

**COV Core Purpose:
To Love the Lord, Each Other and Our Neighbors
In Christ's Love!**

COV Core Values with Scriptures

1) Christ-centered in all we do!

In every situation, we ask the Lord what we should do. (we don't assume we know what to do by ourselves.)

1 Cor. 3:16 Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

2 Cor. 5:15 He (Jesus) died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

Eph. 2:20-21 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

Col. 1:10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Col. 3:17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

2) Bible-led (Bible authority) in all we do!

We seek to understand and live by the Lord's Manual for Life.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

3) Holy Spirit-empowered in all we do!

We seek the power of the Holy Spirit through submitting to Him to make our behaviors effective in living for Jesus. We don't try to accomplish in our own wisdom and strength.

Gal. 5:22-25 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Eph. 3:16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

1 John 2:27 But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

4) Grace-filled to each other!

We forgive each other as much as Jesus has forgiven us.

Ephesians 1:6-7 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Col. 3:13 13Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

5) Every member of COV is a minister & missionary!

We actively serve each other finding our role in the ministry of Christ's Body and we personally share Jesus in our actions and words with our friends and neighbors.

Eph. 4: 11-12 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5 And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God

1 Peter 3:15-16 And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

6) We strive for excellence not perfection!

We try to do our best in every task to honor our Lord.

1 Cor. 10:31 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Eph. 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

2 Peter 1:5-7,10 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

7) We treat others the way we want to be treated! (The Golden Rule)

Matthew 7:12 "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets."

Luke 6:37-39 3"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

