

# OUR VALUES

## STATE OF THE CHURCH 2019

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### OAK RIDGE'S DEEP CONVICTIONS

1. We value God's **PURPOSES** over programs.

*"...Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose." (1 Corinthians 1:10, The Living Bible)*

*"Jesus replied, " 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39, NLT)*

*"Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you..." (Matthew 28:19-20, NLT)*

#### The 5 Purposes of the Church

<i>love the LORD your God</i>	WORSHIP
<i>Love your neighbor as yourself</i>	STEWARDSHIP
<i>go and make disciples of all the nations</i>	PARTNERSHIP
<i>baptizing them</i>	FELLOWSHIP
<i>Teach these new disciples to obey</i>	DISCIPLESHIP

**The message never changes, but the METHODS must constantly change.**

2. **WORSHIP:** We value **COURTESY** over conformity.

*"If you come together as a congregation and some unbelieving outsiders walk in on you as you're all praying in tongues...won't they assume you've taken leave of your senses and get out of there as fast as they can?...Be courteous and considerate in everything." (1 Corinthians 14:23-25,40 The Message)*

**We put the needs of the lost above the PREFERENCES of the found.**

3. **STEWARDSHIP:** We value **SERVICE** over "serve us!"

*"Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many." (Mt 20:28, The Living Bible)*

**Making a difference is what MAKES ME DIFFERENT.**

4. PARTNERSHIP: We value reaching the NEW over just keeping the few.

*“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” (Luke 19:10, NLT)*

*We will do anything SHORT OF SIN to reach people who are far from God.*

5. FELLOWSHIP: We value RELATIONSHIPS over rituals.

*...Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other. (Romans 12:5b, God’s Word)*

*Christian fellowship means we are as COMMITTED to each other as we are to Jesus Christ.*

6. DISCIPLESHIP: We value spiritual GROWTH over religious knowledge.

*“This is the kind of life you’ve been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step.” (1 Peter 2:21, The Message)*

*“I run with purpose in every step...” (1 Corinthians 9:26, NLT)*

*Healthy growth occurs in STAGES AND STEPS.*

7. We value COMMITMENT over comfort.

*“May your hearts be committed to the LORD our God. Then you will live by his laws and keep his commands...” (1 Kings 8:61, GW)*

### **ACTION STEP**

**Recommitment Covenant / 2019 Survey**