

what we believe

There is only one true God who is the eternal King, Creator and Redeemer of all that is. He is perfectly holy, just, loving and truthful. He has revealed Himself to be eternally self-existent - one being in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible, to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.

Humankind was created in the image of God to know and enjoy Him, yet we willfully rejected the Lordship and glory of God for which we were intended. Because of this, sickness, death and judgment entered the world and now creation experiences the effects and consequences of sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God, was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, and is God's Anointed One, empowered by the Holy Spirit to inaugurate God's Kingdom on earth. He was crucified for our sins, died, was buried, resurrected and ascended into heaven, and is now alive today, in the presence of God the Father and in His people. He is "true God" and "true man."

We are saved by God's grace, through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Anyone can be restored to fellowship with God through repenting, believing and receiving Jesus as their Savior and Lord. The Holy Spirit, convicts, regenerates, justifies, and adopts us as we enter the Kingdom of God as His sons and daughters.

In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live holy and minister super-naturally. The baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 1:4-8 and 2:4 is poured out on believers that they might have power to be witnesses.

The victorious redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides freedom from the power of the enemy - sin, lies, sickness and torment.

The Church consists of all who put their faith in Jesus Christ. He gave His church the ordinances of Baptism and Communion. The Church exists to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ and further advance His kingdom by undoing the works of the enemy, preaching and living the good news of God's love, discipling the nations, baptizing and teaching them to love and obey God.

In the ever increasing government of God and in the Blessed Hope, which is the glorious visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His overcoming bride - His church. Heaven and hell are real places. There will be a resurrection of the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting death.

values that express how we live...

We have committed as a company of people, to live our mission, within the context of three primary core values:

Intimacy with God
Living in Community
Expanding the Kingdom

Our highest priority and greatest joy, is knowing God in personal and intimate relationship. This is what each of us is created for - moment by moment communion with God. This is a chosen lifestyle. This is worship. This is intimacy with God.

Living in Community is a response stimulated by our intimacy with God. You will notice that as a church, our commitment is not so much to programs, as it is to a lifestyle of relationship, personal growth and contribution to a body of believers.

Opportunities for Community Life come out of our intentional involvement in corporate gatherings, small group interaction, training and equipping schools, personally pursuing friendship with others in The Mission and in the community.

Intimacy with God and Living in Community naturally translates into our partnership with Him in the work He is doing. This work is the expansion of His Kingdom. God is aggressively drawing people from the kingdom of darkness into His Glorious Kingdom of Light. He has given each of us a part to play in this great work.

This is Mission... we each have one and it all begins with **Intimacy with God**, discovering the joy of **Living in Community** with a natural overflow that results in **Expanding the Kingdom**.

our community accountability

Our local church accountability structure consists of our Leadership Team along with our Church Board.

We are also exploring relationship with others outside our local Body to partner for:

- Breakthrough in the Supernatural
- Mutual accountability in the areas of: Moral Purity, Doctrinal Clarity and Relational Harmony

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decisions that define us

At The Mission, we've made some decisions that clarify our goals as a church, and they are listed below.

It has been humbling to learn that these declarations are resonating with leaders around the globe, many of whom have called to ask for permission to use them in their own churches. Since we believe these determinations were born of the Spirit, we are happy to see them applied in the Kingdom.

Please note, however, that we are deeply concerned that you understand their context:

These decisions are not and never were a reaction to anything but the state of our hearts and the reality in our church. They are in absolutely no way a criticism of any church or denominational movement. Please don't misuse these decisions as weapons towards others. We are in this battle for high ground together: one Church, one Bride, and one Body.

In Ephesians 3:19, Paul implores us to increase our perception of God's love, letting it expand from head knowledge to actual experience. Those two levels also describe our process of commitment to these decisions. We would probably have said they were true from the beginning of our ministry. Now, however, they are points of contention, foundational truths without which we are not willing to live; a journey, not a destination.

In II Samuel 6, as David leads the return of the Ark of the Covenant, there is both celebration and sacrifice; and so it is with these commitments. As we are heeding the ever-increasing call to clear a path for the Manifest Presence and Glory of God, these decisions have each taken a piece out of our hearts and lives, and given us something priceless in return.

