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Tell me more about the Northwood Christian Church

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3. I will serve the ministry of my church

- ...by discovering my gifts and talents
- ...by being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...by developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you."
(1 Peter 4:10)

"God gave some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
(Ephesians 4:11-12)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who took on the very nature of a servant."
(Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

4. I will support the testimony of my church

- ...by attending faithfully
- ...by living a godly life
- ...by giving regularly

"Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another."
(Hebrews 10:25)

"Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ."
(Philippians 1:27)

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering."
(1 Corinthians 16:2)

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."
(Malachi 3:10)

Signature _____

Date _____

The Northwood Mission

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people everywhere, nurturing faith, hope, and love through worship, service to others, and devotion to Christ in a loving church family.

The Northwood Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Northwood Church family.

In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church

...by acting in love toward other members

...refusing to gossip

...by following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together."

(Romans 14:19)

"Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart."

(1 Peter 1:22)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building other up according to their needs."

(Ephesians 4:29)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you."

(Hebrews 13: 17)

2. I will share the responsibility of my church

...by praying for its growth

...by inviting the unchurched to attend

...by warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church—We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly."

(1 Thessalonians 1:1-2)

"The master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'"

(Luke 14:23)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."

(Romans 15:7)

Northwood's Core Commitments

We are committed to....

I. Worshiping God

- ◇ We delight in God our Father; because He is Holy, we desire to live our life in integrity and purity before Him;
- ◇ We long to glorify Him in meaningful, Spirit-led, Christ-centered worship, both in community with each other and individually every day;
- ◇ We strive to know, experience, and listen to God through faithful preaching and teaching of His Word, the Holy Bible;
- ◇ We celebrate faith through baptism and the Lord's Supper, defining symbols of God's love for us and our relationship with Him.

II. Being a part of the family of God

- ◇ We love, support, and care for one another just as a loving family would;
- ◇ We welcome everyone to our family simply on the basis of a shared confession that Jesus Christ is both Savior and Lord;
- ◇ A hallmark of our church is unity. Our common devotion to Jesus Christ binds us together in love, purpose, and service.

III. Becoming more like Jesus Christ

- ◇ We rejoice to see lives being changed as people encounter the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ; a focus of our ministry is to build believers who increasingly model the life of Christ;
- ◇ Because this is our desire, we long to meaningfully understand and apply the truth of the Scriptures to our life; The Bible is our authority and under girds all that we believe and how we live our life.
- ◇ And like Christ Jesus, one way we demonstrate our daily dependence on God is through prayer.

IV. Serving God by serving others

- ◇ We love all people and desire to serve those around us, lovingly meeting any needs that we can;
- ◇ We provide many programs and ministries to meet the needs of our church family and people in our community.
- ◇ We empower every member of our church family to be a minister of God, willing and able to be the hands and feet of Jesus today, carrying on His work of service in our world.

V. Going into our world with the mission of reconciliation

- ◇ At the heart of Northwood Christian Church is a passionate desire to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and reach others with the life changing message of reconciliation to God, self, and others through faith in Jesus Christ.
- ◇ Our mission is to the world; consequently our outreach efforts begin here in our community and reach outward to all parts of our world.

The Basics of our Faith

We believe in...

One God in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The deity of Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God, who was born of a virgin, who lived a sinless life, who died for our sins, who rose bodily from the grave and ascended to heaven, and who will one day return in glory and power.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit within every believer, empowering for witness and service, and providing spiritual gifts to every Christian.

The inspiration of the entire Bible as God's infallible revelation to mankind.

The one true universal church, the body of Christ, consisting of all believers throughout the world, whose head is Jesus Christ.

Salvation by faith in Christ alone, without works of merit, solely by the grace of God. Those accepting God's free gift of salvation must turn to Christ alone to save them by repenting of sin, confessing the name of Christ, and being baptized into Him.

The resurrection of the body: eternal glory for all believers in Heaven, and everlasting punishment for unbelievers in Hell.



Our Mission Statement for Christian Education

Northwood's Christian education program will prepare fully committed followers of Jesus Christ who are constantly being transformed into His likeness through instruction, worship and fellowship.

Christian Education goals:

1. To impart knowledge.
2. To build Biblical convictions.
3. To develop Godly character.
4. To give perspectives on life.
5. To enhance needed skills.