

VISION, VALUES & BELIEFS



SUNNYBROOK
community church

SEEKING those who don't know Jesus,
GROWING those who do,
SENDING those who will.

OUR core VALUES

1. That biblical teaching is the catalyst for transformation in individuals' lives and in the church.
Romans 12:7
2 Timothy 3:16-17
James 1:23-25

2. That lost people matter to God, and therefore should matter to the church.
Luke 5:30-32
Luke 15
Matthew 18:14

3. That the Church should be culturally relevant while remaining biblically pure.
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

4. That Christ-followers should be authentic and yearn for continuous growth.
Ephesians 4:25-26, 32
Hebrews 12:1
Philippians 1:6

5. That a church should operate as a unified community of servants with men and women stewarding their spiritual gifts.
1 Corinthians 12 & 14
Romans 12
Ephesians 4
Psalms 133:1

6. That loving relationships should permeate every aspect of church life.
1 Corinthians 13
Nehemiah 3
Luke 10:1
John 13:34-35

7. That life-change happens best in small groups.
Luke 6:12-13
Acts 2:44-47

8. That excellence honors God and inspires people.
Colossians 3:17
Malachi 1:6-14
Proverbs 27:17

9. That churches should be led by men and women with leadership gifts.
Nehemiah 1-2
Romans 12:8
Acts 6:2-5

10. That the pursuit of full devotion to Christ and His cause is the goal for every believer.
1 Kings 11:4
Philippians 2:1-11
2 Corinthians 8:7

WHAT WE BELIEVE

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. ABOUT GOD

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1, 26-27, 3:22
Psalm 90:2, Matthew 28:19
1 Peter 1:2, 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return to earth again someday to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6
John 1:1-5; 14:10-30
Hebrews 4:14-15
1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11
1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17
John 14:16-17, 16:7-13
Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16
Ephesians 1:13, 5:18, Galatians 5:25

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God it is the truth without any mixture of error.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21
2 Timothy 1:13; Proverbs 30:5
Psalm 12:6, 119:105, 119:160

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called sin. This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6
Isaiah 53:6, 59:1-2
Romans 3:23

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Romans 5:1, 6:23
Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12, 14:6
Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26

7. ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot lose it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12
Hebrews 7:25, 10:10-14
1 Peter 1:3-5

8. ABOUT ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16, 14:17
Romans 6:23, 8:17-18
Revelation 20:15
1 Corinthians 2:7-9