

Our Purpose

We are a church community that seeks to know and love God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and respond obediently to His leading in healing, serving and growing together in Christ’s love until Christ is formed in us individually and corporately.

Our Vision

Love Relationship with God

“to know the love of Christ... that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God” Ephesians 3:14-21

Our highest priority is that we will live as the beloved of God—redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ to experience the love and grace of the Father and to walk in the life and power of the Holy Spirit, responsive to His leading.

Kingdom Influence

“The Lord has anointed me and sent me... to bring good news to the afflicted... to bind up the brokenhearted... to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners... to comfort those who mourn...” Isaiah 61:1-4 (Luke 4:18-19)

As we seek and follow Christ individually and together, we will join him as He lovingly calls those around us to be reconciled to Him and each other. Life as Ministry – Others will be attracted to Christ through the grace, freedom and loving acceptance they experience from us as we are living examples of the Gospel, reflecting and ministering the Life of God in our everyday activities.

Reaching Out – In and through Christ, we will bring the Kingdom of God to human need, especially among people who are poor, oppressed or overlooked, actively caring for body, mind and spirit.

Formation

“until Christ is formed in you...” Galatians 4:19

In the context of all our relationships, we are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to become more like Him.

Spiritual Formation – In community, we will grow in Christlikeness through a process of participation with the Spirit and the Word in the practice of spiritual disciplines.

Experienced Together – We will participate in transformational relationships characterized by personal authenticity, graceful acceptance, support and encouragement in our spiritual journey.

Evidenced by Changed Lives – We will be characterized by Kingdom living within a community of love, manifesting Christ-centered values.

Equipping the Coming Generations

“the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off ...” Acts 2:38-39

We will mentor the coming generations of Open Door through discovering and developing their giftedness, assisting in their formation in Christ, and releasing to them the vision of Open Door. Our desire is to raise up leadership from within our congregation to shape the church’s vision in the future as God leads.

Our Values: The Five “Be” Statements

Be Filled: Dependency

We are utterly dependent on God and need His presence to indwell us in order to experience His grace and mercy and to glorify Him.

Be Real: Authenticity

The amazing grace of God frees us to live honest, loving, and fearless lives.

Belong: Community

The amazing grace of God requires and enables us to live connected with Him, and with others in on-going relationships, knowing, accepting, and challenging each other to grow.

Become: Transformation

The amazing grace of God compels and empowers us to pursue change and growth in the character of Jesus - the best possible life.

Be Called: Partnership

The amazing grace of God invites and equips us to serve with Him and others in doing His wonderful works.