

KINGDOM VALUES

*HOW WE LIVE OUT OUR CALL AS
A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH*



THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELIEVERS

The early church in the Book of Acts participated in the purest kind of fellowship. They devoted themselves to emulating Christ through worshipping and praying together, helping those in need, learning and teaching, and hospitality. As a result, the number of believers increased daily.

From that example from the early church, First Baptist has adapted a four-fold purpose, which we call Kingdom Values. Through four areas of ministry - worship, mission, discipleship, and community - we work to fulfill our call as a New Testament church.

This booklet describes what we believe about each area and details how you can get involved.

ACTS 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



Worship is our response to God's work in the world. Through it God invites us to an ever-deepening, transforming relationship.

First Baptist seeks to help you be transformed as you worship in response to God's work in your life. This should certainly happen in your personal life, but we offer several venues for worshipping in community. These services employ a variety of worship styles, yet they share a common purpose of offering the opportunity to join other believers in worship through excellent music, scripture, teaching, and prayer.

Whatever your gifts we invite you to use them to lead us in worship. We offer choirs for all ages, as well as a Drama Team, TV & Media Ministry, Art Class, and Handbells.

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WHAT IS WORSHIP?



COMMUNAL

We are meant to worship in community. When we are together with our fellow believers we can see and celebrate the work of God in one another as we unite our hearts in worship.



PERSONAL

Worship is not confined to communal services. Through the work of Jesus, we can and should boldly come to God in worship in any place and at any time with no intermediary but Christ.



EXCELLENT

There is no other response to God's glory, but adoration for the work God has done in our lives. In that adoration, we seek to live out excellence in all we do, doing it as if for God and not for people.



RESPONSIVE

In Christ we are given reconciliation with God. How can we respond to such an incredible gift? Worship is the only reasonable response! We respond, in all circumstances, with worship.



ONGOING

Worship is not limited to Sunday services. It is not limited to music. An attitude of worship should permeate every aspect of our lives from morning to night and for all eternity.



WHAT IS MISSION?



CHRIST-CENTERED

Christ is the cause and aim of mission. Our compassion, benevolence, and good deeds are born of our response to the story of Christ and provide avenues to share and live out that story.



RELATIONAL

Jesus served people face-to-face, heart-to-heart. Though it is more difficult, being with is better than doing for. At its best, mission is more about relationships than transactions.



COLLABORATIVE

First Baptist is but one expression of the Body of Christ. While we offer unique skills to advance the Kingdom, the Gospel is better mobilized when we partner with others in a collaborative spirit.



TRANSFORMING LIVES

The Kingdom of God calls us to partner with God in long-term life transformation. We are to work against injustice and equip people with sustainable tools to live abundant lives in Christ.



LIFESTYLE

Whatever one's occupation, the purpose of life is to participate in the mission of God. Our relationship with Christ will continually call us to live a missional lifestyle.

Mission is the natural result of encountering Jesus. The Great Commission makes it clear that once we have experienced the grace of God in Jesus, we are to respond by partnering with God in the redemption of the world.

At First Baptist five principles guide us as we live out the mission of God:

- Christ-Centered
- Relational
- Collaborative
- Transformational
- Lifestyle

Whatever your passion or skill, we desire to help you find a place to live out your purpose of participating in the mission of God. There are a variety of opportunities to serve! Find your place at fbcknox.org/serve/

Mission Opportunities:
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FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE
DISCIPLESHIP

As Christ followers, we are first and foremost disciples. We follow and emulate Christ, continually learning and teaching.

At First Baptist, we believe discipleship encompasses the fullness of Christian life. In Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. That redundancy is important. We are molded and shaped by Jesus and fellowship with other believers. Out of that growth and transformation, we choose to go out and be disciples making disciples making disciples.

Across the life of our church, we offer numerous small groups and Sunday School classes to help grow and equip you to go out and make disciples.

To connect with a small group today, visit fbcknox.org/smallgroups!

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WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?



OUR CALLING

Jesus calls his disciples to go out and make disciples. Whatever our occupation, our primary purpose is proclaiming the good news of Jesus and teaching others to be disciples, even as we are.



OUR IDENTITY

As disciples, our core identity is found in Jesus. In Jesus we see the fullness of God and we are shown who we should be and how we should live life.

As disciples we are becoming like Jesus.



CONTINUALLY LEARNING

Discipleship is a life-long journey wherein we are continually shaped to be like Christ. Remembering we are not finished, we must strive to be life-long learners, always growing.



CONTINUALLY TEACHING

What we learn and experience of Christ, we are to share with others. As we have learned from those ahead of us on the journey, it is our responsibility to continually invest our knowledge in others.

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MULTIPLICATIVE

As disciples we make disciples who make disciples and on and on. We must always look beyond ourselves, sharing the Gospel so that the Kingdom of God will multiply.



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY

It is not good for man to be alone.” These are among the first words spoken by God in the Bible. Yet, our society says something different.

*Do it on your own. Don't be like everyone else.
Go against the grain. Put yourself first.*

Individualism is exalted and on the rise. Social media connects us across countries, but separates us from our next door neighbors. Family and community too often fall victim to career success. We insist we don't need anyone to take care of us.

The Bible teaches us another way. In Acts, the early followers of Jesus show us true community. They surrendered what was theirs to care for one another's needs. They were consistently and authentically together, breaking bread and living out radical hospitality.

We need community. At First Baptist you will find a congregation full of people who are welcoming, loving, supportive, and always ready to extend kindness to visitors and welcome you into the family.

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WHAT IS COMMUNITY?



BREAKING BREAD

The table has long been a place of fellowship where Christians “break bread” together. Through meals together and shared cups of coffee, we come to know and be known by our fellow believers.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Whether during a small group, a worship service, a hospital visit, or a simple phone call, we believe and participate in the power of prayer for and with each other.



LOVING ONE ANOTHER

We intentionally cultivate an environment of tolerance and acceptance, but above all, love. This is a safe place to ask hard questions, express opinions, and love each other through differences.



RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Just as the believers in Acts invited each other into their homes to eat and pray and fellowship, we freely share possessions, our homes, and above all, ourselves with each other.



CARING FOR EACH OTHER

We are dedicated to meeting each other's needs on good days or bad days. When you rejoice, we rejoice. When you mourn, we mourn. We desire to be a community where every need is met.

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