

Our
Church



Its
Purpose

Who is FCBC and where are we going?

“The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ died a substitutionary and propitiatory death as the once for all sacrifice to God for our sins and overcame death by rising again to life. This sacrifice satisfies the demands of God’s holy justice, appeases His holy wrath, demonstrates His mysterious love, and reveals His amazing grace. This free gift of salvation is provided by **Grace** alone, through **Faith** alone, because of **Christ** alone, for the **Glory of God** alone.”

- FCBC Doctrinal Statement



We are a community of faith (that is to say, a Faith Community). That is, a group of believers that have been saved by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. We are believers who **gather**.

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There is one universal Church, composed of all who in every time and place are chosen in Christ and united to Him through faith by the Spirit in one Body with Christ Himself as the all-sustaining and all-authoritative Head. We believe that the ultimate purpose of the Church is to glorify God forever.

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It is God's will that the universal Church find expression in local churches in which believers gather to hear the Word of God proclaimed, to engage in corporate worship, to baptize new believers, and partake in Lord's Supper. Each member of the body is called to exercise his/her spiritual gifts in building one another's faith by encouraging, loving, exhorting, discipling one another, and engaging in evangelism of the lost. **Key Texts: Acts 1:8; 2:42; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Eph 2:19-22; Col 1:18; 3:16-17; Heb 10:23-25.**

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2. Through MINISTRY
3. For MATURITY



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- a. Humility
- b. Gentleness
- c. Patience



Humility, Gentleness, Patience

1. one body
2. one Spirit
3. one hope
4. one lord
5. one faith
6. one baptism
7. one god and father



“Since God is himself a unity of persons who are different but equal and ordered in love for each other, every church he gathers under Christ is to be a unity of different but equal persons ordered in sacrificially loving roles, serving each other. How exciting to realize that our church community reflects our Creator!”

-Richard Coeken



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“Using our gifts is necessary, for when the church recognizes its unity and strives more and more to preserve it, each member co-operating with all the others, the gospel will move mightily forward among the nations, the church itself rejoice, Satan tremble, and the name of God be glorified...



...And what's more, is that this unity makes allowance for diversity of gifts among the many members of the one body. In fact, this very diversity, far from destroying the unity, will, if properly used, promote it."

-William Hendrickson



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

-1 Corinthians 12:4-7



the real comfort and glorious lesson for everyone must ever be: I have received my gift, be it great or small, from Christ himself. I must use it, therefore, as he requires. The giver will not fail me when I use my gift for the benefit of all as He intended.”



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“Do you want to see what the kingdom of God looks like, at least before it is made perfect? Do you want to see the life of the kingdom lived out in this age? Look at the church. That’s where God’s wisdom is displayed, where people who were formerly alienated are reconciled and united because of Jesus, and where God’s Holy Spirit is at work remaking and rebuilding human lives. It’s where God’s people learn to love one another, to bear one another’s burdens and sorrow, to weep together and rejoice together, and to hold one another accountable. Of course it’s not perfect, but the church is where the life of the kingdom is lived and showcased to a world desperately in need of salvation.”

-Greg Gilbert, “What Is The Gospel”



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