

# CORE VALUES



## CICERO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## GOALS

Cicero Christian Church believes the Body of Christ is made up first and foremost of families, home fellowships, community gatherings and a strong worship setting.

Therefore, we will adhere to the following core practices:

- We believe every member should be encouraged to **participate in a home fellowship**.  
*Hebrews 2:11, Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 12:10*
- We believe that the family is the foundational unit of the Body of Christ, and we wish to focus our efforts on **strengthening the family** first. *Ephesians 6:1-4*
- We believe that the edification of the Body of Christ requires the type of **community fellowship** we see described in the Book of Acts, with the home as the foundational structure. *Acts 2:42, 46*
- We encourage every attendee to become a member of a ministry team and promote the “**every member a minister**” concept. *I Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:11-13*
- We desire every member to **participate in a believer’s membership class**. *II Timothy 2:15*
- We believe that Biblical **thematic teaching** and preaching is an effective way to teach God’s Word through a family based ministry model and therefore will encourage our preaching minister to coordinate with Community Gathering and Home Fellowship leaders to facilitate teaching along a central theme each week. *Philippians 2:2*
- We are fully persuaded that the **gospel is to be spread** locally and around the world by every member of the Body of Christ and that it is the duty of the elders and ministers to equip the saints for this work. *Ephesians 4:11-13*
- We believe all believers are gifted by God to serve others to **build up the Body of Christ**. *Ephesians 4:15-16*
- We seek to **equip the heads of households** and teach them how to effectively lead and nurture the family unit. *I Timothy 3:5, Ephesians 5:22-6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

# MISSION

reach teach serve

Cicero Christian Church strives to equip members for the ministry to reach, teach and serve at home and in the mission fields, in order to magnify God’s name.

As Spirit-led citizens of the kingdom of God and in grateful submission to Christ, the members of His church purposefully live to extend God’s love and grace to others. Therefore, in obedience to Christ’s directions, the members of Cicero Christian Church will always endeavor to:

- Reach and teach by our words and deeds each person in our community who is outside of Jesus Christ, and reach out worldwide by our mission supported endeavors;
- Help believers obtain spiritual maturity in Christ through Bible study and personal application;
- Provide for joyful worship of God and fellowship with His family; and
- Maintain an effective influence in our community by practicing Christ-like love. Beliefs
- Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- Gospel plan of salvation as taught in the New Testament is:  
*Faith:* believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and our personal Savior.  
*Repentance:* repent of all past sins and turn from them.  
*Confession:* confess before man that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
*Baptism:* be immersed in water for remission of sins, being thereby buried with Christ that we may put on Christ and rise to walk in the newness of life.  
*Faithfulness:* be faithful to Christ, His Church, and His teaching for our daily living until He calls us home to live with Him for eternity.
- Both the Old Testament and New Testament are the inspired Word of God and are profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.
- Recognizes the New Testament contains the only authoritative rule of faith and practice for the church today.

## ACTIONS

- Regards its people not as the only Christians, but as Christians only, seeking to avoid sectarianism and denominationalism.
- Keeps the Lord’s Supper weekly as a testimony to Christ, offering each Christian the opportunity to accept Christ’s invitation to partake after self-examination.
- Exercises a spirit of love toward all men, irrespective of differences, theological or personal.
- Invites into its fellowship all who will commit themselves to the lordship of Christ by the terms of His New Testament.
- Contends for Christian liberty in all areas where the Lord of the Church has not spoken.
- Hopes that its congregation can help restore the truth and simplicity of the Church as established by Christ and organized by His inspired apostles, as revealed in the Word of God.
- Welcomes the inquiries of any who seek the way of God in an atmosphere of reverence and freedom.

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