

shaping our future

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH IS NORTHMINSTER?

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1. PROTESTANT

2. BAPTIST

What it means to be Baptist:

B IBLE as our source of inspiration and illumination.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

A UTONOMY of each local church.

"Christ is the head of his Body, the church. He is the source of the Body's life..." Colossians 1:18 (GN)

P RIESTHOOD (MINISTRY) of every believer

"You are...the King's priests...God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God." 1 Peter 2:9 (GN)

T ITHING

"A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." Leviticus. 26:30 (NIV)

I MMERSION

"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ..." Colossians 2:12 (GN)

S PIRIT-LED LIVING

[Jesus said] "I am the Vine, you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; but apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NIV)

T ELLING OTHERS about Christ

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

3. PURPOSE DRIVEN

Our purpose statement:

To bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, develop them to Christ-like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to magnify God's name.

Our Purpose Summary:

BRING IN, BUILD UP, TRAIN FOR, SEND OUT

4. MINISTRY FOCUSED

"Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others." 1 Peter 4:10 (CEV)

5. NEIGHBORHOOD-CONNECTED

*"You will be my witnesses **in Jerusalem**, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8 (NRSV)

6. MISSION-MINDED

Jesus said to His followers, *"Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."* Mark 16:15 (NCV)