefully examined to determine whether or not they truly understand and have experienced biblical conversion. Our goal is not to make a judgment of one's heart but to avoid false assurance to those who are not truly regenerated.

Biblical View of Conversion

We desire to see true conversion. Biblical conversion begins with the Holy Spirit's call, that leads to regeneration and true repentance, which should then be demonstrated by the public act of "Believer's Baptism." Through preaching and teaching we constantly proclaim and explain the gospel. We take our time with people struggling to understand what it means to follow Christ and are especially careful with children, never manipulating or rushing any child. (Romans 3:23; 5:8; 10:9-14; Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Matthew 18:6; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2)

Believers Baptism by Immersion

While we respect Christians from other orthodox traditions, we will only receive members who have experienced "Believer's Baptism" by immersion. Moreover, we consider baptism necessary to church membership and its privileges.

Congregational Church Government with Elder Leadership

Congregational Church Government means that there is no governing body above that of the local church. (This does not mean we are a democratic or populous-led fellowship.) Within our local congregation, we have a plurality of elders who are responsible for leading and feeding the flock.

Age Integration

We believe that the biblical model of a church is a group of all ages worshipping together. We do however, provide opportunities for discipleship in a context that allows for the disciple to be instructed based on his/her present age, aptitude, and maturity.

Christ Exalting Worship

The New Testament has surprisingly little to say about worship styles; however, one thing is sure, we are to engage in Christ exalting worship through prayer, ordinances, preaching, Scripture reading, singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, giving, honoring and obeying God. Private and public worship must be offered by faith in accordance with the teaching of God's Word if it is to be acceptable and pleasing to God. (John 4:23-24; Romans 12:12; I Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:18-20; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 3:16; Romans 14:23b; Hebrews 11:6; 12:28).

Biblical Worldview

Christianity is not merely a religion, it is also a lifestyle, a philosophy; a worldview. We are to think biblically about every aspect of our lives. (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 10:5-6; Col. 2:8; 1 Peter 1:14-16)

Biblical Community

The local church is a community of believers. As such, we are to live in fellowship with Christ's Church and in covenant with all members of the local church. This covenant includes not only worship and fellowship but accountability and support. (Matthew 18:15-18; Romans 12:3-18; Acts 2:41-47; 4:32-35; 6:1-7; Hebrews 13:17)

Biblical Manhood / Womanhood

God clearly defined the roles of men and women in the home and in the church. While these roles have come under attack in our culture, God has not changed. We embrace, teach, and celebrate these distinct roles. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14; 1 Kings 2:1-3; Proverbs 31, 12:4; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Timothy 5:14)

Biblical Headship

The head of every man is Christ, and the head of a wife is her husband. The husband is to be the spiritual leader in his home, and men are to be leaders and teachers in Christ's church (this in no way implies that women are less than men in the Kingdom of God). (1 Corinthians 11:3; 14:33-35; Ephesians 4:15; 5:23)

The Nobility of Motherhood

Motherhood is a high and honorable calling. While not every woman is called to be a wife and/or mother, those who are have an incredible responsibility; a noble calling. (Psalm 113:9; Psalm 127:3; Psalm 128:3; Proverbs 31:27-31; Titus 2:3-5)

The Blessing of Children

We believe that children are a blessing from the Lord. We reject our culture's view of children as financial burdens that should be received sparingly. Instead, we rejoice with those who receive children in abundance. (Psalm 127:3-5; 128; Genesis 1:28; Proverbs 17:6; Job 42:12-16)

Family Discipleship

While the church is called to make disciples, it is clear that God has given the family as the primary discipling agent. Children are entrusted to parents for their spiritual nurture. (Genesis 12:8; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 78:5-8; Psalm 113:3; Ephesians 6:14; 2 Timothy 3:14-15)

Christian Education

We believe every Christian family should give their children a Christian education. (Psalm 1; Proverbs 1:7-9; 2:1-7; 3:1-7; 9:10; Luke 6:40; Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:18-21; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Colossians 2:8-10; Ephesians 6:14; 1 Tim. 6:20-21)