



FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

Good News Church is founded on the following basic principles:

Every believer has the responsibility of being a witness in one's faith and walk with Christ.

While only a small group of believers may have the spiritual gift of evangelism and feel called to go out into the world and preach the gospel, it is the responsibility of all believers to reach out to individuals who are within their circle of influence and share with them the fact that a relationship with Jesus Christ is a positive, life-changing experience. Understanding that less than 10% of any church has the gift of evangelism, Good News Church will provide the necessary help to assist the over 90% who do not have this gift in doing the work of evangelism.

(Acts 1:8; Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:27)

The needs of unbelievers are different from believers.

Individuals who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior do not understand Christian terminology. It is imperative that they are ministered to at a level they can understand. Good News Church will provide a worship service that will be sensitive to those who are seeking Christ, but have not made a commitment to Him.

Realizing it is difficult to meet the needs of both believers and unbelievers, Good News Church will also provide opportunities for believers to grow in their faith and be challenged by the expository preaching of the Word.

(1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Ephesians 4:3,11-13; Matthew 28:19)

Believers must respect the individual's process of a faith decision and the journey one must travel to maturity in Christ.

Theologically, it is recognized that there is a moment in time when an individual is born into the family of God through a commitment to the person and work of Jesus Christ. Practically, however, this event occurs after a process of examining, considering, evaluating, and weighing the claims of the Christian faith. The point of conversion is not the end of the process, but rather the line between the journey to faith and the process of maturity in that new faith. Therefore, Good News Church chooses to be process-orientated rather than event-driven.

(John 6:44; Ephesians 2:8; Philippians 2:12,13)

Every believer is a minister, gifted by God for the benefit of the body.

Recognizing that every believer is gifted by God to be a vital part of the equipping and maturing of the body of Christ, Good News Church attempts to mobilize the body in service and ministry. This is accomplished by challenging people to discover, develop, and implement their spiritual gift(s).

(Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-13)

Every believer, being indwelled by the Holy Spirit and a member of the body, Christ's Church, has the responsibility to take in the Word of God.

Jesus directs His Church in the person of the Holy Spirit, primarily through the teaching of the Word. God has provided His thoughts and His direction for the body in His Word. The Bible reflects and contains His commands, His counsel, and His purpose for the Church and every believer.

(2 Timothy 2:15,3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12)