

Part Three - Our Twelve Core Values

1. We Value The Written Word Of God

We believe the written word of God is God's revelation of revealed Truth. The Bible is God's Word written, the very pure Word of God, inspired and infallible. It is our source for preaching, teaching and doctrine. We believe the preaching of the Word will change lives, save souls from destruction and give life principles for victorious living. The Bible is our infallible standard of faith and doctrine of practice. (*Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16*)

2. We Value Vision Which Gives Birth To Purpose

Vision gives direction, motivation, and translates into action. Our church has a clear, distinct, and focused calling to fulfill our vision. Our vision is set and achievable; it's a vision that every person should own personally, pray for, provide for and make a reality. Our vision is to develop fully devoted followers of Christ. The vision of our multi-generational and multi-cultural church is to reach the Merrimack Valley with one congregation, possibly meeting in multiple locations, while focusing on one culture overall: that of God's Kingdom.

3. We Value Personal Growth

The doctrine of original sin is that the very nature we have inherited is tainted and twisted. In Adam, we were born into sin, shaped by sin and driven by sin; sin has a willful, defiant and disloyal quality. When we are truly born again, we are "In Christ", not "In Adam". Christ becomes our source of thinking, our life, our feelings, and our actions. Our decision must be to grow in Christ, to be a disciple, to live a life that glorifies God, putting away the old ways and always putting on Christ. We value Christian or Kingdom Citizen growth. We build our ministries around a philosophy that believes every person should grow up. (*Galatians 2:20, 6:14; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 4:2, 6:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20*)



4. We Value Local Church

The New Testament Local Church is a community of people who have come together to fulfill the purposes of God, are structured according to a Biblical pattern, are living a lifestyle of Biblical beliefs, and are united in their pursuit of Biblical objectives. God desires the local church or His governing body to be an awesome presence on the Earth. We are to be a culture penetrating church that advances His Will, His influence, and His Kingdom! People who understand the Church and its place in God's Kingdom have a conviction that God places people in local churches of His choosing for the good of others, both in and out of the local church body. We are NOT created to live isolated, independent lives. Through committed participation in the local church, we are to find instruction, encouragement, connection and unconditional love. (*1 Peter 2:5,9; Ephesians 5:24-32, 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, 12:18; Matthew 16:16-19, 18:15-20*)

5. We Value The Presence Of God

We have a passion for God's presence and believe it is important for each individual to experience the presence of God in their personal life and in our corporate church services. We desire God's presence to fill up, permeate, pervade and cover us every time we pray and worship together. This is a driving force in all that we do in our church ministry and church services. (*2 Chronicles 5:13-14; Psalms 22:3, 16:11, 31:21; Acts 3:19; Exodus 33:14-16*)

6. We Value Team Leadership

We believe the best leadership for the local church is team leadership. Team leadership is when ministries are joined together by the Holy Spirit to work in joint cooperation, in submission and recognition of the other. In any given group of local church overseers, God places the mantle of leadership upon one leader to work with and lead the leadership team and the church. We have built our church on the conviction that a team is necessary for the success of our church. The Holy Spirit orchestrates the gifts and talents of all team members. God builds a team to fit the dream. (*Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14; Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Peter 5:2; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Psalms 133:1-2*)



7. We Value Stewardship

Stewards are people who have committed to God as the owner of all things and accept the responsibility to manage His resources. Stewardship components consist of our time, strengths, talents and money. God desires that we receive abundantly and have more than enough so as to become liberal givers. (*Proverbs 11:24, Luke 6:38, 1 Timothy 6:18-19, 2 Corinthians 8:7, Luke 16:10; Proverbs 3:6; 3 John 2; 2 Chronicles 26:5*)

8. We Value Family

We are fighting for the Biblical view of marriage. We are committed to defending the institution of traditional marriage to our friends, in our workplace, in our culture, with our children and any others in our circle of influence. We believe the family is vitally important to the work of God on planet earth. Our commitment is to those preparing for marriage and parenthood and those who are already in a married or family situation. We have a heart and ministry for those who have experienced a failed marriage, and for those who may be in a blended family situation. Whatever the variety of experience might be, we are committed to strengthening, restoring, healing and working with any and all people who will allow the grace of God to touch their domestic lives. (*Genesis 2:18, 24-25, Malachi 2:14; Proverbs 31:10, 2:17, 5:18; Ephesians 5:25-30; 1 Peter 3:7*)



9. We Value Reaching People

Reaching unbelievers, non-churched and unchurched people is a high priority for our congregation and for God's Kingdom. We are committed to loving the lost, praying for the lost, winning the lost, and discipling the young believer. We believe God loves every single person. Each human soul is precious to God, yet every one of these precious people outside of Christ's salvation will be eternally lost without knowing Jesus. God desires that none be lost and He has freely given us salvation through His Son and has commissioned us to proclaim this message daily as His ambassadors. We value the Great Commission and we, as a church, are committed to doing everything we can to win the lost locally, in our state, our nation, and the nations of the world. (*Matthew 9:35-38; Romans 1:16; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 4:10; Revelations 20*)

10. We Value Worship

The believer's response to God's presence is with whole-hearted worship and praise. This may be evidenced with the lifting of hands, singing the songs of praise and the spontaneous, unrehearsed personal song of praise. We call this the sacrifice of praise. We believe a worshipping church is a praying church. Prayer and worship are the wings of our church. (*John 4:23; Psalm 9:1-2, 111:1, 22:3, 134:2, 141:2; Mark 12:30; 1 Peter 2:5*)

11. We Value Purity

We believe that a person should become a committed church member who partners with the church's vision. This person must value the standards that are clearly laid out in scripture as well as taught in our church. Those who partner with our church are encouraged to live a life of purity, respecting standards in God's Word and living in unity with God's people. (*Psalm 51:1-4; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:9; 1 Peter 1:16; Isaiah 4:4, 1:16; 2 Corinthians 7:1; James 4:8*)

12. We Value Relationships

☞ The church is built on the foundation of our relationship to God through His Son Jesus Christ. The principle of relationship is foundational to all we do as a local church and to all we do in advancing His Kingdom. Building a relational community is a high priority of our vision and necessary to the advance and spread of God's Kingdom in our area. Connecting people relationally in every way possible is our goal. We encourage people to make a commitment to relate to one another with increasing depth, authenticity, honesty and vulnerability. We believe every believer has gifts and talents and should find a place in the church to engage in fruitful service. (*Acts 2:42; Galatians 2:9; Ephesians 4:16; Romans 16:3; John 13:34; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 1 Samuel 18:3; Ruth 1:14-18; Proverbs 17:17*)

☞ The Strategy of The Intersection is to build a church with strong beliefs and values. We want to be a church that is spiritually alive with God's presence and clearly focused on its mission and purpose. We are a church that will exercise our faith to see God's vision and mission accomplished on this earth. God's goal is to have His glory cover this planet: that means we make God look good!

☞ We desire to build a church that is willing to change methodology in order to meet new challenges and to welcome innovation and change. The church should be a contemporary and relevant church that does not and will not compromise Biblical principles.