

# CORE VALUES

## At First Baptist Church Friendsville we value:



### WHOLEHEARTED WORSHIP

We desire to cultivate an environment where people personally encounter Jesus during corporate worship. We also believe this worship must flow out of a life lived daily for the glory of God.  
*(Matthew 18:20, Mark 12:30, John 4:24, Ephesians 5:18-19)*



### THE GOSPEL

Because the message of Christ's life, death, and resurrection is God's power for salvation to all who believe, we seek to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ personally, collectively, locally, and globally.  
*(John 3:16; Romans 1:16, 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:1-4)*



### AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

Because God established the local church as a community of worshiping, growing, and serving believers, we commit to a shared life of encouragement, accountability and genuine love.  
*(John 13:34-35, 2Cor 8:13-15, 1 Thes 5:14, Heb 10:24-25, 13:17)*



### BIBLICAL TRUTH

Because the Bible is God's truth, it is our sole authority and foundation for all we believe and practice. Knowledge of and obedience to God's Word are essential to true life transformation.  
*(1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12-13; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)*



### INTENTIONAL UNITY

Because the church represents Christ, we will seek to promote and maintain unity within this church family. Unless there is clear biblical error, we will prioritize our oneness in Christ over our personal preferences.  
*(Psalm 133:1-3; Romans 12:16-21; Eph. 4:1-6; Phil. 2:1-5)*



### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Because disciples are to become like Christ, we seek to develop character, biblical knowledge and ministry skills in ourselves and others as a lifelong process toward maturity.  
*(Rom 8:29, 12:2, Gal 5:22-23, 2 Tim 2:2)*



### TRADITIONAL FAMILY

God began the institution of marriage and defined it as the union of one man and one woman. A husband is to love and lead his wife. Parents are the primary spiritual leaders of children in the home, so the church is to supplement, not lead in, their spiritual development.  
*(Gen. 1:26-28; 2:21-25; 1 Cor. 11:3,8-12; Eph. 5:22-6:4; Col. 3:18-21)*



### MISSIONAL LIVING

As disciples of Christ, we are each sent as missionaries to personally share the ministry and message of God's love to all people. This requires intentionally aligning every area of our lives to this purpose.  
*(Matt 28:19-20; Mark 3:13-14; Romans 10:14-15; 2 Cor. 5:14-21; 1John 3:16-18)*