

Our Mission

Our Mission at Toutle Christian Fellowship is to "Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples."

Our mission is based on two passages in Scripture that convey the essence of the Bible's teaching, the Great Commandment:

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV) - **37** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

And the Great Commission:

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) - **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **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."

Loving God – God's Word in Us Transforms Us: Scripture teaches that the most important thing that a person can do is to love God with "all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Everything that we do as followers of Christ must have this ultimate goal in mind, because we were made in order to bring God glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). This happens when we:

- Surrender ourselves to God's Son – Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 11:28-30
- Apply God's Word in our lives – Matthew 7:24-27; John 14:21-23
- Live in awe of God's Presence – John 4:23; John 15:5, 9, 11

Loving People – God's Love in Us Builds the Church: A natural consequence of greater intimacy with and love for God will be an increasing love for those who are made in His image. This includes living in *community*: being authentic and open with each other as we strive together to love and worship God. This happens when we:

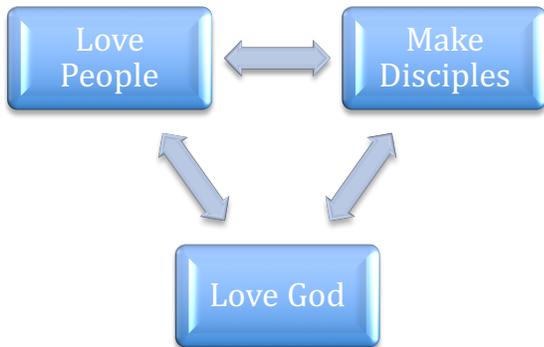
- Pursue authentic community – 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, 4:9-10
- Serve others with passion and humility – 1 Peter 5:5; Romans 12:10-11; Hebrews 10:24-25
- Pursue Christ-likeness – Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:9-10; Ephesians 4:13

Making Disciples – God's Character in Us Changes the World: Evangelism, spreading the good news of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf, is the mission of both the church and individual Christians. We are to be *disciples*, *disciple-makers*, and *disciplers*. Evangelism and disciple-making is not just the job of the missionary; it should be passionately pursued by all those who have experienced the joy of salvation in Christ Jesus. This happens when we:

- Share Christ through intentional relationships – Matthew 9:13, 36; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- Live the message of Christ through meeting practical needs – Matthew 25:34-40
- Take the message of Christ across all boundaries – Acts 1:8

Our Vision

We are committed to “Love God, Love People and Make Disciples” by being an avenue of transformation primarily through teaching the Gospel message of salvation, practicing discipleship, and building and sustaining healthy communities in the Toutle River Valley and the world.



Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples are interconnected, where growth in one area should result in growth in the others as well. At Toutle Christian Fellowship, our heart is that each ministry, each activity, everything we do together and individually will be about increasing our love for God, each other, and the world.

Our Values

- **Prayer** – Seeking relationship with and discernment of God’s will and purposes for the purpose of submitting to and serving His will, both in our congregation and throughout the world.
- **Praise and Worship** – Dedicated to bringing honor and glory to the only One to whom all praise and glory is due – God.
- **Preaching God’s Word** – Focused on teaching the truths of Scripture while looking to Scripture as the source of truth about God and His will and purposes.
- **Mutual Encouragement and Fellowship** – Building relationship with each other through loving and serving the needs of those in our family.
- **Leadership and Service Development** – Creating, mentoring, and supporting disciples, disciple-making, and discipleship within the church and the community.
- **Local and Global Outreach** – Realizing the local and global implications of the Great Commission through both supporting missions work financially and through living missional lives.
- **Cultural and Generational Relevance** – Being “in the world but not of the world” by communicating the Word of God and the Love of God in a culturally relevant manner which is still faithful to the message and authority of Scripture.
- **Community Impact** – Being a visible and relevant part of the community by working to meet needs in the community, both spiritual and physical, either within the body or through partnering with organizations and individuals sharing similar goals.