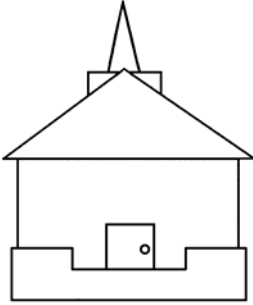


The Building of our Church



A Church is not a building, nor is it simply an organization... it is an *organism*, a living body of Believers with Jesus Christ as its head (*Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:15-16*). Therefore, as we “build” this church (or rather, as God builds this church through us), the following blueprint is our guide.

Our foundation is **FAITH** in Christ...

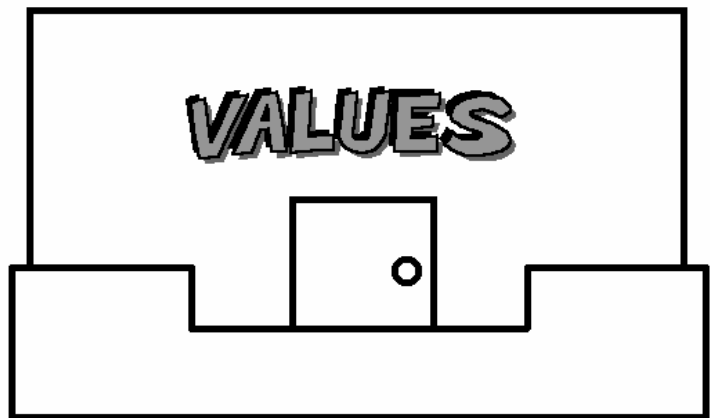


The **foundation** of all that we do and all that we are is our **faith in Jesus Christ**. We believe that He alone is the answer to the world's problems. He alone can bring forgiveness, wholeness, spiritual life, and meaning (*Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter*

2:6; John 10:7-15; Romans 8:35, 37-39). We also place our faith in Him to guide us and live in us, meeting all our need with His provisions (*Matthew 6:25-34; 2 Peter 3-4*).

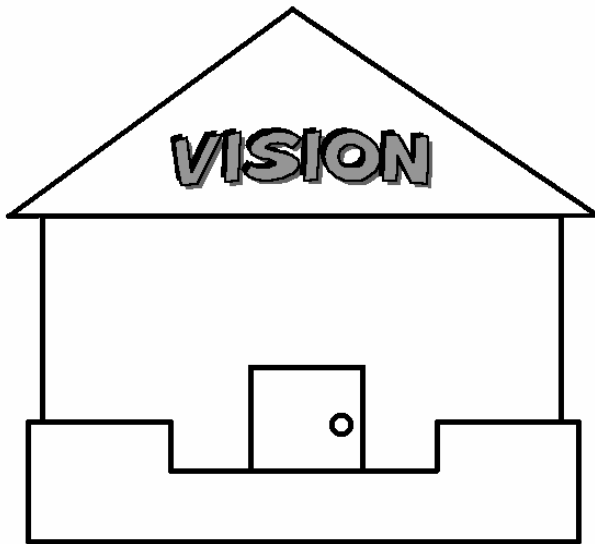
Our **VALUES** are our walls...

Our values give shape to what we think and sustain our calling, supporting us as we further become what God wants us to be. They uphold those things we do as a Church family on mission with God. Those things we value are **God's Word**, the Bible (*Psalms 119:105, 127-128; 2 Timothy 2:15-17*); we value the great **salvation** that He gives us through faith in Jesus Christ and are committed to see others enter into it (*Hebrews 2:3; Romans 1:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:9*); we value **worship** of God that is true and spiritually alive (*John 4:23-24*); we value **relevant ministry** in our community and throughout the world, confident that God desires to use us in a meaningful way, addressing the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of a broken and hurting world (*Matthew 5:13-16, 6:2-4, 10:42*); and we value the **Church** as the beloved “Bride of Christ”, her spiritual health and growth being a priority for our church family overall (*Ephesians 4:11-16, 5:22-32*).



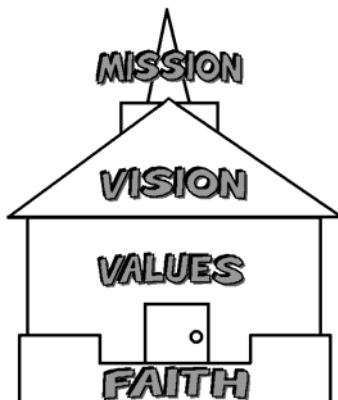
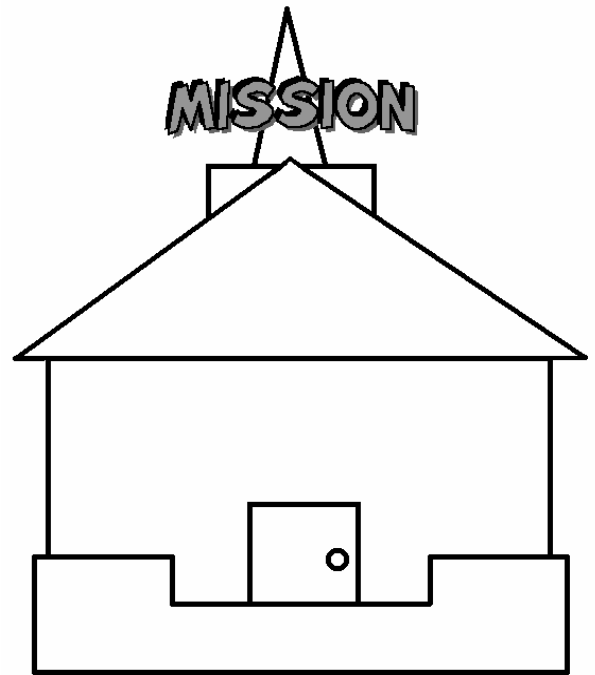
Our over-arching VISION...

Upon those things we value, God builds our vision (*Proverbs 29:18*). The vision He has given us is to see a body of Christian believers worship Him in Spirit and in truth; to live out His Word committedly; to encourage the lost to come to know salvation through Jesus Christ; to pursue the application of God's love through us into the world through actively ministering to the needs we find around us and, as God leads, around the world; to truly be the unified and loving body of Christ that He intends us to be.



Our MISSION keeps us focused...

We keep our eyes focused on what God has given us to do. We seek to carry out those things to which God leads us as we seek to further experience God's vision for us in all areas of our lives. We are on mission with God. We will actively and intentionally plan activities and events towards our vision in keeping with our values and sustained by our faith in Jesus Christ. From worship services to community outreaches and mission trips to fellowship events for church members, we seek to "know Christ and make Him known."



*Show me Your ways, O LORD,
teach me Your paths...*
Psalm 25:4