These are not arrogant proclamations of our accomplishments. We continue to comprehend the high cost and great value of each declaration of purpose.

So, then, here are **The Decisions We've Made...**

- We have decided that teaching the Gospel without demonstrating the gospel is not enough. Good preaching, good doctrine, and being good people is not enough.
- We have decided that having a good church club is not enough, good fellowship is not enough, and just being a member of that club is not enough.
- We have decided that having good Bible studies is good, but not good enough, that just making it to heaven is not our goal, and that knowing about God without truly knowing and experiencing God is meaningless.
- We have decided that having good programs is not enough; that change without transformation is intolerable, and that staying the same is not an option.
- We have decided that gifting without character is futile.
- We have decided that singing songs without worshiping is shallow and having meetings without God showing up is pointless.
- We have decided that having faith without works is not enough and having works without love is not acceptable - that our function comes out of our relationship first with the Father and second with each other.

- We have decided that reading about the book of Acts without living the book of Acts is unthinkable.
- We have decided that confident faith is good and bold faith is better.
- We have decided that hearing about the Holy Spirit without experiencing Him is silly, that believing in His presence without seeing It manifested in signs and wonders is hypocrisy, that believing in healing without seeing people healed is absurd, and that believing in deliverance without people being delivered is absolutely ridiculous.
- We have decided to be Holy Spirit filled, Holy Spirit led, and Holy Spirit empowered - anything less doesn't work for us.
- We have decided to be the ones telling the stories of God's power - not the ones hearing about them.
- We have decided that living saved, but not supernatural is living below our privilege and short of what Christ died for.
- We have decided that we are a battle ship not a cruise ship, an army, not an audience; Special forces not spectators, missionaries not club members.
- We have decided to value both pioneers and settlers - pioneers to expand our territory and settlers to build on those territories - but we are not squatters - people who take up space others have fought for without improving it.
- We have decided to be infectious instead of innocuous, contagious instead of quarantined, deadly instead of benign.
- We have decided to be radical lovers and outrageous givers.
- We have decided that we are a mission station and not a museum:

Therefore:

1. We honor the past - we don't live in it.
2. We live in the present with our eyes on the future.
3. We see past events - successes and failures - as stepping-stones not stop signs.
4. We pursue learning in order to be transformed, not learning in order to know.
5. We are people of engagement not observation.
6. We focus on what could be, not on what is or has been.
7. We are not limited to the four walls of this building. Our influence is not restricted by location - Not even the nations are out of bounds.
8. We are more concerned about how many we send out into the world than how many we convince to come into the building. This building is meant to be filled and it will be - but it will not be the measure of who we are or the measure of our effectiveness.
9. We raise up world changers - not tour guides. We train commandos, not committees.
10. We are a people of our destiny, not of our history.

- We have decided that it is better to fail while reaching for the impossible that God has planned for us than succeed settling for less.
- We have decided that nothing short of His Kingdom come, His will be done in our world as it is in Heaven will satisfy.
- We have decided that we will not be satisfied until our world freaks out and cries out “***Those who have turned the world upside down have come here too.***”

These decisions are not destinations - but rather journeys - journeys along an ancient path - we have not found some new way - but rather rediscovered the path as old as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The same path followed by Moses, Joshua and Caleb - Paul, John, Peter.

The path followed by the first century church - a church that revolutionized the culture of the first century and beyond.

It is a path that will impact the world we live in today. It is a path of **Bold Faith** - believing that what God says is really true and acting on it; **Outrageous Generosity** - giving our life away in order to demonstrate His Kingdom; **Radical Love** - loving God with everything in us and our neighbor as ourselves.

It is a path of liberty, freedom, and healing. On this path you find significance, purpose, and destiny.

**This is a path less traveled – however - it is not a path only available to a select few
- but to whosoever will - may come.**

It is for people of every nation, tribe and tongue -for those in any occupation or vocation.

No matter where you are in your life journey - there is room on this path for you

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