

Mission Statement—January 2021

Love People. Know Jesus. Live Transformed.

Love People.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34, NIV).

“We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen” (1 John 4:19-20, NIV).

- Show people that they are loved and known by welcoming them to worship, listening to their deepest concerns, and caring for them as Jesus has cared for us.
- Invite and nurture a community rich and diverse in gender, age, and ethnicity.
- Serve and care for members and our neighbors locally and around the world.

Know Jesus.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1, NIV).

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:14,27, NIV)

- Learn Biblical Truth through studying God’s Word, congregational worship, small groups, and discipleship classes.
- Continually grow a closer personal relationship with Jesus and pray without ceasing.
- Discern the will of God and live lives submitting to His will, not our own.

Live Transformed.

“And we all, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:18, NIV)

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.” (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 1).

- Let your life be a reflection of God’s glory, so that others may see Him through you, and want to know Him.
- Live bold and courageous lives, built on the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Practice obedience and sacrifice; be joyful and faithful.
- Share the great hope of Christ as you invite others to have a relationship with Him.

Values—January 2021

Our Values are our deepest shared convictions and beliefs. They shape our thoughts, our actions, and how we desire to be known.

Biblical Truth. The Bible is the written source of all Truth from the one who is Truth, Jesus Christ.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV).

Growing. We commit to continually deepening our faith and helping others do the same.

“God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love – like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we grow up healthy in God, robust in love” (Ephesians 4:15-16, MSG).

Listening. We are called to listen to all people, helping them feel known, valued, and part of authentic community.

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” (James 1:19, NIV).

Serving. As Christ came to serve us, we are called to serve and encourage one another, both near and far, with humility and love.

“I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me” (Matthew 25:40, NLT).

“Serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13, MSG).

Sharing. We are called to share with others the hope we have in Christ.

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15, NIV).