



## What We Believe

These are beliefs we hold to be true. They are common to Christians world-wide:

- **We believe** in one God Who has expressed Himself in personal ways.
- **We know** God's personality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **We believe** the Bible communicates God's saving message and is our reliable authority in all matters related to faith and Christian living.
- **We believe** that all humankind is born with a corrupt nature, and therefore struggles with a downward pull toward evil.
- **We believe** that unless we experience God's help and salvation through a faith commitment to Jesus Christ, our future is one of eternal separation from God and all that is good.
- **We believe** the love and grace of God is extended to every person in the provision Jesus Christ made in His death and resurrection. By turning from our own selfishness and trusting Jesus Christ, we experience a new life, being freed from the old patterns of self-destructive acts called sin.
- **We believe** our new life in Jesus Christ is the gateway to transformation. Following our moment of faith in Jesus, we believe there is another moment in which we surrender our life completely to Christ in order to live under His authority and to experience the fullness of His transforming power and indwelling presence.
- **We believe** that Christian experience is more than a change of mind. It is accompanied by assurance that is grounded in the Scriptures as well as the inner witness of God's Spirit.
- **We believe** that all who live for Jesus Christ have a glorious, eternal future. Our belief in such a future includes both the fulfillment of God's creative purpose as well as the final accountability for how we have chosen to live our lives.

## Our Purpose

*"To make Christ-like disciples in the nations as we connect people to God, to each other and to the world."*

Adhere to His Word = DISCIPLESHIP  
Belong to His Family = FELLOWSHIP  
Care for His Body = MINISTRY  
Declare His Message = EVANGELISM  
Exalt His Glory = WORSHIP

# **Our Vision**

We envision hundreds of smiling people arriving early for Sunday worship because they just can't wait to get there. There is a buzz of activity as adults, teens and children, filled with concern for one another, come to celebrate Jesus in one accord!

Our Inspiring Worship begins as an excited group of gifted musicians and singers fill the atmosphere with contagious praise! People come with expectancy, and leave knowing they'll never be the same because they have experienced the awesome presence of God.

We see the tremendous value and potential in every individual and cherish the opportunity to teach them more about their faith and foster their Growth in Spiritual Maturity. We value the creative, God-given talents in everyone and empower them to discover and use these gifts in passionate ministry as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We welcome their fresh, new insights into helping effectively reach our community and fulfill our mission as a church.

We envision a church where friendly Small Groups serve as a model of genuine, biblical community. Individuals from all walks of life will find healing, forgiveness, lasting relationships, encouragement, moral accountability, and unconditional love. We equip believers to enter neighborhoods, schools and businesses with small groups that can effectively represent the presence of Christ in the community.

We envision a church where a young couple begins their lives together as one of many successful, Christ-Centered Families. When they experience the birth of their first child we will help to ease their worries. Their children will thrive during the challenges of the school-age years because of the spiritual "Aunts and Uncles" who are committed to their growth and development. As their kids become new teenagers we see a youth group, on fire for the Lord, drawing them into a thriving youth ministry. When their children are mature enough to live for God on their own we'll help Mom and Dad adjust to life in the empty nest. And when the kids finally get married we'll sing, dance and happily start the process all over again with future grandchildren.

We envision a church that knows no bounds or limitations to God's miraculous power. We know that Prayer is the driving force, which moves the hand of God and makes the impossible possible!

We envision New Life Community Church Sharing the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection with thousands of people in the greater Tomball area, and many of them accepting Christ as Savior. We see our members responding with compassion to the needs of families in our community, especially in the areas relevant to parenting, finances, marriage, singleness, depression, and addiction. We will join forces with other faith-based organizations to address those needs that God has better equipped them to meet. We envision giving people and resources to start new churches so that every neighboring community will have a vital witness of the power of Christ to change lives. We envision the greater Tomball Christian community, united and working together to reach the area for Jesus Christ and serve as a worldwide model for fulfilling the Great Commission in our generation.

# Core Values

- **A Lifestyle of Reproducing Discipleship**  
Jesus staked the future of His ministry and the church on His investment in a few. He knew He would change the world as He poured His life into those who would reproduce it into others. We dedicate ourselves to this same lifestyle of reproducing self-initiating, fully-devoted disciples.
- **Life-transformation through Obedience to God's Word**  
As Christ's disciples we are called to be in the world but not of it; to be free but not to use our freedom to indulge the sinful nature. Therefore we do not walk in darkness but walk in the light of His Word. We must let the Word of God dwell in us richly as we admonish and teach one another with all wisdom.
- **Whole-hearted Worship**  
As living sacrifices we love to offer ourselves in genuine, vibrant, whole-hearted worship that is acceptable and pleasing to God. More than a once a week activity, it is a lifestyle of unceasing praise and gratitude!
- **Every Believer is gifted for Ministry**  
It's not about you. The greatest among us will be the ones who serve others in love. Everyone in the church has been gifted and blessed in order to be a blessing to others.
- **Evangelism: We all have a story to tell!**  
Christ has given every one of us the ministry of reconciling the world to Him. As Christ's ambassadors we have the Holy Spirit's power to take the gospel of the Kingdom to the whole world.
- **Strengthened through Fellowship**  
We belong to one another as fellow citizens of the household of God. We will give ourselves to building up one another and encouraging one another toward love and good deeds.
- **"Justice for all" was God's idea!**  
We fulfill the law of Christ as we carry one another's burdens and share with the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the widow, the alien, the imprisoned and the sick. We steward well God's blessings as we bring freedom and justice to all the oppressed.