

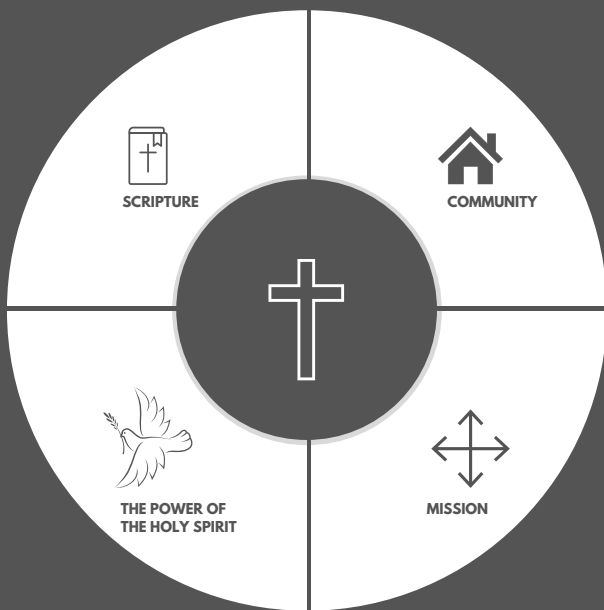


ALETHEIA CHURCH

CORE VALUES

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2.42-47



In Acts 2.42-47 we see a church built on the foundations of scripture, community, the Spirit, and mission. As a result, we see a heart of devotion, unity, awe, generosity, gladness, and praise from God's people, and the Lord adding to their numbers.

SCRIPTURE

...they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...

God's Word is eternal (Isaiah 40.8), true (John 8.31-32), good, profitable, and sufficient (2 Timothy 3.16-17), and accomplishes His purposes (Isaiah 55.11). Therefore, everything in our church is centered around and built upon God's Word and the gospel. There is no better foundation and allows us to have a humble confidence operating in this way as we submit to what He says in all areas in the life of our church: our preaching, community groups, counseling, evangelism, membership, etc.

COMMUNITY

...attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes

We're not created or designed to be alone, but we also know that any community we experience is only as strong as what it is built upon. Therefore, we build our community on the gospel and allow it to form, inform, and transform our church family.

This is God's purpose and plan, seen throughout the Bible, to proclaim His excellencies and glory to a hurting and broken world. So being in Christ means we are entering into a family with others, and into the eternal purposes that God wants to accomplish through His people.

We do this through formal and informal ways that foster and strengthen Biblical community, which include living out the one anothers found in Scripture, care, hospitality, friendship, unity, caring for one another, and taking genuine interest in others above ourselves (Philippians 2.1-11).

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

And they devoted themselves to...the prayers.

As followers of Christ who have been given the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1.13), we strive to be a church dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit and seek an ever growing and deepening dependence and reliance on His power. We affirm the Spirit in both theology and practice, and acknowledge that He works in both miraculous and ordinary ways, which include:

Embracing the Biblical promises from the Spirit, which include interceding for us when we don't know how to pray (Romans 8.26), producing joy in affliction (1 Thessalonians 1.6), hope (Romans 15.13) and freedom (2 Corinthians 3.17).

Spirit Led Worship & Prayer (John 4.24, Ephesians 6.18)

Elder led prayers for healing (James 5.13-15)

Faithfully displaying of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5.22-23)

Earnestly desiring the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14.1).

MISSION

...and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

It is our vision that every corner of our city and surrounding communities would be affected by someone who knows and loves Jesus. Therefore, our church sees Jesus' command to "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28.18-20) as an integral part of the life and mission of our church. This includes formal opportunities for outreach and evangelism, participating in local and global partnerships, meeting tangible needs in the church and in the community, and participating in and supporting church planting. This also includes informal ways as "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5.20) in our neighborhoods, schools, campuses, and workplaces, who strive to bring light into dark places with the hope of the gospel.