

Apostolic Faith Church Our Vision, Mission & Core Values

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Our Vision

The vision of the Apostolic Faith Church Ministry is to transform people into fully functioning missionaries for Christ.

Our Mission

It is our mission at the Apostolic Faith Church to worship and glorify the Lord God and to create a Christian community of transformed followers of Jesus Christ. We further commit to worship together and work with each other to win souls to Christ and disciple believers so that Christ becomes pre-eminent in every life.

Our Core Values

God has shown us favor and grace from generation to generation. The legacy of our church has been passed on through faithful people to us. We commit to continue this legacy through:

PROCLAMATION—We commit ourselves to share Christ through witnessing and the biblical preaching of God's word for salvation.

WORSHIP—We commit ourselves to glorify God through music, the creative arts, the spoken word and prayer.

TEACHING—We commit ourselves to the systematic instruction of Godly principles that lead to genuine discipleship and accountability. This teaching will be ageappropriate and need-specific.

COMMUNITY—We commit ourselves to be people who trust and nurture each other and are valued, free and safe in all relationships so that even when we confess our sins to one another we are received and encouraged to victory. Our commitment to these principles represents our accountability to our God and our community.

SERVICE—We commit ourselves to use our God given talents and abilities to reach out to our neighbors in compassion and humility through tangible works in order to make a meaningful contribution to the Body of Christ and the communities we serve.

STEWARDSHIP—We commit ourselves to worship God through the consistent giving of time, talents and treasures (tithes, offerings and other gifts).

Statement of Faith

Inasmuch as the knowledge of God is the most cherished legacy we have received from generations past and is the most important blessing we can give to generations yet to come, we commit ourselves to this statement of faith.

We believe there is only one true and living God. He is all-knowing and all-powerful. He created the world and everything in it. To know Him is the highest aspiration anyone can have. To know Him gives us peace, joy and fulfillment, and is the source of strength in our lives.

We were created to have fellowship with Him and to worship Him. God's desire has always been to have fellowship and communion with His special creation, humankind. He placed the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, in a garden where they might have intimate communion with each other and with Him. He still desires intimacy with those who acknowledge their need for a close, personal relationship with their creator, father, and Lord.

Sin broke the relationship we had with God. God created humankind to be perfect beings, but disobedience flawed us, causing the entrance of sin, sickness, suffering and death. Humankind's relationship with this holy, righteous, and just God was altered and we did not have a way of repairing it ourselves.

Jesus Christ is the only person who can bring humankind back to God. Sin did not cause God to lessen His goodness and love toward us. To the contrary, it caused Him to demonstrate His love for us in a more powerful and profound way. He came to earth Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for our sin. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and died a shameful death on the cross. Then, by the power of God, He rose from the dead. That act of love and sacrifice made it possible for everyone and anyone, at any time, to have the freedom to return to the personal and intimate relationship God intended each of us to have with Him.

Jesus Christ gave the apostles the plan for restoring humankind to God. After His resurrection, Jesus commissioned his disciples to share the good news of what He had done, to baptize new believers and to teach new believers all that He had taught them. On the day of Pentecost, the apostles did just that. Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, put into action Jesus' words when He told a crowd of people from many lands and languages to repent, be baptized in Jesus' name and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, with the initial sign of speaking in other tongues.

The power of the Holy Spirit enables US to be restored to a right relationship with God. The Holy Ghost is the spirit of God living inside of us. It gives us the ability and confidence to be witnesses, first to ourselves, that we can overcome the power of sin in our lives. Then, it gives us the power and strength to witness and demonstrate to others that they, too, can live victoriously over sin and become all that God intended for them to be.

God established the Church of Jesus Christ to teach us how to effectively use the power we have been given. The Church is comprised of people from every nation and language who believe that Jesus Christ is LORD. Church communities gather together to worship God, fellowship with, and support each other in our 'progress toward Christian maturity. In community, we are guided in discovering how to find God's plan for our lives. We learn how to successfully share the good news of Jesus Christ with a world desperately in need of the knowledge of Him. Together we manifest the Body of Christ.

The ultimate proof of our knowledge of God, His spirit in our lives, and our hope for His second coming, is in the way we live our lives each day. Ours is a living and dynamic faith. We demonstrate our relationship with God in the relationships we have with those around us. It is through our love, sacrifice and commitment to others that we genuinely and authentically show what it means to know God in a personal way. We believe that life is a gift from God; how we live it is our gift to God.

We pledge ourselves to live as salt and light on earth--to win souls to Christ, to give to the needy, to heal the sick, to encourage the broken, and to pray for all. We believe that if we faithfully fulfill this pledge, we will do the will of our Father and represent ourselves as the Church, the Bride of Christ, when He comes to receive us to Himself.