

# LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

## CORE VALUES

TRUTH



EVANGELISM



DISCIPLESHIP



PRAYER



UNITY



WORSHIP



STEWARDSHIP



### BIBLICAL TRUTH

We honor the Bible as the revelation of God to man and our final authority for belief and behavior

It is by the Word of God that the Spirit of God forms and shapes the church for His glory. We are convinced that the Word is necessary and sufficient for the salvation of people and the growth and health of the church. Therefore Biblical Truth should govern every aspect of our life together. As a church, we will commit to proclaiming, knowing, understanding, and obeying the Bible.

- *Getting into the Word. Getting the Word into us*
- *Treasuring His Word. Walk in His Truth.*

Since work of the church is a spiritual work, we are ever-dependent on the Spirit's enablement. Therefore we will seek to devote ourselves to the priority of praying together as a congregation, and giving ourselves to devoted prayer as individual members.

- *Prayer is the most practical thing we will do.*
- *The mission moves forward as we pray together.*



### CONSTANT PRAYER

We engage in continual communion with God and declare our dependence on Him with thanksgiving



### INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

We proclaim the Gospel to others calling them to repentance and faith

The local church is God's means of getting the message of the Gospel to the world. Therefore, we will endeavor to be a church that accurately understands the Gospel and is committed to lovingly proclaim the Gospel locally, nationally, and globally.

- *The gospel travels best on the road of relationships.*
- *We are proclaiming the gospel, not promoting our brand.*
- *Ordinary people doing ordinary things with Gospel intentionality.*
- *Churches, not just individuals, fulfill the Great Commission.*

The church builds itself up as members are equipped to speak the truth in love. Therefore we will emphasize, encourage, and promote the priority of spiritually intentional relationships within the body. Our pastors will commit to equipping and enabling members to effectively minister, and members will commit to being equipped. To multiply the equipping of disciple-makers, we will seek to identify and develop future leaders.

- *People disciple people*
- *Every member is a minister*
- *Multiplied leaders leads to multiplied ministry*



### COMMITTED DISCIPLESHIP

We help each other follow Jesus through the prayerful ministry of the Word in loving relationships.



### SPIRITUAL UNITY

We pursue a breadth and depth of committed relationships that display the unifying power of the Gospel

Church is a group of people to whom we belong, and that belonging is built on a mutually recognized commitment to Jesus and to each other. Therefore, we will recognize our responsibility to and for one another as members of a body by living in selfless, sacrificial love for the good of our fellow-members. We will guard the integrity of the body by being attentive to whom and how we receive and discipline members. Our commitment to one another will be a mutually recognized commitment, not casual and "assumed".

- *Church is not a place or an event - it's a body to whom we belong.*
- *Hospitality and discipling is how we get involved in church.*

As an identifiable group of baptized believers, a church gathers together to celebrate the glory of King Jesus, to proclaim His message, and to identify, oversee, and care for His people. Therefore, our gatherings will center on exalting Christ as Lord and Savior, joyfully submitting His Word, and, as fellow-citizens of His kingdom, encouraging one another toward faithful allegiance to Jesus.

- *We read, hear, preach, pray, sing, and see the Word.*



### CORPORATE WORSHIP

We gather together to joyfully express our love and loyalty to Jesus as King



### FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

We generously invest our God-given resources to further His eternal purposes

The church is to give generously in order to support the ministry of the gospel and care for each others' needs. Therefore, we will always be ready to give of our time, energy, and finances to support the advancement of the Gospel. We will be eager to meet the needs of one another, and, as we have opportunity, we will seek to display the love and mercy of Christ to outsiders in need.

- *Live reasonably; give generously*
- *We make time for what's most important*



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