



LEGACY CHURCH Core Values

We hold in high regard certain biblical values that are the building blocks of our vision. Without these values, the vision would be nothing more than mere words and would result in institutionalism. These values breathe life into the vision and sustain the quality of the vision.

The Value of God's Word

We believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, the authoritative and trustworthy rule of faith and practice for all Christians.

The Value of God's Manifested Presence

To enjoy God's presence is our passion as a church. We believe there is a presence of God available to God's people as we follow the pattern of worship as seen in the Psalms (*Psalms 22:3*).

The Value of Holy Spirit Activity

In both our personal and corporate life as believers, we welcome the moving of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are part of our basic belief system and practice.

The Value of the Family

We express this commitment in our strong emphasis on family in preaching, teaching, available counseling, Christian Education (*Sunday School*), and summer family & youth camp.

The Value of Dynamic, Spontaneous Praise and Worship

Our response to God's presence is seen in our enthusiastic worship: clapping, lifting hands, and singing spontaneous, unrehearsed songs to the Lord. All are done decently and in order according to God's Word.

The Value of Unity

Our goal is not conformity, but unity of spirit and purpose. Unity allows members to express themselves in a variety of ways while still maintaining the same principles and convictions. In this way we flow together in accomplishing vision.

The Value of Holiness

Holiness is not legalism that is measured by outward appearance, but a true cleansing of the believer by the power of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by Christian character and conduct. True inner purity is the goal of every disciple of Jesus who is truly repentant and wants to walk humbly before the Lord.

The Value of Fervent Prayer

We believe that intercession is the call of every believer. Therefore, the voice of prayer is heard as we pray aloud together in our services and other prayer times. We believe this principle of prayer to be the engine of power in our church life. This is accomplished by individuals praying and fasting, and by continual and primary emphasis on congregational prayer.

The Value of Reaching the Lost

We believe that every believer is called to reach those individuals who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are committed to remain aggressive in reaching our entire city, valley, state, nation and world with the message of the Gospel of His Kingdom.

The Value of Excellence

We believe God deserves the best we have to offer. Therefore, we seek to maintain a high level of excellence in everything connected to the work of God.

The Value of Relationships

Loving one another is our goal. We will work to make this practical through small groups, where every believer is encouraged to develop deeper relationships with other believers.

The Value of Integrity

There is no substitute for godly character. We hold this value in highest esteem and filter all other values through this one. Uprightness, trustworthiness, and transparency are our best foundation stones.

The Value of the Kingdom of God

We desire to positively influence the culture in which we live. We are to be salt and light to the world around us as we penetrate the political, social and educational arenas with God's Spirit and Word.



LEGACY CHURCH Statement of Faith

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the following Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible, and therefore, is binding upon all members. All literature used in the Church shall be in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith, and are reflected in the following clear statements:

1. We believe in the plenary-verbal inspiration of the accepted canon of Scriptures as originally given. The Scriptures are infallible, inerrant, and the sole and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16; I Corinthians 2:13)
2. We believe in the Eternal Godhead who has revealed Himself as One God existing in Three Persons, Father Son and Holy Spirit, distinguishable but indivisible. (Matthew 23:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
3. We believe in the creation, test and fall of man as recorded in genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to Divine righteousness. (Romans 5:12, 18)
4. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of men, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, very God and very Man. (Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14-18; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6)
5. We believe Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day, and personally appeared unto His disciples. (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 4:25)
6. We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation and His literal coming again the second time. (John 14:2-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
7. We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Calvary by which we obtain remission of sins. (Ephesians 2:8,9; Hebrews 9:12, 22; Romans 5:11)
8. We believe in water baptism by immersion in the name of the Eternal Godhead in order to fulfill the command of Christ (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; 19:1-6)
9. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a real experience at or subsequent to salvation, with the Scriptural evidence, namely, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Acts 2:1-4; 8:14-17; 10:44-46; Galatians 3:14-15)
10. We believe in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in I Corinthians 12-14, as manifested in the Early Church.

11. We believe in the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world and perfecting of holiness in the fear of God as expressing the true Christian faith. (Ephesians 5:18; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 7:1)
12. We believe in the healing of the body by Divine power, or Divine healing in its varied aspects as practiced in the Early Church. (Acts 4:30; Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14)
13. We believe in the table of the Lord, commonly called the Communion or the Lord's Supper, for believers. (I Corinthians 11:28-32; Matthew 26:26-28)
14. We believe in the reality and personality of the Devil and eternal judgment in the Lake of Fire for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:14,15)
15. We believe in eternal life for believers (John 5:24; 3:16), and eternal punishment for the unbelievers. (Mark 9:43-48; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:10-15)
16. We believe that there is one true universal Church, made up of genuine believers, but this one universal Church is also composed of many local Churches in given localities. These Churches are under the sovereign Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, exercising autonomous government under Him, administering all its local affairs and ministry, as well as the propagation of the Gospel. (Acts 15:22; with Matthew 16:18; 18:15-20)
17. We believe the God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the Church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the Church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God. (Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-24; Hebrews 13:17; I Peter 2:13-14)
18. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5, Genesis 26:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)
19. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; I Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23)
20. We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local Church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the Church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift has been made. (Genesis 14:20; Proverbs 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; I Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 6:6; Ephesians 4:28; I Timothy 5:17-18; I John 3:17)