

Alive in Christ Core Values

Right value on people:

Our belief is that all people are valuable in the sight of God and that no one individual is any more important than another. We further believe that all people are to be valued and treated as equals, regardless of their function within the Body of Christ. To this end, we seek to regard and edify each person as unique individuals; whom God loves and has brought into His family.

Relationship over structure:

We believe; that healthy relationships are the key to everything being successfully held together. To this end, we endeavour to devote our time, energy and resources, to building and deepening healthy interpersonal relationships, rather than to the structures that facilitate growth and expansion.

Servant leadership & ministry:

We believe that the degree to which an individual person is qualified to serve as a leader, is determined by their willingness, commitment and ability to serve. Furthermore, we believe that the motivation for all service through ministries within the local Church, should be based on Jesus' *humble, gentle* and *loving* example of service to others.

Complementary partnerships:

We believe that we are called and connected together by God in order to compliment one another and not to compete against each other. Therefore, we endeavor to love one another, serve and submit-to one another, appreciating, respecting, and edifying one another in our callings and giftings.

Character above gifting:

We believe that godly character is to be preferred above gifting and charisma. Our conviction is that the responsibility of carrying a gift should be well balanced with sufficient strength of character for its longevity of impact and influence.

Empowering and equipping environment:

We believe in equipping and empowering individuals to walk fully in their gifting and calling, and understanding their potential along with knowing who they are in Christ. Therefore, we believe that the role of leadership is to facilitate growth and provide an environment conducive to it.

Responsibility & accountability:

We believe in mutual responsibility and accountability. We believe that every person must be responsible for their own actions in every respect and that no one should accept any responsibility if they are not willing to be accountable.

Reconciliation over being right:

We believe that reconciliation is more God's heart than being right in every situation. In as much as principles and convictions are an integral part of our relationships, we prefer to be reconciled with one another; rather than apportion blame when things do not work according to everyone's expectations and plans.

Stewardship & ownership:

As born-again believers, we are joint heirs with Jesus and therefore we will have to give an account concerning how we administered the estate that God had entrusted to us, whether it was people, finances, relationships or churches. As co-owners of all things with God we have the responsibility to be faithful stewards, who have been called to steward the estate according to God's purpose as revealed in His Word.

A can-do attitude is priceless:

We believe, as people of faith and with God on our side, all things are possible to us. We therefore place a high premium on an attitude and language of victorious life in Christ. In the light of this, we do not vote concerning the direction of the Church, we hear from God corporately and obey His instructions. Our attitude will certainly determine our altitude.

World-wide vision:

We share in and believe that God's vision is a global vision. To this end, we shall endeavor to use every available resource to reach the nations for Christ, until all the families of the world are blessed. However, we also believe that our global vision should only be an extension of what is working in the local Church and therefore our local congregation takes priority over all other national and international ministry.

Footnote: All Christians need each other; we are all part of the body of Christ (The Church). As believers in Christ we strengthen, encourage, admonish and comfort one another, and worship God, when we assemble together.

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