

**“Our Core Values Revisited”
Vision Sunday 2024**

Introduction:

Proverbs 16:1–3 – “The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives. Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.”

2 Timothy 3:1 – “But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.”

2 Timothy 4:3 – “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires...”

“Attempt something so impossible that unless God is in it, it’s doomed to failure.”—John Haggai

“What do we desire to do that we believe will bring the greatest glory to God regardless of what the future holds?”

Proverbs 29:18 – “Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law.” (cf. Jeremiah 23:16; Ezekiel 12:22) (Note: The word “unrestrained” – the Hebrew word *para* – means to be out of control....to be drawn away...to be left uncovered and unprotected in battle.

Campus Bible Church is the people of God linking together for the cause of Christ in our community and the World.

Core Value #1: At Campus Bible Church every member is a minister.

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

Reversing the 80-20 Principle

Core Value #2: Campus Bible Church is an elder-led, staff-managed, people-implemented church.

The Elders Primary Responsibilities (1 Peter 5:1–4)

Our Responsibilities to Our Elders (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–23)

The Role of the Senior Pastor

Core Value #3: At Campus Bible Church you mean something.

Core Value #4: We at Campus Bible Church believe healthy churches are growing churches.

Acts 20:27 – “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.”

1 Thessalonians 5:19–22 – “Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.”

Closer through fellowship • Stronger through doctrine • More passionate through worship • Broader through service
Larger through evangelism • Deeper through discipleship • More effective through prayer

Core Value #5: Campus Bible Church desires to be a global church that is kingdom-minded in its thinking and worldwide in its outreach.

What does a GLOCAL (Global + Local) church look like (cf. Colossians 4:1–5)?

Our Family • Our Neighborhood • Our Workplace • Our School • Our Community • Our State • Our Country • The World

Core Value #6: Campus Bible Church desires to be a healing center where those who have been wounded can come and find a place to be fed and loved.

1 Thessalonians 5:14–15 – “We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.”

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

Core Value #7: Campus Bible Church desires to be a worship center where worship is about heart and not art.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–17 – “Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Concluding Challenge: “Come! Grow! Go!”

Our Challenge: To Come! (Our Centripetal Force)

Our Calling: To Grow! (Our Internal Force)

Our Commission: To Go! (Our Centrifugal Force)

Pilgrim vs. Tourist

- A pilgrim comes into a new area...ready and willing to sacrifice in order to build something great for the next generation.
- A tourist comes into a place, enjoying all the things that those in the past invested.

CBC Pilgrim’s Pledge - Part 1: I will offer my support to this local church with my time, my talents, and with my treasures.

CBC Pilgrim’s Pledge - Part 2: I will commit to pray regularly for this local church.

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 – “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

To God be the glory for what He is going to do in us and through us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTION ITEMS:

1. Do you believe God has called you to this local church?
2. Which of the core values is most appealing to you?
3. In what ways can you increase your commitment and involvement in your local church?
4. Are you a pilgrim or a tourist?
5. What did you get most out of this message?