

My Vision for The Well

We are Biblical.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16

(Slides only) **To disbelieve or disobey the Bible is to disbelieve or disobey God.**

We are relational.

We believe that God is deeply knowable, eternally relational and infinitely interested in every aspect of our being?

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Love relationships are uniquely human because only humans are created in the image and likeness of God who is love.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:24

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3-4

Our individual relationships with Jesus must shape our collective relationships as a church.

We are Accountable.

each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Romans 14:12

Here (in the church) there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Colossians 3:11

In the church, all human distinctions are useless.

15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 2 Corinthians 5:15-17

The two key phrases beyond being accountable to God that I want us as church to begin to lock in on are *accountable “for” and accountable “to.”*

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

When it comes to spiritual growth and maturity we would all be better served to consider we far more than we consider me.

25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another Hebrews 10:25

Hold unswervingly to Jesus and consider how you can encourage your church to grow in Christ regardless of the personal cost.

What better way to learn how to do selflessness than in relationship with a bunch of other selfish people?