

Vision & Values of E1BC

Psalm 1

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Mission Statement:

We exist to display the glory of God
and declare His gospel
for our joy and the good of our neighbors.

Values:

1. Rooted in Scripture.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2. Anchored by Relationships.

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

(Hebrews 3:13)

3. Committed to Service.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(Mark 10:45)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

(Philippians 2:3)

4. Mobilized for Mission.

"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

(Matthew 5:16)

...we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

How are we going to accomplish our goals?:

a. Gather regularly.

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

(Hebrews 10:24-25, emphasis added)

b. Connect meaningfully.

Bear one another's burdens...

(Galatians 6:2)

...exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

(Hebrews 3:13)

c. Serve selflessly.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

(1 Peter 4:10)

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(1 Corinthians 12:7)

How am I doing?:

- How often am I present when the church is gathered?
- What am I doing to grow in my knowledge of the Scriptures?
- Am I actively hiding God's Word in my heart?
- How am I giving my time, talents, and treasures to serve my church family?
- What am I doing to get to know others in my faith-family?
- Who has the freedom to correct me and speak truth into my life?