

**Core Values:** The nonnegotiable principles we believe must be reflected in the church. Values convey who we are: the parameters we set in terms of ethical, moral and theological beliefs. Values direct our behavior.

**Our Core Values:**

- There is a God and He is the creator of all things.
- The Bible is the inspired, infallible word of God and is our standard for all belief, instruction, and practice.
- Jesus Christ is the son of God who became flesh; he died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins; was buried but arose from the tomb on the third day; has ascended to heaven and intercedes for Christians; and will someday return a second time to take believers to heaven for all eternity. (This is the message of the gospel.)
- The gospel must be shared with the lost.
- That the gospel must be believed and obeyed. This includes repentance, confession of Christ, and baptism by immersion for the remission of sins in order to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- We must love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- We must love others the way Christ loved us.
- That prayer makes the critical difference in all that we attempt.
- To present the timeless truths of the Bible in a culturally relevant way.
- Because Christ loved us, loving relationships should permeate every aspect of church life.

**Mission... gives the church purpose.  
Vision... gives the church direction.  
Values... give the church character.**