

## **CORE VALUES**

### **Passion for the person and work of Christ**

Jesus Christ is the center and circumference of the Christian faith. Therefore, in every aspect of our ministry the focal point will always be the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our primary message will be Christ's redemptive work upon the cross as our substitute, purchasing our pardon by His blood, and rising victorious over death.

### **The authority of the Bible**

The authority for our ministry comes from the Word of God. Therefore, we submit ourselves to its teaching, commit to do what it says, and yield our lives to become Christlike in character. We believe in the inerrancy of the Holy Bible which recognizes the total truth and trustworthiness of Holy Scripture.

### **The under girding of prayer**

All that we do must have the thorough under girding of our individual and corporate prayer support or else there can be no reason to anticipate the attending power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our ministry.

### **An environment of grace**

Convinced of the absolute sovereignty of a Holy God, we understand that nothing good happens in our ministry that is not the result of His grace (His unmerited favor toward us). Consequently, our ministry together must be characterized by that same grace in our response to one another.

### **Every member in ministry**

Because every believer is responsible in the stewardship of life to use their spiritual gifts, it is our challenge to equip each member to use their giftedness in doing the work of the ministry to the glory of God.

### **Evangelism and missions**

The conviction that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation leads us to pursue means of proclaiming the Gospel by giving to Great Commission causes and sending our members to take the message to their community and to the ends of the earth.

### **Building relationships**

It is our desire to so structure our ministry that we encourage relationships to grow and flourish in an atmosphere of love, accountability, and mutual encouragement.

## **The importance of family**

Recognizing that one of the greatest battle fields and proving grounds of our faith in Christ is right within the home, we are committed to strengthening the spiritual lives of families as they seek to become beacons of light for Christ within our community.

## **Developing a Christian mind**

The Christian is to love the Lord with all of his mind by taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Because all intellectual pursuits are under the lordship of the One who made all things, we desire to develop a Christian world and life view which acknowledges the lordship of Christ in every area of our lives.

## **Dependency on the leadership of the Holy Spirit**

Without the power and presence of the Holy Spirit we cannot understand Scripture, produce lasting spiritual change, or live to the glory of God. Therefore, we will walk in humble obedience as we seek to live a winsome testimony before a watching world

## **MISSION OF ECBC**

Why we exist... To bring glory to God by...

Equipping people to pursue Jesus Christ passionately as they impact the culture

## **OUR VISION**

What we are becoming... By God's grace and in His strength...

### **We Equip People by...**

- Clearly Communicating the Gospel of Grace
- Instructing all to think Biblically
- Helping them grow in Christlikeness

### **To Pursue Christ Passionately by...**

- Worshiping God that involves our attention, affection and action in all of life
- Participating in a community because God is intensely relational in his triune glory

### **As They Impact the Culture by...**

- Strategically reaching our community and world with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ alone
- Mobilizing every member in ministry
- Working for the well being of people in our areas of influence
- Helping the next generation follow Jesus Christ