

Missions Program Core Values

The Missions Program is committed to achieving its purpose using the “Ten Fingerprints” core values adopted by the Chapel. We are, first and foremost, guided by the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and prayer. There are a number of our church’s core values we find particularly relevant as we work to achieve our purpose as based on The Great Commission:

Matthew 28: 19 “Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20 teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age.”

Evangelism — Evangelism is the Spirit-inspired active proclaiming the Gospel message with the specific aim of persuading the unreached to repent and believe in Christ. We do this out of compassion and love for those who do not know the Gospel so that they may share in God’s grace.

Teaching — The Great Commission clearly identifies teaching as a core activity of evangelism. We seek to follow and emulate Jesus who, in His earthly ministry, was recognized even by His enemies as a teacher with authority. Paul and the Apostles embraced teaching as a central value in making (preaching) and maturing disciples (“equipping the Saints”). Biblical teaching takes many forms: instruction through speaking and writing, through example (1Th 1:5-6), and through dialogue (Ac 20:7).

Worship — We are made to please God. All that we do in the name of Jesus is an act of worship pleasing to God. We seek to please God through our worship of Jesus in all we do in the process of making disciples. (Philippians 2:9-1; Romans 12:1-2; Psalms 147:1, 10-12)

Diversity — God has created each believer as unique for achieving His purpose for His Church through our Lord and Savior. As we focus on our purpose in missions we will honor Him by judicious use of the great diversity of God’s people realizing ALL members of the body were created for a singular special purpose in His church. (1 Corinthians 12)

Unity — The church is commanded to be a unified body of Christ. In fulfilling our Missions Purpose Statement we will always seek unity by “standing firm in the Holy Spirit” (Phil 1:27) and through mutual love and service, prayer, communication and inclusivity. In our deliberations concerning missions, we seek to always seek the unity that result when all are filled with and obeying the Holy Spirit. (John 15:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-6)

Plurality — Each member’s uniqueness (diversity) is expressed in special gifts that are perfectly suited for specific roles in ministry. We seek to engage each and every member whose special talents can serve the needs of the Missions Program. We also believe the teaching in our church must

communicate Jesus' plan for EVERY member to be engaged in their own unique way to the command to make disciples.