

His Place Sandbox

Our Mission Statement says:

“His Place Church exists to move individuals from wherever they are spiritually to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.”

CORE VALUES

1. THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE.

- We believe that the Bible is God’s Holy Word and it must determine how we live as individuals and operate as a church. (Matthew 28:20; John 14:23-24; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12, 5:11-14; James 1:22-27; 1 John 2:3-45)

2. SPIRIT EMPOWERED

- Christianity is more than people trying to follow Jesus teaching and example. It is God’s Holy Spirit indwelling and empowering us to live life on His terms. (John 14-17; Romans 8:9-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:18-22; Philippians 1:6, 2:13)

3. MISSIONAL

- Our primary mission is to make disciples, not converts. (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - We make disciples by going. We want to be a church that is actively engaging those who do not know Christ through our passions and activities—in the community. As disciples, our focus should never be on ourselves, but on making a difference where we live.
 - We make disciples by baptizing. This involves a personal identification with and commitment to Christ and to his body the church, which is lived out in authentic relationships.
 - We make disciples by teaching people to obey all that Christ commanded.

4. DISCIPLESHIP BY RELATIONSHIP

- Discipleship is a process that only works in the context of authentic relationships. Programs do not make disciples. Disciples make disciples and that best occurs in a small group setting. (Colossians 1:28-29) Jesus said that the test of discipleship is what happens in relationships. (John 13:34-35) Therefore, authentic relationships are the key to making real disciples.

5. GROWTH BY MULTIPLICATION

- True discipleship results in changed lives which in turn change lives. (2 Timothy 2:2) Programs must constantly be evaluated by their effectiveness in making disciples. Each disciple simply needs to make one more disciple and continue the process. **EACH ONE REACH ONE.**

6. FAMILY ORIENTED

- The family is still the best tool for making disciples. It is also one of the greatest felt needs in our society. As a culture, we are failing at the most important thing in life—significant relationships. If Christianity can work in families, then it can work in our culture.
- In our corporate gatherings this means that we want “relaxed excellence”. We want to do things well, but we want our times together to feel like a family reunion or getting together for the holidays.

7. PASSIONATE WORSHIP.

- God places a high priority on passionate, expressive worship. He set aside an entire tribe for this purpose in the nation of Israel, and we are commanded to worship Him in this way. (Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:16)

These core values have been expressed as the acrostic AIM. It is a way that we can measure our own spiritual vitality.

- **ACCURACY**

- Accurate understanding of God’s Word
(2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12)
- Accurate obedience to God’s Word
(John 14:23-24; Hebrews 5:11-14; James 1:22; 1 John 2:3-4)

- **INTIMACY**

- Intimate relationship with God
(John 17:3; Ephesians 3:16-19; John 14-17)
- Intimate relationships with those who are part of God’s family.
(John 13:35; John 14-17)

- **MINISTRY**

- Ministry to the church
(1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Ministry to the lost
(Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Ephesians 2:10)