



## **1. Worship - Loving God with All Our Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength (Matt. 22:36-38)**

To help each person develop a daily lifestyle of worship and help each person develop a close personal relationship with God as their Father, the Holy Spirit as their Friend & Helper, and with Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

### GOD IS MY FIRST LOVE

We believe that living in a relationship with God as our Father, Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and with the Holy Spirit as Friend and Helper is the greatest purpose of every child of God. We believe that God has called us to worship Him as individuals, as families and as His church – in group gatherings. Praise and worship expresses itself our daily lives as, among other things: the actual singing of songs accompanied by instruments (**Psalm 27:6**); personal holiness and obedience (**Rom. 12:1, 1 Peter 2:12**); using our money, wealth and possessions to further God's Kingdom (**Prov. 3:9; 1 Chron. 29:3**); walking in loving and healthy relationships with each other (**Matt. 5:23-24; 1 John 4:20**); care of the poor and needy (**James 1:27; Isaiah 58:6-7**), and a life of sacrificial service (**Hebrews 13:15; Eph. 2:10**). One of our highest priorities is our call to help all people come into a healthy, Biblical relationship with God.

### Six Biblical Expressions of Worship

- Actual singing of songs accompanied by instruments (too many verses to mention)
- Holiness & Obedience (**Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:12**)
- Giving (**Proverbs 3:9-10**)
- Loving and healthy relationships with each other (**Matthew 5:23-24; 1 John 4:20-21**)
- A life of Service – needs us to be selfless, surrendered (**Hebrews 13:16; Ephesians 2:10**)
- Care of the poor and needy (**James 1:27; Hebrews 13:15-16**)

## **2. Fellowship - Journeying with the People We Love (Matt. 22:39-40)**

To develop a relationship-centred ministry in which ministry takes place across relationships and to help each person build strong friendships with each other.

OUR LOVE TO GOD IS MEASURED BY OUR EVERYDAY FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS – ANDREW MURRAY

We believe that the second greatest commandment Jesus affirmed was for us to love each other. We want to encourage every member to journey with God "in-relationship" with others. We want to help people understand community-based Christianity and not self-centred religion. Therefore, we seek to build and preserve relationships as a high priority. We value people over programs and do not want to use programs, structures or events that replace what should happen through relationships. We do not want to 'use' people to build the church. We believe that the church exists for people and not the other way around.

### **3. Care – Love in Action (1 John 3:18)**

Care for 'The Family' of God by The Family of God.

NEVER BELIEVE THAT A FEW CARING PEOPLE CAN'T CHANGE THE  
WORLD. FOR, INDEED, THAT'S ALL WHO EVER HAVE - MARGARET  
MEAD

We believe that we are "our brother – and sister's – keeper". We believe that we are responsible for the spiritual, physiological and material welfare of our spiritual family. While we recognise that God has called some people to be pastors, according to the "one another" sayings in God's word, shepherding care is "care for the whole family of God by the whole family of God". We therefore strive to be a connected community who are committed to encouraging each other on towards visible expressions of love.

### **4. Going to Reach the Lost - Of All Nations (Matt. 28:18)**

To equip each person to reach people in our neighbourhoods, schools, and homes via evangelism and to partner with others to help reach the lost to the ends of the earth through missions

THE WHOLE GOSPEL BY THE WHOLE CHURCH TO THE WHOLE  
WORLD  
THE GOSPEL IS ONLY GOOD NEWS IF IT GETS THERE IN TIME

We believe that every disciple has a strategic role to play in helping the world come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as Lord and Saviour. As much as reaching others has an "attractional" element to it in us being salt and light in our communities, we believe that Jesus laid a clear emphasis on "going" to where people are to reach them. Therefore, we want to empower people to reach our immediate communities through personal relationship evangelism, special events and regular outreaches. We also want to help every member

of our church build life-long partnerships with missionaries and organizations to help reach the lost beyond our immediate regional and national boundary lines.

### **5. Growing Mature Disciples (Matt. 28:19-20)**

Baptising, Making Disciples, and Teaching them to Obey: Discipleship and Spiritual Growth (**Matthew. 28:19-20**). To help each person grow spiritually and develop into sold out radical disciples

IT IS ONLY BECAUSE HE BECAME LIKE US THAT WE CAN BECOME LIKE HIM. - DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

We believe that Jesus came to call all people to be His disciples – apprentice students of His life, message, values and ambitions. Each person whose life God changes starts a journey as Jesus' disciples and spiritual growth that lasts for our entire life. While there are many marks of spiritual growth, we believe that Ephesians 4:17-24 describes the following characteristics of spiritual growth: mature believers have been brought to maturity by spiritual mentors; have become contributing members; work to preserve unity; are becoming Christ-like by forming a new identity and personality in Christ; have love as the foundation of their lives; have learned to exercise discernment and good judgement and have learned to live a holy life.

### **6. A Life of Service (1 Peter 4:10)**

To create space for each person to serve according to their calling and spiritual gifts - both inside and outside the church, and to equip them for their ministry.

A DIFFERENT WORLD CANNOT BE BUILT BY INDIFFERENT PEOPLE  
PETER MARSHALL

We believe that each person has been entrusted with spiritual gifts with which we are to serve. We do not believe that God has centralized in one individual or even a group of leaders. Instead we believe that an integral part of Biblical fellowship is that we live as fellow-ministers in God's Kingdom. Jesus modelled a life of sacrificial service for the good of humanity and we believe that it is the call of every disciple to imitate this way of life. For this reason, we see leaders as among other things, equippers for ministry and co-coordinators of ministry. Together, each believer has a life of influence to live.