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A ministry of Transformation Life Church

As a ministry of Transformation Life Church, we espouse the following Christian values and beliefs to be foundational to our organization:

# **Our Values**

# **Becoming Christ-Like**

Spiritual growth is a life-long process of imitating Christ. As we cultivate a balanced lifestyle of purity, holiness, and Christian character, we honor God and influence others. (Ephesians 5:1-5, Philippians 2:1-11, Galatians 5:22, 23)

# Intimacy with God

We share God's desire for an intimate relationship which is cultivated by the consistency of prayer, dynamic worship, and a need for an understanding of the Word of God. (Psalm 139, Acts 2:42, Matthew 6:5-15)

## Authenticity

We believe how we represent ourselves is a reflection of who we really are. This is accomplished collectively as we individually pursue accountability to each other based on integrity, sound character, high moral values, and biblical principles. (I Peter 2:12, Proverbs 27:17, Proverbs 12:15)

# **Maximizing Our Potential**

We believe God equips each of us with talents, abilities, and resources, expecting us to fully develop and use these gifts, thereby maximizing our potential to serve Him and our community. (Matthew 25:14-30, Ephesians 3:20-21)

## **Excellence in Ministry**

We believe when you truly experience the excellence of God, you will be compelled to serve Him with a passion and give Him your absolute best!

(Colossians 3:17, 2 Samuel 24:24, Mark 12:30)

## Reconciliation

We believe a right relationship with God is essential for achieving reconciliation among family members, races, and denominations. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Galatians 3:26-29)

# **Community**

We believe God designed us to serve (to value others above ourselves), and to be served (to allow others to fulfill needs in our lives). As we are obedient to this calling, God brings together our talents and abilities to form a powerful Christian community.

(John 13:34-35, Galatians 6:2, I Corinthians 12:7, 12-27)

#### Faith

We believe our faith in God compels us to take well-planned, aggressive, visionary steps to present the message of Jesus Christ – regardless of the risk involved.

(I Samuel 17:45-47, Hebrews 11, James 2:14-26)

#### Relevance

We believe God's Word contains the solution to every challenge in life. Therefore, we present God's Word in creative, artistic, and culturally relevant ways.

(Psalm 119:105, I Corinthians 9:19-23, Acts 17:16-19)

#### Commissioned!

As fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, we are urgently driven to share our faith with nonbelievers, to educate believers for practical victorious living, and to equip believers for abundant service to God. (Matthew 28:18-20)

# **Our Beliefs**

## One Holy God

Eternally existent in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

# The Holy Bible

The inspired, infallible, authoritative source of Christian belief and teaching.

#### Man

Created in the image of God but fallen, lost and powerless to save himself.

#### **Iesus Christ**

Virgin-born Son of God Who was crucified to take upon Himself the punishment for the sin of all mankind. He arose from the dead, thereby conquering sin, death and the grave. Jesus will personally return to the earth in power and glory.

## Man's Only Hope

Believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

#### We Celebrate

Water Baptism and Holy Communion are among the ways we celebrate our hope in Jesus Christ.

#### Healing

Consistent with His earthly ministry, Jesus Christ still offers healing for the physical, relational and emotional pain in our lives.

# The Holy Spirit

Indwells those who receive Christ and empowers believers to live righteous and holy lives. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, along with its evidences, and the Gifts of the Spirit are available to believers today.

## Lifestyle

When a life is changed by the love of Christ, we begin a journey of becoming like Christ. It is displayed inwardly with love, joy, and peace. It is displayed outwardly in lives of integrity and is shown relationally by love and grace.

#### Someday

Life, as we know it, will come to an end. Jesus will return and show Himself to be "King of Kings." Everyone will be held accountable for the choices of their lives. A permanent, personal relationship with God, without the influence of evil and pain will be established for all who chose Christ. This will be heaven... forever.

## The Church

The Body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head, is comprised of all those who, through belief in Christ, have been spiritually changed by the personal work of the Holy Spirit. Believers are called to pursue God's mission, both collectively and individually. For some it is a vocation (pastors, missionaries, etc.), for all . . . a passion.