

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

Lesson 8 - The Core Values of the Church

Prayer (Our Life)

Our entire being as a Church is inextricably tied to prayer. Prayer is our life sustenance, the very means by which we commune with GOD, hear from GOD, experience the intimacy of GOD, and are strengthened to appropriate the Word of GOD into our lives. A praying Church is the Church which is alive to GOD, knowledgeable of His will, active in His plan, and ever seeking His face. We are the praying Church, whom corporately and individually never ceases to meet with GOD, to know Him and to do His will with our whole heart.

Love (Our Foundation)

GOD's love was manifested toward us in giving His only begotten Son that we may have eternal life. The center of our witness will always be GOD's love: His for us, ours for Him, and ours for one another and the lost.

Worship (Our Call)

We passionately worship GOD, for it is in worship that we encounter His life-changing presence. Worship is our highest order of business, where we fervently seek the face, heart, and ways of GOD. In praise we seek His face; in prayer we discern His heart; in study of the Scripture we learn His ways.

Spirit-Filled (Our Power)

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost and fire, which took place on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 and subsequently throughout the New Testament, is our inherited gift from GOD. We embrace Him, the Holy Spirit, as a necessary and free gift available to all believers. He empowers us to live holy, do ministry, and maintain unbroken fellowship with GOD. We uncompromisingly believe, as the Scripture teaches, the evidence of His indwelling in believers will manifest through: speaking in tongues, consistent holiness of life, and the manifestation of power and victory over the penalty and practice of sin.

Holiness (Our Standard)

Holiness is the work of the Holy Spirit in believers, conforming the heart to that of the LORD's. It is a life calling that separates us from the world's ways, views, standards, and convictions. We are in the world, but not of it. At The Holy Christian Church, Holiness is our standard.

Evangelism (Our Cause)

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the lost is our reason for existence. We are committed to winning souls to Jesus, and exploring innovative ways to share the Message of Christ and His Kingdom to the lost. We believe that evangelism is a spirit that all believers should possess.

Discipleship (Our Mission)

We are called to make Spirit-filled disciples, who are empowered to walk in relationship with GOD and fulfill their purpose in life. It is our mission to make new believers disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and teach them to observe and obey the Word of GOD.

Ministry (Our Duty)

In Ministry we utilize our gifts for the promotion of the Kingdom of GOD and edification of the body of Christ. We have a threefold duty of ministry to GOD, one another, and to the world. We minister to GOD by rendering our time, talent, tithe, and resources to His church; to one another through fellowship; to the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and also ministering to their felt needs.

Integrity (Our Core)

Integrity is defined as honesty, moral soundness, or conforming to a high standard of ethics. At The Holy Christian Church, we are committed to integrity in all our ministry endeavors, business, and dealings with one another—as well as to the integrity of the Holy Scriptures.

Accountability (Our Responsibility)

We have a responsibility to give an answer to the progress of our walk with GOD. At The Holy Christian Church we willingly submit ourselves to this responsibility through accountability to leadership and one another in Christian fellowship. Through accountability we mature in Christ and become productive in our call as a body.

Excellence (Our Method)

Excellence is doing exactly what GOD says! It is also doing things extraordinarily well, employing the best methods and practices to carry out a task. We are committed to excellence that will display a witness which glorifies GOD.

Diversity/Multiracial (Our Body)

We view racial diversity as biblical and an intrinsic to our calling. We will always have a membership that is diverse and multiracial and leadership that reflects the diversity.