

Statement of Core Values

GOD FOCUSED

Because God's character and Word define who we are, what we become, and all that we do Westwind Church lives God-focused. God's glory, grace, and truth compel us to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel as we seek to worship in spirit and in truth (*Philippians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 10:31; John 1:14-15, 4:23-24*).

RELENTLESS PRAYER

Because we value what Jesus values prayer is non-negotiable at Westwind Church (*Matthew 6:5-13; John 17:1-26; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 6:18-20*). Jesus modeled that prayer is the work of the ministry and taught that His Father's house will be called a "house of prayer for all nations" (*Isaiah 56:7*).

Before entering public ministry, our Savior spent forty days and nights in the wilderness, fasting and praying to His Father (*Mark 11:17; Matthew 4:1-2*). Prior to choosing the twelve apostles "to be with him," Christ spent the night in prayer (*Matthew 10:2-4; Luke 6:12-16; Mark 3:13-19*).

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

Because God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit live in perfect community, Westwind Church purposes authentic relationships. Genuine community demands we live like God—unified and experiencing genuine fellowship (*Matthew 3:13-17*).

Real community means we will do life on life and sharpen each other as iron sharpens iron demonstrating that we are better together (*Proverbs 27:17; Matthew 28:16-20; John 17:20-23; Acts 2:41-47*).

BUILDING FAMILIES

Because family is a divine institution and foundational to the Judeo-Christian faith, Westwind Church purposes to come alongside and support all families, regardless of their situation, in the disciple-making process. In Deuteronomy, Moses clarifies that love for God and biblical instruction begins in the home. The Apostle Paul reminds husbands and wives how their marriage reflects the mysterious union between Christ and the Church. Paul further instructs parents to raise their children up "in the training and instruction of the Lord" (*Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Acts 16:29-34*).

GENEROUS PARTICIPATION

Because God is generous and gave His one-and-only-Son, we value generosity. Jesus both taught and embodied that *“It is better to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35) and so Westwind Church longs to live generously. Generosity is expressed best as we steward our time, treasure, talent and touch to the glory of God (John 3:16-18; Matthew 25:18-30; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

MISSIONAL LIFESTYLE

Because God lives missionally Westwind Church embraces the mandate to go into all the world with the Gospel. In Genesis 12, God chooses Abram to bless the nations through Christ. Luke 19:10 summarizes the missionary heart of Christ when he said, *“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”*

The capstone of Christ’s heart for the nations is found in Acts 1:8 where we read *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”*

The inspiration for participation comes from Revelation 5:9 where the scene is in heaven and a new song is being sung in worship of Jesus stating, *“You purchased people for God by your blood from **every tribe and language and people and nation”** (Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 1:8; Philippians 1:3-6).*