



# Our Values

# 01

## Gospel Obsessed

The whole story of the Gospel is responsible for the transformation of the world and all who inhabit it. From people, to families, to cities, to nations, the gospel changes everything. Jesus didn't just come to make us better, He came to bring us from death to life. Everything we do and say finds its anchor in the good news of Jesus's rescue, redemption, and renewal of all things.

We never graduate from this good news. It invites and it sharpens. Until Jesus returns, we are on a Holy Spirit filled mission to invite others along. It's news so good that we fully devote our lives to its counter formation practices: prayer, worship, study, serving, and community. This story has captured our hearts and it is a fire burning in our bones to share with the people in our lives.

*Hebrews 4:12, John 1, John 10, Ephesians 4:20-24, John 17:3, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 1 Timothy 3:16-17, Jeremiah 20:9, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:160*

# 02

## We're Family

We believe church is more than an organization you join, it is a family to which you belong. Our family makes room for the outsider and anyone can belong here. We are brothers and sisters of a spiritual family where unity is sought and is a blessing. We walk with each other through the high's and low's. We have distinct language and house rules.

There is no junior version of the Holy Spirit. Our family is intergenerational. Everyone plays a role. We honor the past and champion the future. We cannot do all the ministry God is calling us to do without all the members of our family playing our role. There is nothing like the church. We give our whole lives to the family, root our lives here, and walk with each other through thick and thin. We are a family living lives on mission for our city and our world.

*1 Corinthians 12:27, John 15: 15,16, Matthew 12:50, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31*

# 03

## Kingdom People

Jesus is building His church around the world and we intend to join Him. The church is not just our building but is a beautiful mosaic of God's gathered people around the world. We love people, and we want to be a church that makes an impact locally while we extend our reach globally.

We will join the planting, revitalizing, and celebration of His church anywhere. Jesus had compassion for people that He came to save so we will see the cares of the world around us and consider it our joy to meet those needs while we share the good news. We long to see our church activated to establish spiritual, social, and cultural renewal in our city and world. We want to bring God's kingdom and push back what is evil and dark- we are desperate for people to meet Jesus. There is sincere care here for the physical, spiritual, and mental needs of our community. We won't wait for Jesus to return, we will arise and build with the Spirit.

*Matthew 25:35-40, Acts 1:8, Matthew 6:5-15*

# 04

## Generosity Is Our Response

Our God is not stingy. He does not hold back. He has poured out for us a generous amount of grace, forgiven generously, and loved abundantly. He has never held back His kindness and beauty. Freely we have received, and so cheerfully we will give. When it comes to giving: percentages are not our standard, and obligation is the wrong approach. It is our overflowing response to give.

We want to be a people who have open wallets, space in our calendars, and margin in our resources to do whatever God wants to do in a moment- even when the Spirit's prompting is hilarious. God has gifted us and so we will steward our gifts to His glory. Generosity is not a complex emotion we muster, it is a simple response to who God has been to us.

*2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Luke 6:38, Matthew 10:8, Malachi 3:10, Acts 4:32*

# 05

## Joy Is Our Default

We have been saved by a loving God, forgiven of our sins, and empowered by the Spirit of God over the prince of darkness. Jesus has made us uniquely and gifted us with amazing gifts. He has placed us intentionally in this moment of history to be more than conquerors in His name. With all of these truths, how can we not be a people marked by deep unshakable joy?

Not all of our days will be good, some will be sad and some will be hard but we will, in every season, we choose joy. We will let the unwavering reality of Jesus remind our souls to be a joyous people who dance, sing, and shout for our amazing God.

*Nehemiah 8:10, Isaiah 61:10, Hebrews 12:2, Galatians 5:22,23*

# 06

## Carry The Name

We are ambassadors of another Kingdom. Representatives of Christ Himself. Carriers of the image and the glory of God. What we do tells the story of who we are, so we strive for excellence.

From punctuality, to smiles. The way we clean, to the way we organize. We want to plan, execute and follow up with a spirit of excellence. We aren't perfect, however God deserves our best efforts so we refuse to do things halfway. We will always strive to do the best with what we have because He is worthy of it all.

*Colossians 3:23, 2 Corinthians 2:14,15, Ephesians 6:7*

# 07

## Words Matter

Language is essential. With our words we create the world in which we live. We seek to create and shape our culture by using words and phrases that accurately reflect the people we want to be and the things we endeavor to do. Words have the power to heal and the power to destroy, so we are quick to listen and slow to speak.

The words we speak reveal what exists in our hearts. We will choose language that builds and encourages, even when it corrects and admonishes. We have slogans, phrases, and a lexicon that fits us. We unapologetically use the language of our faith, but we will always invite others in. Our language may be distinct, but we never want it to preclude someone's participation. We are tactful, thoughtful, and timely with our voice.

*Proverbs 17:27,28, Proverbs 18:21, Matthew 12:34, Philippians 4:8, Galatians 6:1,2, 2 Timothy 3:16,17, Proverbs 15:1, James 3:6-12*

# 08

## We > Me

Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve, so we reflect His character. The story we are part of is greater than the role we play- Jesus is the hero, so we happily know it is not about me. Me fragments and dilutes the story. We triumphs and makes us strong. Everyone has a role to play in the story to tell- we don't all need to get credit for what we do because it is all for his glory.

We support, we trust, we unite. When humility is our heart, our first response is to assume the best. We take ownership. We squash gossip. We know we won't always get everything right, so we will talk to the right people in the right way.

*Psalms 133, Luke 14:10, 1 Corinthians 12, John 10:11, Luke 14:10, Mark 10:45, Matthew 10:28, Philippians 2:1-4*

# 09

## Compelled to Create

We know that God is the most creative being ever, and we are made in His likeness and so we are compelled to create. We desire to tell and retell the beauty of God through spaces, songs, and stories. Parents, plumbers, paralegals — every vocation and calling is called to steward what God has given and create beauty in the chaos of this world. Since God is always doing something new, there is always something new to create.

Design acts as a bridge between the church and the world, so it matters what we make. People will see us before they hear us. Our gatherings will be inviting, inspiring, compelling, and excellent. We want to be storytellers to share the stories God is doing in our house. Our community and our workplaces are empty canvases for redemptive imaginations to be unleashed..

*Daniel 4:2, Genesis 1:27, Exodus 35:35*

# 10

## Encounter Over Entertainment

When we step into the building, we are not here to consume, we are here to contribute. We know that he is worthy of our worship, even if He never does another thing for us. He is worthy of our sacrifice. Worship that costs nothing is worth nothing. The tangible presence and power of God is available to every person at every age, so we cultivate environments and moments where He can be encountered. We are a Spirit-filled, empowered people who have heard His voice and have been in His presence.

We refuse to sit back and spectate but instead, to lean in and engage. We rise above distraction and preference because our appetite is for something out of this world. Every person is a catalyst to help raise our focus, set the tone, and call people around us into more.

*1 Chronicles 16:9, 2 Samuel 6:21, Luke 7:36-50*

# ***11*** **Jesus Over Everything**

He is preeminent and central to everything we do. He is unrivaled in history and eternity. His name is the only name that makes a way. The only name that saves. We don't just want people in a church building, we want people following whole-heartedly after Him. We really don't want to be known for anything other than Him. By Him, to Him, for Him, and through Him are all things so this church belongs to Him. It's not about a pastor, a person, or a community- it's all for Him. Soli Deo Gloria.

*Colossians 1:18-20, Revelation 19:11-16, Romans 14:11,  
Ephesians 2:20-21*