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OUR MISSION

**Loving God Completely,
Loving People Unconditionally**

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. . . Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

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I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9:1-2)



What is worship? Worship is a lifestyle that expresses praise and devotion to God. Worship is about seeking God, and focusing on God. Worship is about responding to God. Worship is about honoring God.

Worship is not. . . Worship is not about me. Worship is not about the thrill I get. Worship is not about

whether or not I like something. Worship is about focusing on God and giving Him our expressions of praise - expressions that have multiple forms. We worship through songs, we worship through prayers, we worship through study, we worship through offerings - - we worship through our every day lives.

We provide opportunities to collectively worship together as a body of believers. There is an aspect of worship in everything we do as a church because we are doing it in appreciation of what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus. We want to celebrate all that we have and all that we are in Jesus.

We also encourage you to worship on your own, in your own way. The method of worship is not important. What is important is the focus of our worship. Focus on God.

Education

We seek to grow spiritually and lead a holy life.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Whether someone is a first time guest at First Church of Christ or a long-standing member, young or old or anywhere in between, we want our church to be an environment where they have an opportunity to draw closer to God and let Him draw closer to them. It is an awesome task, and yet a tremendous privilege to be able to share God's Word. As a church body, we want to be effective in helping every person come to understand God's Word fully. We have many opportunities for people to learn more about God. From Sunday morning Bible classes for all ages, to the worship services, to small group Bible studies to our D-groups for young people.



The goal of Christian education is simple - to promote growth in each individual's relationship with Christ. As a church we will continue to provide activities and opportunities to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let us never become complacent in our walk with Jesus.

But we want to do more than just teach about Jesus. We want to demonstrate how to live for Jesus and how to live like Jesus, so we can lead others to Him.

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

In describing those who commit themselves to following Him, Jesus refers to them as "light" and "salt" - elements that make a difference to whatever is around them. As light and salt, Christians are to have an impact on the world in such a way that those who have not yet claimed Jesus as their Lord and Savior will understand their need for a relationship with Him. Apart from Jesus Christ, people are lost. Lost people matter to God and lost people matter to us as God's church.

Locally, we seek to have a positive effect on our communities through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want our church facilities to be a place where those who enter its doors find people who genuinely love one another and are eager to serve one another. We want it to be a place where people can gather and draw support and encouragement from each other. We want it to be a place where we can learn and be inspired to take the message of Jesus into our communities and touch lives the way that Jesus did. There is always room for more in the family of God.

Globally, we want to effect our world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We reach out to the world by sending out and supporting missionaries around the world. We support them financially and through our prayers and through words of encouragement. We support them by joining them for short term trips to assist in their ministries.



Service

We provide opportunities to develop and use personal gifts and talents to minister to others.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

Christians are called to be active in service by ministering to others. Each one of us has been given gifts by God for use in His service. We can serve God by serving each other and our community. We are all ministers and servants.

We encourage everyone to be involved in ministry. Ministry occurs when we put others before ourselves and do anything we can to lift them up, whether it is meeting a need, or simply doing something "because I care."



We are striving to teach people how to serve others and we want to provide opportunities for people to serve. If you are unsure of where you would like to serve, we will help you identify areas where you are gifted. We want to serve people

within our church family, as well as people in our communities. Look for one or more existing ministries in the church with which you can partner and use your specific gifts and abilities.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God can use you in the work He is doing here. Christianity is very much alive and active. The Word of God is very much alive and it is active. Consider ways we can be active in service.

Fellowship

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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-27)

Fellowship was definitely a major aspect of the early church. They were involved with each other. They enjoyed each other. They ate together, they studied together and they prayed together. And the results were obvious - God added to their number daily those who were being saved.

You see, through fellowship, others were able to see that what the early Christians spoke about was also the way they lived. Their lifestyles shared the Gospel and their words confirmed it. People wanted more of it and made personal commitments to Jesus Christ.

Through fellowship, we seek to build and strengthen the bonds and relationships that we can have as a family of God. Join us!

