



MYERSTOWN
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

Mission & Core Values

HELPING PEOPLE KNOW, FOLLOW AND SHARE JESUS

Know God through his Word (Jesus and the Bible)

"Repent and believe the good news"

Mark 1:15

WE ARE MADE FOR WORSHIP

"In the beginning God created..." The first five words of the Bible tell us that God is the main character and we are living in his story. When God created, he saw that everything that he made was very good. He created humans uniquely in his image to reflect his glory as we steward his good creation. We are all designed to know God, love God, glorify God, worship God and enjoy God forever. As a church we will endeavor to make God's glory supreme in all that we do. We are made for worship.

(Genesis 1, Psalms 8; 95:6-7, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Matthew 22:36-38, Romans 11:36, Revelation 21-22)

WE ARE GOSPEL CENTERED

The Gospel is God's story of redemption accomplished through Jesus Christ's death for our sin and resurrection according to the scriptures. This is good news because all humanity and all creation are fallen from God's good purposes. We are enslaved to our sin and as a result experience broken relationships with our creator and each other and are deserving of God's righteous judgment. God himself graciously accomplishes salvation for us through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Through repentance and faith in Jesus, anyone can receive forgiveness of sin, have restored fellowship with God for all eternity, and through the Spirit become a new creation, able to live the life of worship for which they were made. The good news of Jesus Christ will continually be announced in our worship, preaching, discipleship, teaching and practice of the Lord's supper and baptism. We are gospel centered.

(Genesis 3, Mark 1:15, John 3:16, Romans 8; 10:9-13, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Ephesians 2:1-10)

WE ARE RULED BY GOD'S WORD

God has revealed himself primarily through Jesus, the Word of God become flesh, and through the Bible, the written Word of God that is able to give us wisdom for salvation. The Bible is the God-breathed, true, inerrant, authoritative, sufficient and unified story of redemption. God tells us everything we need to know about himself, humanity and life's deepest questions in its sacred pages. We will resolve to faithfully read, study, preach, obey and submit to the authority of the scriptures. We are ruled by God's word.

(Psalms 1; 19:7-14; 119, Matthew 5:17-18, Luke 24:44-47, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

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Live like Jesus by loving and serving others and seeking God's kingdom.

"If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me"

Luke 9:23

WE ARE SPIRIT EMPOWERED

It is not possible to follow Jesus without the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit we participate in the new creation inaugurated by Jesus. The Holy Spirit regenerates, indwells, guides into truth, convicts of sin, illumines the scriptures, brings forth fruit and bestows gifts upon followers of Jesus. We cannot follow Jesus unless we are in step with the Spirit and filled with his power. We will seek to be dependent upon the Holy Spirit. We are Spirit empowered.

(John 3:5; 14:15-26; 15:26 - 16:15, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:1-17, Galatians 5:16-26, Titus 3:4-7)

WE ARE DEFINED BY LOVE AND SERVANTHOOD

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and others. We can love and serve because he first loved and served us. We desire to be a covenant community that demonstrates the love of Christ through authentic relationships and sacrificial servanthood. God calls his church a family, and families require love and servanthood to flourish. When we enter our church building, we will love and serve each other, and when we walk out the exit doors, we will love and serve our families, neighbors and community. If we do not have love, we are just a bunch of clanging cymbals and do not really have anything at all. We are defined by love and servanthood.

(Mark 12:28-34, John 13:34, 35, 1 Corinthians 13, Philippians 2:1-8, 1 John 4:7-21)

WE ARE SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM FIRST

The kingdom of God is the reign of God launched, taught and embodied by Jesus. As followers of King Jesus, we are called to make this invisible kingdom visible, to make God's will accomplished on earth as it is in heaven. We are seeking God's kingdom when we seek the good of our neighbors through holistic ministry, Biblical justice, generosity, righteous living, and, most importantly, by calling them to repentance and faith in King Jesus. Living under the kingship of Jesus now is a preview of the perfect future kingdom of the new heavens and new earth. Our identity with and allegiance to the kingdom of God is above any other. We are seeking God's kingdom first.

(Micah 6:8, Matthew 5-7, Mark 1:15, Luke 10:25-37, Colossians 1:13-20, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Revelation 19-22)

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Join God's mission to the world by sharing the gospel

"As the father has sent me, I also send you"

John 20:21

WE ARE DEPENDENT ON PRAYER

Jesus taught us that prayer is daily communication with our Father in heaven. Prayer deepens our relationship with and dependence upon God. As we pray God changes our hearts so that they break for the lost and beat for his mission. Prayer gives fuel to ministry and mission. Jesus modeled prayer as a key component of his ministry. Prayer breaks through barriers and unleashes God's power. Together we will seek God through prayer. When we work, we work. When we pray, God works. We are dependent on prayer.

(Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 9:35-38, John 17, Colossians 1:3-12, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10)

WE ARE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

The great commission is exponential. We are called to make disciples that make disciples. All members of the body of Christ must be equipped to use their unique gifts to be on mission as the incarnational presence of Jesus wherever God has called them. Young and old, we are all fashioned to reflect the glory of our creator as he has uniquely shaped us. The body of Christ is most effective when all its parts are equipped for ministry and involved in serving. We are committed to equipping the saints.

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, Ephesians 4:11-16, 2 Timothy 3:10-17)

WE ARE JOINING GOD'S MISSION NEXT DOOR AND AROUND THE WORLD

God accomplishes his mission by sending. The Father sent the Son and the Spirit to accomplish and apply his plan of salvation and now sends the church to announce this good news to the world. God's mission is the reconciliation of all people to himself, and God calls us to join his mission as his ambassadors. All followers of Jesus are sent to share the Gospel with the people around them and on the other side of the world. As a church we are committed to sharing the Gospel with our local community and globally with a special emphasis on unreached people groups. We are joining God's mission next door and around the world.

(Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21, Acts 1:8, Romans 10:9-17, 2 Corinthians 5, 2 Peter 3:9, Revelation 5)