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Core Values

1) Prayer

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Phil. 4:6)

- a. Prayer is how we interact and engage with God. In prayer, disciples of Jesus come to know the heart and will of the Father. (1 Samuel 30:6; Acts 2:42)
- b. Eastview values prayer before, during and after everything we do. We equip believers to enter the presence of God in prayer and anticipate the work of the Holy Spirit in and through them:
 - i. Concert of Prayer (Every Tuesday)
 - ii. Prayer Team (Aspirational)

2) Shared Life

“We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.” (1 Thess. 2:8)

“They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42-47)

- a. As we seek to share life as a large gathering of believers, we strongly believe the best way to do this is in Life Groups that gather regularly. Life Groups are the primary avenue to provide care to believers in the church. They are the best environment for disciple-making and result in the multiplying the church. Shared Life means: 1. Caring for one another in times of burdens and celebrating together in times of joy, 2. Discipling one another by meeting in the presence of Jesus together and holding one another accountable to the spirit’s leading, 3. Growing in discipleship to the point where existing groups are multiplied to form new groups. (Acts 2:42-47)
- b. Eastview values life sharing in small groups and sees this as our method to Care, Disciple and Multiply our church:
 - i. LifeGroup ministry in Childrens Ministry, Student Ministry, Young Adults and Adult Ministry
 - ii. Coaching Team to care for and Disciple Life Group Leaders.



3) Gospel Living

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded.” (Matthew 28:18-19)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13: 34-35)

- a. Reading Scripture and applying it to real life is vital to a true disciple. True disciples of Jesus are those who, out of the love displayed to them in Christ, go and make disciples out of their abiding relationship with Him through scripture. (Gen 1:26-29; Mk 1:14-15; Mt 4:17; Mt 5-7; Acts 2:36)
- b. Eastview values training and equipping believers to share the gospel with friends, family, coworkers, and strangers as part of our role in the building of God’s kingdom here on earth:
 - i. Gospel Conversation Training (Aspirational)
 - ii. Apologetics classes (Aspirational)
 - iii. 12-3-1 Discipleship Model in all ministries

4) Family

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. (Deut. 6:4-8)

- a. Eastview is committed to strengthening households, the first covenant institution ordained by God, and His basic plan of establishing His Kingdom and fulfilling His mission on earth. We value an inter-generational approach to life that involves worshipping, praying, serving, working, and playing together.
- b. Eastview is a family of families. Many kinds of families. Single people, young couples, blended families, single Moms and single Dads, people who have been married once and people who have been married more than once. People raising their own children, people raising stepchildren, people raising foster children. Senior adults, widows, and widowers. We desire to help all kinds of families, in all kinds of situations, discover God's way to disciple children, youth, young adults and older adults to recognize and pursue God's design for their life.



- c. Parents carry the most influence when it comes to the spiritual development of their children. Our world has developed a 'drop off' culture where we leave skills training, education and spirituality up to 'the experts' and miss out on opportunities to raise our children. We desire to provide regular opportunities to support, inspire, and equip parents to be the spiritual leaders in their homes.
 - i. KidsTown Fusion Service (every 6-8 weeks)
 - ii. Parenting Seminars and Conferences (Aspirational)
 - iii. Partnership between children's/youth leaders and parents with weekly contact
 - iv. Family Mission Trips

5) Equipping Disciples

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
(Eph. 4:11-13)

- a. Christ has gifted every believer with his Holy Spirit to accomplish his transforming work in us and to enable us to join him in his work. Every believer has a role to play and specific God-given gifts to use in establishing his kingdom.
- b. We believe that every Christ follower has influence and therefore offers a multitude of ways for its church family to discover their spiritual gifts and grow in leadership such as:
 - i. The Global Leadership Summit
 - ii. Midweek Community Course: Discovering your spiritual gifts.
 - iii. Ministry specific leadership training for volunteers