



AFFIRMATIONS

Every community has a particular culture it creates, intentionally and unintentionally. At Cornerstone Church (CC), we want to maximize the intentional and minimize the unintentional. There are three **Life Signs** Cornerstone holds as evidence of being in vital union with Jesus: *Passion*, *Connecting* and *Renewal*. *Passion* is loving God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. *Connecting* loving our neighbor as ourselves by being in life giving relationships with others. *Renewal* is utilizing our God given gifts, experiences and skills at church, work, home and play for kingdom purposes. Because CC believes these three **Life Signs** are at the core of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and his image bearers to the world, we have identified 10 **Affirmations** that seek to promote and develop these Life Signs in our particular place and time in history.

- 1) Because **we exist to glorify God by delighting in Him**, we are committed to meeting for worship regularly and learning to see work, play, education, child-rearing, involvement with local and global concerns, (i.e. all of life) as acts of worship.
- 2) Because **prayer is relational response to God**, we will weave prayer through the entire ministry fabric at Cornerstone Church. We will model prayer and create opportunities for people to grow in their prayer life and intercede on behalf of our congregation and beyond because prayer shapes the future.
- 3) Because **consistently engaging scripture is key to knowing God**, we will consistently and continually preach, teach, pray and create opportunities for people to learn to read the Bible as the primary means of discovering truth and hearing from God.
- 4) Because **all people are created in the image of God**, we will spend a significant amount of our efforts on connecting with people who are outside of a relationship with Jesus Christ of Nazareth. We will do this primarily through intentional life-giving relationships that gives credible and coherent witness to Jesus and his kingdom and lets others engage with people who are living in vital union with him.
- 5) Because **the formation of authentic Biblical community is the intricate, patient work of the**



Holy Spirit, when interpersonal problems arise (and they always do) we will navigate those with love. We will not be satisfied with just another club or social group meeting. We will work to develop the deep, life-giving community that is only available through the giving of ourselves to each other through the Holy Spirit.

6) Because **ongoing growth in discipleship is normal for followers of Jesus Christ**, we will catalyze this through lifelong training as image bearers of God to be conformed more and more into the image of Jesus. We will do this within three primary contexts: corporate worship, small groups and individual training.

7) Because **hospitality makes an invisible God visible**, we will strive to make room for others through nurturing a will to embrace in corporate expression of worship and in the various ministries that make up CC.

8) Because **the church is a life-giving community of interdependent servant leaders**, we will encourage everyone to find a place to serve that is aligned with their giftedness. We will provide opportunities to discover and affirm their particular giftedness.

9) Because we are to be **credible and coherent witnesses of Jesus Christ** and his kingdom, we will humbly seek to image Christ in all that we say and do. We will do this through acts of love ultimately evidenced by submission, sacrifice, serving and suffering in Christ's name.

10) Because **love identifies with the marginalized and vulnerable**, we will engage individually and corporately with organizations and churches who are mercy and justice oriented to help give tangible expression of the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. CC will look for ways to encourage and incorporate both "to" and "with" forms of love.