

Temple Baptist Church's Values: Our values are beliefs that we hold in common and endeavor to put into practice and use to guide us as we do God's work.

We value **worshipping together** in a way that inspires people to draw close to God and express sincere appreciation for who He is and what He has done. We value the creativity that God places within people. He made people to be creative. We encourage our people to use their God-given creativity while serving Him. Hebrews 13:15,16—***With Jesus' help, let us continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by proclaiming the glory of his name. 16Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.***

We value the development of **authentic Christian community** among believers that produces *intimate relationship* with God and other believers and results in ministry to and development of the whole person. Acts 2:46-47—***They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity-- 47all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.***

We value **evangelism** that develops appropriate ministries and encourages believers to cultivate authentic relationships with non-Christian people to identify with their basic needs and lead them into relationship with Jesus Christ. We desire to expand God's kingdom into uncharted areas. 1 Corinthians 9:20-22—***When I am with the Jews, I become one of them so that I can bring them to Christ ... 21 When I am with the Gentiles who do not have the Jewish law, I fit in with them as much as I can. In this way, I gain their confidence and bring them to Christ ... 22 When I am with those who are oppressed, I share their oppression so that I might bring them to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone so that I might bring them to Christ.***

We value the *growth* of **loving relationships** among believers in our congregation. John 13:34-35—***So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.***

We value **humility** from our people and multiculturalism that encourages interest in many cultures within our communities and society. Philippians 2:3-4—***Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. 4Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing.***

We value **our leaders** *to be servants* who are honest and real while fulfilling their calling. They are to serve the congregation and our society. Matthew 20:26—***But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.***

We value *organic grassroots* **ministries** designed to help believers *discover, develop and exercise* their God-given spiritual gifts as well as their natural talents and acquired skills in life and ministry. 1 Peter 4:10—***God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.***

We value *flexible and fluid* **ministry structures** that contribute effectively and efficiently to the fulfillment of our mission and vision. We are not reluctant to end programs or ministries that no longer serve a purpose. Mark 2:27—***Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made to benefit people, and not people to benefit the Sabbath.***