

Core Values of Downtown Church

These are the values we strive for together, as a church family, by the grace of God.

God-centered Worship:

- Treasuring the glory of God in all areas of life.
- Praising God through passionate music that blends old and new. - Praying together to express hope in God.
- Emphasizing member participation in corporate worship.
- Welcoming the presence of God's Spirit.

Honoring God's word:

- Striving to be Biblically faithful and theologically rich.
- Preaching/teaching that is expository, relevant and interesting.
- Encouraging members to read the Bible.
- Obeying what the Bible commands, while being humble where it is silent.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ:

- Exalting in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior over all.
- Trusting in the cross and resurrection for forgiveness and eternal life. - Living out the gospel through a changing life.
- Proclaiming the gospel to all peoples through word and deed.

Life Together:

- Pursuing authentic relationships of love and encouragement.
- Sharing resources (time, spiritual gifts, talents and money) with each other.
- Striving for unity through humility, forgiveness and honest communication.
- Majoring on the majors and being gracious on secondary issues.
- Valuing family and friendship, children and elder generation, the sick and lonely. - Teaching on man/womanhood, marriage/singleness, parenting and leadership.

Organic Discipleship:

- Growing in our love for God and others through God's word and prayer. - Depending on the Spirit's power to follow Christ and fight sin.
- Seeking to be mentored and to mentor someone else in the faith.
- Holding each other accountable with grace and truth.
- Encouraging intimate fellowship through small group Bible studies.

Cross-cultural Ministry:

- Welcoming visitors to our worship services and into our homes.
- Thinking of practical ways to serve our neighbors, community and world. - Fighting for justice and peace for the poor, weak and suffering among us. - Reaching unreached peoples by supporting missionaries.
- Encouraging short-term mission trips to give us a global perspective.

Missional Lifestyle:

- Seeing all life as ministry and using spheres of influence (work, school, etc.). - Valuing relationships over structures, buildings, programs and numbers.
- Recognizing all members as priests, preachers and ministers.
- Living purposefully with relationships, time and money.
- Enjoying our freedoms in Christ, while respecting other's convictions and traditions.