

Values & Key Characteristics

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Unity and Diversity	Jesus came announcing the kingdom of God and broke down the walls that separate. We value focusing on what unites us; not what divides us. We welcome and meet each person where they are at and desire a church that reflects the diversity of our context.	We treat each person with respect, kindness, and grace, regardless of differences.
Spiritual Movement	Jesus invited people on a journey. He meets us where we're at but cares about us enough to not let us stay there. We value becoming everything God has created us to be.	We consistently engage in spiritual practices that help us grow in Jesus, such as spending time in Scripture, worship, prayer, community, and sharing our faith with others.
Excellence	In Jesus, God spared nothing, giving His very best to redeem us. As followers of Jesus, invited into His ongoing work of redemption, we seek to do everything with excellence, to the best of our ability, as an act of worship unto God.	We are dependable, hardworking, committed to learning, developing, and equipping others to be effective in the work God has called us to do.
Family	Family is the primary relational context in which children are meant to learn about God, and the primary way that the gospel passes from one generation to the next.	We prioritize our families individually, and strategically support families as a faith community.
Healthy Relationships	God created us for relationship; first and foremost, with Himself. When our lives are properly oriented around a relationship with Jesus, it is meant to lead us to pursue healthy and growing relationships with others, honest about our strengths and weaknesses.	We seek to live out the "one another's" of the New Testament.

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Kingdom-Building	The gospel is meant for everyone, and Jesus commissioned us to take this good news to all people. We are committed to sharing and being good news people to those outside the walls of our church.	We are committed to sharing the good news in word and deed in our own community, and to partnering with others to see decisions made and lives changed by the gospel around the world.
Fun and Laughter	We believe that you don't have to be somber and stiff to be godly. We take God and His Word very seriously, and part of taking God seriously is understanding that God has a sense of humor. Life is meant to be lived passionately, enjoyed, and celebrated.	We seek to respond appropriately to the context we are in. There are times when it is appropriate to be serious and reverent, and there are times when we should laugh and cut loose.
Creativity	God is the Creator. Humans are created in the image of God, and when we exercise our imaginations in the ways we communicate God's love, our creativity points to the Creator. While our message never changes, our methods are constantly changing to ensure we are maintaining relevancy within our culture.	We are creative in the ways we connect with our community and communicate the good news of Jesus.
Team Ministry	Each person brings something to the table, but nobody brings everything. We believe that the sum is greater than the parts, and that when we work together, we can accomplish more, and have more kingdom impact, than when we work alone.	We surround ourselves with people whose strengths complement our weaknesses, work together in a collaborative way, and maintain a culture of cooperation and support.

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Servant Leadership	God the Father sent Jesus into the world on a mission of love. In response to God's love, as followers of Jesus, we are called to continue the outflowing of God's love to all people. As Jesus said and demonstrated, the ultimate expression of love is sacrifice on behalf of another. Christ is most revealed when we serve in love.	We seek to be humble, observant, helpful, and to put the needs of others before our own.
Faith	Jesus calls us to be people of faith, not fear. We are called to prayerfully and courageously obey the leading of the Holy Spirit, even when we don't fully see or understand.	We trust God, and are courageous in following Jesus, willing to take risks when we discern God is leading us to do so. We take steps, not because we have all the answers, but because we believe God does.