

Greenwood Baptist Church Vision and Mission statement.

Our Vision and Purpose - Why we exist

Greenwood Exists as a church to raise up a generation of passionate disciples of Jesus Christ dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel for the glory of God.

Our Mission in fulfilling this vision will be by God's grace to cultivate a passion in 5 areas:

- Cultivate a passion for the **Word** of God. *As such, **we value** the relevance of the Bible to speak authoritatively to the issues of today. The Bible, because it is the Word of God, transcends barriers of time and culture to present the absolute truth of God to our secular world where truth is often relative.*
- Cultivate a passion in **Worship**. *As such **we value** dynamic and meaningful worship by encouraging diverse expressions of praise blending both traditional and contemporary worship styles. We wish promote a reverence for the glory of God in our services through various mediums of artistic expression.*
- Cultivate a passion for **Witness**. *As such **we value** the Good News of forgiveness through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as a message for the whole world. The Gospel of the Good News of Jesus Christ will be first and foremost a vital part of the ministry of our church. We will proclaim the Gospel in our own community and worldwide through the ministry of foreign missions.*
- Cultivate a passion for our **Walk with God**. *As such **we value** a culture of discipleship where the focus is on training the next generation of believers to passionately follow Christ through the faithful stewardship of their **TIME, TALENTS and TREASURE**. This happens primarily through a partnership between preaching and our small groups that focus on Bible Study, accountability, prayer and mutual encouragement as well as commitment to a discipleship lifestyle.*
- **We also value** *people doing their best with the gifts God has given them. People trying to serve in an area where they are not gifted to do so only leads to frustration and disappointment. God gifts believers with specific spiritual abilities to build up the body of Christ. Scripture teaches this in 1 Corinthians 12 and also in Ephesians 4: 11-12. We value people discovering their gifts and developing them to their fullest potential. Doing fewer things better is our rule for ministry at Greenwood.*
- Cultivate a passion for our **World**. *It is only as we grow in our love for one another that we can effectively reach our world with the love of God in Christ. As such **we value** the importance of community.*

Our Greenwood community is based on 3 pillars that sustain its health and vitality:

- 1) **Healthy relationships-** with God and with one another. *Where we stand in relationship to God will often determine the quality of our relationships with one another. We have an individual responsibility to cultivate our relationship with God that will inform and enable us to have peaceful relationships with one another. (Philippians 2:2-11). It is our responsibility to resolve conflicts quickly before they hinder our unity as a church.*
- 2) **An accepting atmosphere.** *Many Christians get bent out of shape and judgmental over issues that hinder the focus on the Gospel. Our rule to preserving an atmosphere of unconditional love and acceptance at Greenwood is simple: In essentials - Unity, In non-essentials - Liberty, and in all things - Love. Our Biblical Lifestyle Agreement is a reflection of Greenwood's commitment to holiness and Christian unity among our members.*
- 3) **A fellowship focused on caring and connecting.** *So many people feel isolated and unconnected in our world. Our desire as a church is to enable people who attend Greenwood to get connected and eventually become part of a caring and committed church family.*

With these three pillars of community in place we can be established to better reach our neighbors and our world for Christ.