



Mission, Vision and Core Values
Freeway CLC – 2003

Mission

The purpose of the Church can be summarised in 2 key Scriptures:

Matthew 22:36-40

“Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments’”.

Matthew 28:19-20

“Jesus said, ‘Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you’”

Five Instructions for the Church:

1. “Love God with all your heart” *worship/magnify*
2. “Love your neighbour as yourself” *ministry*
3. “Go...make disciples” *evangelism/mission*
4. “...baptising them...” *incorporation/discovery*
5. “Teach them to observe...” *discipleship/maturity*

To reach the world for Christ,
bring seekers into the church family,
empower them to grow to Christlike maturity, serve in purposeful ministry
and worship God.

“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that my house will be full.” (Luke 14:23)

Core Values

Every church should have a set of values by which it functions (Guidelines to aid decision making)

Commitment

We value following through and owning responsibility for the mission and purpose of the church. The cause is worth the cost.

“...Just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” (Eph. 5:25)

Authority

God’s Word:

We value the Bible as God’s word and affirm it as being our final authority in all matters.

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us to do what is right.” (2 Tim. 3:16 LB)

Leaders:

We believe that we can best protect the unity of our church by following the Pastor and church leaders, as they follow Christ.

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.” (Heb. 13:17)

Ministry

Sharing:

We value everyone sharing together in ministry so that we can serve God more effectively. It is not for just a few paid professionals.

“All of you together are the one body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” (1 Cor. 12:27 LB)

Serving:

We value the example set by Jesus that all God’s people should be about serving each other.

“For you, dear friends, have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13 NLB)

Giftedness:

God gives all new Christians a spiritual gift so we value the use of these gifts by God’s people for the building up of the church

“God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you.” (1 Peter 4:10 NLB)

“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” (Eph. 4:12 NLB)

Excellence

We desire to always give our best to the King of Kings, so we strive for excellence.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for men.” (Col. 3:23 GN)

Integrity

We value a lifestyle of honesty and integrity, which involves being open and ethical in everything we do. In this way we earn the trust of those we deal with. It also involves demonstrating behaviour consistent with words.

“We can say with utter honesty that in all our dealings we have been pure and sincere, quietly depending upon the Lord for his help, and not on our own skills.” (2 Cor. 1:12 LB)

Truth-Telling

We value graciously and lovingly speaking truth to one another, not hiding issues, harbouring resentments, spreading gossip, or avoiding healthy conflict.

“Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” (Eph. 4:15)

Conflict Handling

We value the importance of personal conflicts being resolved as soon as possible, because if left too long they may grow out of all proportion and damage the Body of Christ.

“if your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” (Matt18:15-16)

Building Community

Accepting:

We value caring about others and seeking to know and understand them.

“They devoted themselves ...to the fellowship.” (Acts 2:42)

Loving:

We believe that every person in the eyes of God is valuable and so we extend his love to others, the lost and the saved, to meet their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs.

“Let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers. (Gal. 6:10)

Encouraging:

We value building each other up, with Biblical teaching and messages that are positive, personal and practical.

“And so encourage one another and help one another, just as you are doing now.” (1 Thess. 5:11 GN)

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Evangelism:

We value the example set by Jesus to go out to the lost and tell them the Good News.

“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick... for I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Matt. 9:12,13)

Relevance:

We value the opportunity to present the Gospel in relevant and contemporary ways, in order to reach our particular community. The message of Christ never changes, but the methods of communicating it do.

“Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him, so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save them.” (1 Cor. 9:22 LB)

Social Awareness:

We value the fact that God has placed us on the earth as caretakers of his creation and so we have a responsibility to be aware of and take appropriate action on social and environmental issues.

“This is what God asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Maturity

We value the responsibility of the church to help God’s people grow in spiritual maturity and become more like Christ.

“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12-13 NLB)