

CORE VALUES:

Unity:

Psalm 133:1

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

Our desire to be a beacon of unity in our community. That people would not look at an organization or place for unity, but that they would look at the body of Christ. An ambition goal, but one we know is possible when the entire church body has their heart postured towards the same goal.

When we say unity, we are not necessarily saying we will agree on everything. In fact, you can count that we will have disagreements. But all these things are secondary issues. The beautiful thing about the Bride of Christ is that we all agree on the primary issue. That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, he died for the redemption of our sins and rose from the grave. And he’s coming back for us, his Bride!

Church unity is being able to have different thoughts, ideas, and opinions but not allowing these things to create division.

The church is a mixture of people from all walks of life, traditions, cultures, etc. While this should be a source of strength, often it becomes a point of division.

Church unity does not require us to do the same thing the same way all the time. What it requires is to set aside the things that make us different, and focus on what unites us, which is our faith in Jesus. Only then can we be impactful in our community and advance the Kingdom of God together.

While it may seem overwhelming, the best place to start is with you. Setting your heart in a posture willing to take a step towards unity in everyday life. When we do this, unity is possible.

Faith:

Romans 1:12

“That is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.”

What we strive to do here at The Valley Collective is encourage believers' faith through worship and prayer, but also be encouraged by each other's faith. In our conversations, in the way we worship, and in the way we interact with one another. Our faith is strengthened when we do this!

All throughout the New Testament, Paul consistently emphasizes the importance of meeting with believers, so that our faith would be strengthened and encouraged. While our faith is personal, it can be vulnerable when that faith is lived out alone.

By uplifting one another, believers are reminded that they are not alone in their walk of faith, as well as tangibly experiencing the love of Christ through other people. It is also essential during times of suffering, doubt, and crisis to know that we are not alone in our journey. It makes our faith resilient to stand firm when trials come, or as we walk through them.

Exhorting the Saints is what will make our faith grow and flourish in our personal lives and together as a church body!

Commission:

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.”

Our goal with these events is to edify the Saints, so that they can go out fully equipped to go make disciples. We don't just want these worship nights to be an experience. We want these worship nights to equip you to go out and do the work Jesus called us to do. Ignite the fire and keep it burning when we go out and live our everyday lives.

Commissioning the church to carry out the work of Jesus is both a privilege and a responsibility. It requires active participation, a commitment to service, and a dedication to spreading His message of hope and redemption.

Many times, that task seems so overwhelming, or we feel under equipped to do it. But the bible says “Great is He who is in us!” We have the Holy Spirit! All we need is to partner with what God already wants to do through us. That was God's intent all along, that we would collaborate in his work. What a privilege it is to be His hands and feet while we are on Earth!

We pray that God would give us boldness and courage to walk out the call he has set out for us.

The joy of the Gospel is to give it away, sharing with others what saved us. No better time to start than now!

Fellowship:

John 13:35

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Our goal is to create an opportunity to fellowship. On Sundays, we are limited to the believers in our church, but this creates an opportunity to commune with all the believers in the Valley.

Jesus broke bread with his disciples on a regular basis. Communing with believers is one of the joys of following Christ. We get to do it together! There is something so sweet and special about enjoying the simple company of one another.

Taking it a step further, our ambition is to inspire fellowship with people we may not have on our own. To fellowship with different age groups, with different cultures, languages, and denominations. But to have this take place, there needs to be action. The good news is, it's as simple as taking one step in the right direction. We'll look up one day and realize we're living in it!

The way we love each other is how the world will know that we are disciples of Jesus. Let our ambition be to love each other well! Like a city on a hill, that we would embody the love of Christ wherever we go, sharing with others His light!