

CapChurch Values

What we believe in before anybody comes or anything happens.

At CapChurch we believe in biblical values. By that we mean that we hold in high regard those values which “create life” – values God has revealed to us through the Bible for our own good. In our community of faith these values are what we are before anybody comes or anything happens. To the degree that we adopt these values and live them out, we are successful.

Pursuit of God — We seek Jesus Christ and wait expectantly for His presence in all that we do (John 4:34, 5:19-20). Pursuing and waiting — we think that this is worship.

Teaching from the Bible — The bible is our final authority and so we teach and conform our lives to God’s Word. We are challenged to live, conduct our business and shape our ministry in response to Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Unity in the Church — Our brothers and sisters are never our enemies, neither is another church. We will love what Jesus loves: the whole church (Ephesians 4:3-6). And we will seek creative ways to participate with others in God’s Kingdom.

Equipping & Empowering — God calls and enables believers to express the talents, gifts, and ministries that He has set aside for them. This power will be expressed in our various living, vocation, church and school communities (Ephesians 4:11-13). Church is the context for empowerment for living life better.

Compassion & Mercy — We desire to stand with anyone who is attempting to walk in adherence with God, is grieved about his wrong-doing, recognizes their need for forgiveness, and is responsive to the teaching of Scripture and the leadership of the church. God’s mercy always triumphs over judgement (James 2:13; John 8:1-11).

Simplicity — We want to be “naturally supernatural” in all the ways that we conduct our lives; and we seek to avoid behaviour that diverts right focus from Jesus to ourselves (1 Corinthians 2:2-5; 1Thessalonians 4:11-12).

Generosity — We are stewards of God’s generosity to us (Matthew 10:8,39; 13:45-46). We do not own our ministries or our affluence, so they are not ours to defend nor keep. We give for the privilege of giving.

Community — We know that maturity develops in an environment of trial-and-error, so we are patient with people’s weaknesses and failures as they grow in the right direction (John 12:15-19; Galatians 5:22-23). This is also where we learn to serve – it is not about us, it is all about God.

Covenant & Relationships — Caring for people is our highest priority after submission to God. The purpose of the cross was the winning back of men and women who have been far from Him (Romans 12:9-13; 1 Corinthians 13:4-9; Colossians 3:12-14).

Welcome — We seek to welcome Christians and pre-believers and to discover something of the wonder of God’s creation in each adult, teen or child. People are important to God and to us.

We have also expressed our values as “desired outcomes” for our community –see the [CapChurch Desired Outcomes Statement](#) on the website, [capchurch.ca/ wp-content/uploads/documents/CapChurch_Desired_Outcomes.pdf](http://capchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/documents/CapChurch_Desired_Outcomes.pdf)

The following is the Nicene Creed – a belief statement endorsed by most of Christendom since the 4th Century. This is also what we at CapChurch embrace as followers of Jesus Christ.

“We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
“We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

(For information on the Nicene Creed, you may wish to read Nicene Creed in Wikipedia .)

The Christian Life

[How does one get started in the Christian life?](#) good question. Visit the website capchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/documents/CapChurch_Desired_Outcomes.pdf to find a simple explanation.