



Seven Core Values

What we believe . Who we are . How we live . What we do

Introduction

Our constitution provides a framework of beliefs, values and purposes around which CityLife Church operates.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Statement of Faith – Beliefs

WHO WE ARE

Core values

HOW WE LIVE

Statement of Purposes –
Our Purpose and Mission

Shared Spiritual Practices are ‘what we do’ to underpin and live out our beliefs, values and purposes.

Seven Core Values

Our core values define who we are and are the attributes / characteristics that we express in order to fulfil our Mission.

1	Jesus-Centred We centre our lives on Jesus – His gospel story shapes who we are, how we live, and what we do.	pg 3
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Values by Church Life Dimension

Our seven values can be categorised by church life dimension as follows:

UPWARD – LOVE GOD

- 1 Jesus-Centred
- 2 Spirit-Filled

INWARD – LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- 3 Welcoming
- 4 Life-Sharing

UPWARD, INWARD & OUTWARD

- 5 Disciple-Making

OUTWARD – LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

- 6 Hope-Bringing
- 7 Multiplying

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VALUE 1

We are a Jesus-Centred Church

“We centre our lives on Jesus—His gospel story shapes who we are, how we live, and what we do.”

DESCRIPTION

Jesus defines our identity, directs our purpose, and transforms our lives. We ground ourselves in His gospel story, imitate His character, and align our hopes and decisions with His Kingdom. Our worship, relationships, and mission flow from a deep, authentic devotion to Christ.

SHARED PRACTICES

Worship services, focused prayer seasons, regular prayer meetings, regular Bible reading programme, Life Group discussion studies, biblical preaching, teaching series.

Key Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

... I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand... For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

Romans 1:1-4

“... set apart for the gospel of God— the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son ... appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Philippians 2:1-11

“... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ...”

Ephesians 2:6-10

“... we are ... created in Christ Jesus to do good works ...”

Hebrews 12:1-3

“...fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith...”

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VALUE 2

We are a Spirit-Filled Church

“We are empowered by the Spirit of God – His presence transforms us, His gifts enable us and His Word guides us.”

DESCRIPTION

We cultivate a lifestyle of prayer, worship, and expectancy. We welcome the Spirit’s presence and power, embrace His gifts, and follow His prompting into bold, faith-filled action. We rely on Him and His Word for wisdom, transformation, empowerment, and effectiveness in every area of life and mission.

SHARED PRACTICES

21 Days of Prayer & Fasting, 24/7 prayer week, monthly day of prayer, Intercessory Teams, encouraging and fostering the gifts of the Spirit, Prophetic Presbytery.

Key Scriptures

Ephesians 4:18-20 “... be filled with the Spirit ...”
Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...”
Acts 2:4 “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”
1 Corinthians 12:4, 31 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.as the Spirit enabled them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord ... eagerly desire the best gifts.
Galatians 5:16-25 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh ... but the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace ...
Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

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VALUE 3

We are a Welcoming Church

“We are one church in many places – every generation, culture and person is welcomed, valued and invited to contribute.”

DESCRIPTION

We are united in our diversity. We embrace the beauty and complexity of a diverse church. We build bridges and serve intentionally across all ages and cultures. We create spaces and places where belonging is real, and unity grows through shared mission and mutual honour. We value women and men as equal partners in life and ministry. Our diversity strengthens our witness and reflects the breadth of God’s Kingdom.

SHARED PRACTICES

Homogenous Life Groups, age-based ministries, language-based ministries and congregations, International Festival.

Key Scriptures

Galatians 3:26-29
“... There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus ...”

John 17:21-23
“That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me...”

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VALUE 4

We are a Life-Sharing Church

“We build loving, authentic and life-giving relationships together in community.”

DESCRIPTION

We pursue a community marked by trust, honesty, encouragement, resilience and love just as Christ loved us. We walk with one another through growth and struggle, celebrating wins and carrying burdens. In this relational environment, people flourish, faith deepens, and authentic, life-giving relationships become a way of life.

SHARED PRACTICES

Life Groups, telecare, pastoral structure.

Key Scriptures

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 10:10

“I have come that that they may have life and have it to the full.”

1 John 3:16

“ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

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VALUE 5

We are a Disciple-Making Church

“We grow into the likeness of Christ – applying God’s Word and following His ways as disciples who make disciples.”

DESCRIPTION

We take intentional steps to grow, learn, and follow Jesus more deeply. We continually seek to apply God’s Word to our life and move from passive observation to active participation. Just as Christ is formed in us, we seek to guide others in their walk with him. We raise and release disciples and leaders who carry Jesus into homes, workplaces, communities, and cities.

SHARED PRACTICES

Next Steps pathway, disciple making indicators, Lifetracks courses, Leadership Hub.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 28:19-20**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- John 8:31-32**

“ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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VALUE 6

We are a Hope-Bringing Church

“We share the hope we have in Jesus with compassion and care – putting love into action.”

DESCRIPTION

We engage our neighbourhoods and communities with genuine care and courageous faith. We meet real needs, pursue justice, and build relationships that open doors to the gospel. Our compassion strengthens our witness, our witness flows from compassion. Through the Spirit’s leading, we share Jesus in ways that are relational, thoughtful, and transformative.

SHARED PRACTICES

Personal evangelism training, Community Impact partnerships and weekends, CityLife Community Care, Kingdom Stories.

Key Scriptures

1 Peter 3:15
“ ... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...”

Colossians 1:23
“ ... do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven...”

Jeremiah 29:4-14
“ ... For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future...”

Luke 19:8-10
“ ...For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Matthew 22:29
“ ...Love your neighbor as yourself...”

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VALUE 7

We are a Multiplying Church

“We are on mission – sending disciples, and multiplying ministries and congregations to expand His Kingdom near and far.”

DESCRIPTION

We live with a sending posture that looks outward and forward. We step into new opportunities with innovation and boldness, raising up teams, leaders, and communities of faith that multiply beyond us. We courageously and faithfully steward the people, resources, and opportunities God entrusts to us for kingdom impact. With generosity and faith we cultivate movements of churches that extend the reach of the gospel across communities, cities, and nations.

SHARED PRACTICES

Church multiplication, World Impact partnerships and adoption.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 1
“God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase (multiply) in number; fill the earth ...”

Matthew 28:19-20
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Acts 1:8
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”