

# DUBBO BAPTIST CHURCH

## CORE VALUES

*We value Christ-like relationships - with God, with each other and with the world.*

1. We value the KINGDOM OF GOD. We aim to move in the presence of God and to allow Him to reveal His life in us and to make the signs of the Kingdom of God evident among us. We serve through the Holy Spirit's powerful presence and His gifts. [Luke 17:21]
2. We value the LORDSHIP OF CHRIST. We are called to a life of discipleship as followers of Christ Jesus and of freedom from Satan's influence and control. This call is to submissive obedience and to repentance. [1 Corinthians 8:6]
3. We value the WORD OF GOD, the Bible, and see the regular study and application of its truth as important for Christian growth. [II Timothy 3:16]
4. We value personal and corporate PRAYER in its various forms. We seek after God and long to know Him better, hear His voice and commit ourselves to Him in intimate relationship. [I Chronicles 16:11]
5. We value PRAISE AND WORSHIP, both individual and corporate, as our response to who God is and what He has done. [Psalm 29:2; 147:1]
6. We value CHRIST-LIKENESS. We aim to grow and mature seeking the Holy Spirit to empower us, that the life of Christ would be evident from our thoughts, words and actions. [Ephesians 5:1-2]
7. We value the WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT who draws, fills, renews, comforts, heals, counsels and enables us. We aim to follow His leading in life and ministry and desire to exercise His gifts. [Galations 5:25]
8. We value DISCIPLESHIP. We want to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of others, bringing them to maturity in Christ and into ministry [Matthew 28:18-20]
9. We value the GOSPEL, the good news of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. We take seriously our responsibility to share the Gospel in relevant and creative ways with unbelievers. [Matthew 28:12,20 - Acts 4:12]
10. We value FUNCTIONING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST. We value highly the worth of every individual and the diversity of their gifts. We aim to provide ministries to care for their spiritual needs of our Church family. We also seek to cooperate with other churches in areas and ministries of common priority. [I Corinthians 13:4-7]
11. We value the MERCY AND GRACE OF GOD. We try to show mercy, grace, unconditional love and acceptance to each other and to everyone with whom we have contact. [Colossians 3:12-14]
12. We value UNITY. We want to function as a cohesive community of believers. [John 17:21-23]
13. We value FELLOWSHIP as expressed in sharing time together in true openness and supporting one another as individuals and families. We will work together to build a climate of respect, unconditional love, open communication, determined cooperation and believing and speaking the best about each other. [I John 1:7]
14. We value the FAMILY UNIT as God intended it and aim to have programs that strengthen and support marriage and family relationships [Proverbs 2:26; Ephesians 5:31-33]
15. We value SERVANT LEADERSHIP. We expect leaders in the Church to exercise their God-given authority with humility, wisdom, selflessness, kindness, grace, care for people and total commitment to build up the Body of Christ. [I Peter 5: 2,3]
16. We value INTEGRITY aiming to be honest, truthful and Godly. [Ephesians 4:15]
17. We value RELEVANCE. We speak, act, dress, worship and minister in ways that are culturally relevant. We aim to function under God's wisdom and guidance with prayerful planning and direction. [I Corinthians 9:19-23]