

# WHO WE ARE/WHO WE ARE NOT

**We are Christ-Centered:** First and foremost we are believers and disciples of Jesus Christ. He is the Lord of our lives and of this church. We want to live, speak, act and love in a way that honors Him above all else! We are constantly seeking to build all that we are upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

**We are affiliated with Calvary Chapel:** As such, there are certain distinctions that we hold as we seek to be a witness in the community and equip believers to become disciples.

- We teach systematically through the Bible.
- We put greater emphasis on what God has done for us than what we can do for Him.
- We believe all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today, yet we believe they are to be used according to the directives of Scripture.

**We are Loosely Structured:** We place a high priority on openness, flexibility and practicality, believing that such a climate is conducive for personal, relational and spiritual growth. Being loosely structured allows for change, freshness and innovation.

**We are a Growing, Caring Family:** Our fellowship is much like a family that values communication, informality, spontaneity, personal and corporate growth, freedom of expression, honesty, openness, humor, fun and commitment. As we grow together, we expect to encounter problems and find solutions to them as they arise.

**We are Committed to Serve and to Grow:** We believe that every person has something of value to offer and that people mature spiritually as they serve. We would love it if you would come and grow with us!

**We are not a Denominational Church or the only True Church:** Neither are we opposed to denominations as such, only the over-emphasis that has led to division in the Body of Christ. God has given us a vision and a purpose that is changing the lives of many people in our community. However, we are not the only local church that has heard from Him or is attempting to be faithful to His commands. Our desire is not to compete with other churches, but to be faithful to the call God has placed on our fellowship in the context of the Body of Christ.

**We are not Typical or Formal:** We affirm and appreciate those churches that worship God with a tightly formulated liturgy and structure. However, we have chosen to worship God in a somewhat non-traditional and informal setting. We value expressive and spontaneous worship.

**We are not Authoritarian, Rule-Driven, Coercive or Legalistic:** Many of us have found authoritarian and rule-driven religion to result in spiritual bondage and emotional defeat. Although we make our belief in the Bible and convictions very clear, we do not seek to enforce them upon people through rigid authoritarianism. Rather, we trust the Holy Spirit to change people from the inside as they yield their heart, soul, mind and strength to Him.

**JOIN US!**