

Mission, Core Values, Beliefs of New Covenant Church

NCC Mission: Through Christ, help the hurting find health and the healthy find purpose.

We exist as a community of believers to fulfill the great command, love God and the great commission, love others. Because of that we are outreach and missions focused. A large part of our budget is designated for local ministry outreach and evangelism and world missions.

We are committed to seeing the NCC community disciplined, and empowered to recognize and use the gifts that each person has been given by God. We do this through the NCC Next Step Process, which is a discipleship track that encourages growth and discovery with each progressive step.

We believe that the five ministry callings in Ephesians 4 should be in operation within the local body. Therefore we do not only recognize and honor the ministry of the pastor but also the teacher, evangelist, the prophet and the apostle.

The Gist of Who We Are

- We are **Generous** to all: We give sacrificially our time, talents, and treasure to reach people for Jesus.
- We are **Inclusive** of others: No matter what your story is, you are welcome here.
- We are quick to **Serve**: We look for needs and meet them quickly.
- We endeavor to have a **Teachable** spirit: We receive direction from the word of God and we are open to instruction from those who love God, love the church, and love us.

What Makes Us Unique

Although each Christian church has the responsibility to present Jesus to the world, each one has a unique combination of passions that make them different from the church down the street. If we do not have a unique calling, passion, flavor if you will, we are redundant and only dividing the kingdom instead of serving the kingdom. Therefore NCC makes the bold statement that we are not in competition with any other church, we do what God has called us to do and we pray for and support our sister churches as they fulfill their calling.

At NCC we believe that these are the ingredients that make us who we are.

A Spirit-filled church

The term Spirit filled was used to describe Jesus before there was a church (Luke 4:1). It refers to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives to lead us, empower us, gift us and use us as He directs. This includes the manifestations of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12.

And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52

A Culturally Diverse church

Heaven will be a rainbow of colors from every community imaginable. We choose not to wait till Heaven. We are intentionally building a community that represents those around us. This means we are working to be ethnically and racially diverse in our congregation, and leadership. NCC also believes that we are Biblically correct in the refusal of gender restrictions. Women are encouraged and equipped for ministry and leadership at NCC.

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female.

For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

A Relationally-Focused Church

We worship together, serve together, disciple and are discipled together. Our ministries, such as groups, Shepherds and the Next Step Process, are designed to keep us in close contact with the people of NCC. Even our leadership model is based on relationships. Our pastors, the senior leadership team, and other teams and leaders are all mutually submitted to each other.

Loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Philippians 2:2

NCC Statement of Faith

There is one God

Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:4; Galatians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:5.

God is three in one

Referred to as the Trinity, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit are in complete unity in thought, purpose and action. Each member of the Trinity is God.

The Father is God (John 6:27; Romans 1:7; 1 Peter 1:2).

The Son is God (John 1:1, 14; Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:8; 1 John 5:20).

The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:16).

Jesus Christ is the Son of God

Jesus, miraculously born to a virgin, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily died on the cross as our substitute. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us. John 3:16

The Bible is the Word of God

The Bible is the revealed will of God, the standard for maintaining general unity of the faith. Both the Old and New Testament are the inspired, flawless revelation of God to man. God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful manual for living.

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out to do what is right."

2 Timothy 3:16, Deuteronomy. 4:2; Psalm 19:7; Matthew.5:18; Hebrews 4:12;

You must be Born Again

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way. As a result we need God's saving grace to end our alienation from Him.

Salvation comes only through Jesus' sacrifice – not human effort – and must be received personally by repentance and faith

Jesus said to him. John 14:6; Romans 10:9

Believers are Spirit Led

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us.

We seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right.

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God.

Romans 8:14 1 Corinthians 6:17

Believers Should be Filled With The Spirit (Baptized of the Holy Spirit)

Allowing the Holy Spirit to move through you as he wills to minister in the spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12. According to Acts 1:8, the ultimate purpose of God's Spirit filling us is to be witnesses. Acts 2:4, 10:45-45, 19:6 shows one manifestation is that a believer may speak in other tongues (pray in a language, human or heavenly, not known by the believer) 1 Corinthians 14:5; Acts 19:6; Mark 16:17-18. Tongues, however, are not the only manifestation of God's Spirit working through us. All of the Spirit's gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12 are relevant and necessary for the church today.

Holiness

The desire to live a life that is separated from that which is contrary to God's nature. An outworking of the inward righteous new nature that God gives us at salvation. When our mind and emotions start to line up with the Spirit of God that dwells in us.

Hebrews 12:14, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:4;7

Divine Healing

Is provided for today by the Scriptures and included in the atonement for our sins.
Matthew 8:17, Acts 10:38, 1 Peter 2:24

Water Baptism

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and by full immersion.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper consists of the Body and Blood represented in the fruit of the vine and bread. Any believer is welcome to receive communion with us.

At NCC We Believe:

Worship is a Priority

We believe that the highest purpose of man is to worship and glorify God.
(Ps. 5:7-8, 22:27-29; 34:1-3; 95:6-7; 99:9, 100:4; Mt. 4:10; Jn. 4:23-24; Rom. 12:1; Heb. 13:15; Rev. 15:3-4)

Intimacy with God is Available

We believe God desires an intimate relationship with all people. Through prayer, meditation, worship, and Bible study, we can pursue and achieve intimacy with the Father.
(Dt. 6:5, Ps. 73:28, Dan. 9:4, John 15:9-17, Eph. 3, James 4:8, 1 John)

Commitment to Sound Doctrine is a Must

We seek to teach the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, to nourish and empower people to fulfill their God-ordained, created purpose and ministry.
(Rom. 6:17; 1 Tim. 6:3-6; 2 Tim. 1:13; Tit. 1:9, 13-14, 2:1)

Ministry to the Family is Biblical

The biblically modeled family is God's foundational social and governmental unit and is to be nourished, served and preserved as such. Fundamental to this value is the sanctity of marriage, biblical sexuality and human life. (Gen. 2:24; Ps. 139; Matt. 19:4-5; Mk. 10:6-9; Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 7:2; Eph. 5)

Authentic Community Produces Unity

We believe accountability, care, and a sense of belonging are critical to balance and progress in our spiritual journey. These things are best achieved within the context of a group of like-minded, relationally connected believers.
(Ex 19:3-6; Lev 26:12; Deut 7:6-8; 2 Chron 7:12-16; Ps 95:7; Rom 9:25; 1 Peter 2:4-10)

God's Love Brings Wholeness

A Holy Spirit controlled climate is the atmosphere which most readily births living hope, fosters true spiritual health and produces practical holiness, and a life of freedom from condemnation, and shame.

(Ex. 15:25-26; 23:25 Ps. 34:19, 103:2-3; Is. 53:3; Mal. 4:2; Rom. 8:1-2; Eph. 2:14; 2 Tim. 1:7; Jas. 5:13-16)

Faith Filled Prayer Produces Real Results

Prayer and faithful intercession allow us to enter a partnership with God, to see ourselves, our circumstances, our church and our families changed. (Ps. 55:16-17; Lk. 18:1; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; Jas. 5:16-18)

You Can't Out Give God

All that we have comes from our heavenly Father. We are entrusted as stewards of these resources to use them generously and joyously in the work of the Kingdom. We are obedient in this area as we give in tithes and offerings through the local church. Through this obedience God prospers his children.

(Gen. 28:22; Lev. 27:30; Deut. 15:10; Ps. 15; Prov. 3:9-10, 23, 11:25; Mal. 3:8-12; 2 Cor. 9:6-12)