

Our values are consistent with our *Statement of Beliefs* as set out in our *Church Constitution*

• Biblical Teaching

We value biblical teaching because it is central to God's work of transforming lives - personally & collectively

2 Timothy 3:16 Hebrews 4:12

Implications:

- ✚ We encourage intentional and regular use of the Bible for reading, study and meditation; in individual and group settings, wherever possible.
- ✚ We promote Bible Study not merely for the increase of knowledge, but to discover life transformational principles applicable to daily life.
- ✚ We pursue change and growth in our lives as we respond to the power of the Holy Spirit and to his challenge towards Christlike character and behavioural growth.

• Dependent Prayer

We value prayer because it expresses our dependence on God, reveals our devotion to God, and resources our service for God.

Acts 17:28 Matthew 21:22 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Implications:

- ✚ We encourage the discipline of prayer - collectively and individually - to communicate with God, at every opportunity and for every need
- ✚ We seek to know the will of Christ through prayerful study of his word.
- ✚ We plan special times of prayer for the church family to respond to God together and to understand his will.

• Sharing Faith

We value sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in the whole world, because all lost people matter to God, and through this Good News people come into a personal relationship with God.

Matthew 28:19, 20 2 Corinthians 5:18 - 20a

Implications:

- ✚ We encourage intentional personal relationships to provide opportunities to serve others and to share our faith
- ✚ Our preaching and practices intentionally focus on the Gospel and its practical application to our present world.
- ✚ We promote resources and opportunities that assist the development of our ability to share our faith.
- ✚ During our meetings and in personal situations, we call for a personal commitment to following Jesus' way of life.
- ✚ We work with other Churches and Christian community organisations.

• Believing Community

We value the Church as a community of Christian believers, where we can together serve God, and use our individual gifts to His glory

Acts 2:42

1 Corinthians 1:9

1 John 1:7

1 Peter 4:10

Implications:

- ✚ We believe that every Christian is an active minister of Jesus, in that they are uniquely shaped to serve God in this world, through and for his church.
- ✚ We have a responsibility to use our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.
- ✚ As a community of believers, we worship, fellowship and serve together for the honour of Jesus Christ in obedience to His desires, and for our mutual benefit.
- ✚ We baptise Christians into the believing community as a significant public declaration of their faith in Jesus.

• God-honouring Worship

We value worship as a whole of life experience, because through it we honour God and affirm His worth

Romans 12:1-2

John 4:23

Colossians 3:16

Implications:

- ✚ We see ourselves as living lives of sacrifice as opposed to excess, as an identification with and adherence to the claims of Jesus over us.
- ✚ We are a people of praise, who want to be living lives and speaking words of praise about God.
- ✚ Our meetings often involve songs of praise and worship of God
- ✚ We seek to live lives that align with the values that Jesus displayed as an example to us of how our faith & practice agree.
- ✚ We appreciate the different expressions and experiences of faith and worship that are in line with our Biblical understanding of who God is and what he requires of us.
- ✚ Not only do we seek to do this as individuals who are accountable to God, we see the same disciplines being expressed through our church together.
- ✚ We recognize that all our possessions are given by God & we seek to use them to honour Him & serve others.
- ✚ We celebrate the Lord's Supper in obedience to Jesus' command to remember his saving work until he returns.

• Inclusive Relationships

We value all people as being equally loved by God and created by him in his image, but understand that everyone needs a Saviour

Romans 12:16-20

Micah 6:8

Psalm 146:9a

Implications:

- ✚ Without compromising our Christian faith, we are relationally inclusive rather than exclusive.
- ✚ We focus our ministries around the needs of people, therefore, following the example of Jesus.
- ✚ We are a multi-generational, multi-cultural community and appreciate the diversity that brings to our community
- ✚ We offer practical assistance to those in need - locally & globally.