



James Island
Christian Church

Core Values

WE ARE WORSHIPERS OF THE ONE TRUE GOD

We have been saved by grace and now live completely surrendered to the One who rescued us.

WORD + SPIRIT

The authority of God's Word directs our lives and lights our path. The Holy Spirit reveals the Father's love, gives us understanding about the Word and gives us the power to be obedient to it. Both reinforce each other and both are essential in the life of the Believer. We are a people committed to feeding on the Word of God -- both personally and corporately -- seeking to understand the treasures within it and to reflect those truths in our lives. We are also a people committed to being continually filled with the Spirit, allowing His power to work in and through us, and praying earnestly for God to continue to do exceedingly and abundantly above all we could ask for or imagine according to His power at work within us.

ABIDE + BEAR FRUIT

We cannot do anything apart from Jesus; we are completely dependent on Him. We live in rhythms that will allow us to walk in friendship with God. We are continually hearing and doing, listening and obeying. We practice Sabbath rest and diligent work. We pray in faith and look to God's response with expectancy. We plant and water -- knowing that he alone can bring growth. We are responsible for our obedience, and He is responsible for the fruit of that obedience.

WE ARE A FAMILY OF FAMILIES

We are not just saved from our sins, we are saved into the family of God.

ORDER + FREEDOM

All healthy families have elements of both order and freedom. Our church is organized under the care of spiritual fathers and mothers to protect and to guide towards maturity and to give people space to grow. When toddlers learn to take their first steps and fall on their faces, we celebrate them. Learning within the church family looks the same. We celebrate people as they learn, give each other the freedom to grow through successes and failures, and we walk together towards maturity. We earnestly desire spiritual gifts, and we practice them in an environment of family order.

DIVERSITY of gifts + UNITY of the Spirit

We are one body with many members -- each of us a separate and necessary part. We have each been given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good— a diversity of gifts but the same Spirit. We will be people who actively ask the Father for spiritual gifts, receive each unique ability to build up his church, and honor the gifts of God in each other. We will especially honor and protect those who seem to be or are weaker -- knowing that they are indispensable. We mutually submit to each other out of reverence for Christ and seek the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

WE ARE A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

Our covenant with God means that we get to represent Him in the world.

GATHERED + SCATTERED

We understand how essential it is to gather as a church in order to devote ourselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Through both situations outside of our control and intentional steps within our control, we yield to God scattering us to his harvest field. We live as sent people -- as light in the darkness. We move towards hurting people to bring hope. We see our homes as places of ministry. We go deep in discipleship and spread wide through evangelism. And we posture our lives ready to send and be sent as witnesses of Him in our city, our nation, and to the ends of the earth.

NATIONS + NEXT GENERATION

The gospel working through us goes deep within the generations of our families and spreads wide to the nations of the world. We are called to make disciples within our homes, among our neighbors, and among every nation. We do this by understanding the stewardship we have been given -- our own children and grandchildren, the neighbors that we live among, and the nations where he gives us influence. We share the gospel with them, trusting that Jesus is already at work there and knowing that our words are seeds that can only take root and bear fruit when the soil of their hearts is prepared by Him.