

Calvary Baptist Church

CORE VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY STATEMENT

OUR CORE VALUES

These are the non-negotiable areas of our life together that define who we are and how we choose to live as a church. These are the values that determine our priorities and inform our decisions.

Pursuit of God's Glory:

We are committed to the pursuit of God by loving Him, enjoying Him and finding deep and abiding satisfaction in Him and doing all things with excellence because this reflects on God's Glory. *[1 Corinthians 10:31; John 11:40; Colossians 3:17; Ecclesiastes 9:10a]*

Godward Dependency:

We are committed to building and maintaining a strong prayer base because we are totally dependent upon God's grace and power for life and service. *[Luke 18:1; Acts 1:14; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:2-5]*

Proclaiming the Good News:

We are committed to building bridges to the culture around us so that by word and deed we can plant the Gospel, the understanding that salvation is by grace through faith, and to reap the harvest for Christ's kingdom here and around the world. *[Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14-15; Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 9:37-38; Matthew 28:18-20]*

Love and Accountability:

We are committed to being a loving community where mutual accountability that is founded upon God and His Word finds its clearest expression in small group settings. *[John 13:34-35; Luke 10:27; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Titus 2:1-15; Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 4:11-16; Proverbs 27:17]*

Spirit Gifted and Empowered Service:

We are committed to training and nurturing disciples to holy living and understanding their spiritual gifts so they are equipped and effective in using those gifts in ministry. *[Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 4:11-5:21]*

Growing in Christ:

We are committed to knowing God by attending to the preaching of God's Word, by prayer and personal relationship with God through study and living His Word and through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. *[Acts 2:42; Ephesians 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Colossians 2:19; John 16:13-14]*

Faithful Stewardship:

We are committed to the faithful stewardship and giving of our resources for furthering God's kingdom here and around the world. *[2 Corinthians 8-9; Malachi 3:10; Luke 16:10-13; Matthew 6:19-21; 1 John 3:17-18; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2]*

OUR PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY STATEMENT

Based on the core values of Calvary Baptist Church members therefore covenant:

to worship and enjoy God with our church and family, by praying together and nurturing and discipling those in our church and family to the glory of God. *Ephesians 6:1-4*

to pray for and with one another, with earnest and spiritual passion for the glory of God. *Ephesians 6:18-20*

to boldly proclaim the Gospel to the lost through cultivating, planting, and reaping the harvest of souls for Christ's kingdom for the glory of God. *Matthew 28:18-20*

to love one another as God loves us, in caring deeds and loving words, to encourage one another, to confront when necessary, to promote mutual submission, to believe in one another for the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 18*

to serve one another faithfully and effectively with all our giftedness and abilities for the glory of God. *Matthew 20:26-28*

to follow the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice and strive to live a holy life for the glory of God. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

to give to the ministry of this fellowship, our time, treasure, and talents for the glory of God. *2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

OUR PURPOSE IS:

To glorify God by propelling people to a deeper love for God and others, strengthening relationships while becoming like Christ.

OUR MISSION IS:

To reach people in Reading, Berks County and the world with the Good News, see them disciplined to maturity in Christ, and in turn have them reach their peers for Christ.

OUR VISION IS:

That we would be a living example of Christ as we grow, go and sow in His love.

Fuel - By seeking to fuel the flame of the Gospel through Spirit filled intimacy with God, loving discipleship and effectively building bridges into the community.

Integrity - By seeking to build a brighter and hotter flame through unity, clearer communication and better organization.

Reflecting - By seeking to remove obstacles that shade or hide the light of Christ through fear and tradition and looking for opportunities to clearly reflect the light of Christ in our communities.

Exaltation - By seeking to exalt and lift up Christ's name through meaningful worship.