

# con·grat·u·la·tions

kənˌgrɑːtʃəˈlɑːʃ(ə)nz

*An expression of joy in the success or good fortune of another.*

- Congratulations! Part of your success in life is finding the place where you belong spiritually. We hope we are the spiritual home that you are looking for. Thank you for wanting to know more about the mission of Believers Church. In the pages that follow you will find a detailed outline - giving you a deeper insight to WHO we are as a body of Believers - our culture, mission, language, and values. We also provide you a look into what we expect of you. Why? We believe we are all in this together.
- We are a CHURCH - we have a purpose beyond our walls to bring Jesus to the world. We invite you to join us reaching others for Jesus.
- We are a FAMILY - we have a purpose to love you, care for you, and grow your faith. We invite you to join our church and family.
- We are RELATIONAL - we all love, we all serve, we all give, and we are all growing in our faith. We invite you now to own the mission of leading others to encounter Jesus.

*Pastor Mark & Rebekah*

# fore·cast

'fôr,kast/

*To estimate or predict in advance; to serve as an advance indication; foreshadow.*

**"People matter. You matter."**

*- BC Team*

## PEOPLE MATTER

- **Our Culture**  
*Relationship is the beginning, middle, and end of all God wants to do in your life.*
- **Our Mission**  
*Leading people to encounter Jesus.*
- **Our Values**  
***Relationship** - because we love people.  
**Discipleship** - because we love Jesus.*
- **Our Message**  
*We are a gateway of hope and acceptance for the broken.*
- **Our Method**  
*We gather - We scatter.*
- **Our Motto**  
*Make Jesus Famous.*

## YOU MATTER

- **Significance**  
*You are valuable to God. You are valuable to us.*
- **Connect**  
*Join the church body through **BGroups & Serve Teams***
- **Commit**  
*Own the passion and lead others to encounter Jesus.*

You are valuable to the success of our mission. You have a personal invitation to get on board and help us lead more people to encounter Jesus. Together, we truly can make a difference in this world, in our communities, in our neighborhoods, and in our homes. The success of the mission begins now. Join with us and become part of something bigger than yourself. Become part of a team, a community, and a family of believers.

# cul·ture

'kəlCHər/

*The integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon the capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generation; the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization.*

***"Relationship is the beginning, middle, and end  
of all God wants to do in your life."***

*- Our Culture*

## **The DNA Of God is RELATIONSHIP**

### **1. CREATION: God's creative nature instills RELATIONSHIP.**

- From the beginning of creation we see God's inherent nature of instilling relationship. God is, by nature, RELATIONAL. By His decision to name His creation and claiming it as "good" shows His willingness to be involved intimately with all His creation. (*Genesis 1:1-25*)
- All creation carries the DNA of God's relational nature. (*Romans 8:19-23*)

### **2. MANKIND: God's intentional language is RELATIONSHIP.**

- God makes another relational statement giving us insight into His heavenly nature. God states, "Let US make man in OUR own image, after OUR LIKENESS." (*Genesis 1:26-27*)
- Inside every human being resides God's relational DNA. Every human has within their DNA the need for relationship. You are birthed out of and intended for relationship. (*Genesis 2:18-25; 4:1-2*)

### **3. REBELLION: God's intent was destroyed through BROKEN RELATIONSHIP.**

- God was not just after relationship, but RIGHT RELATIONSHIP - that of a FATHER.
- Sin and rebellion broke the bond of that relationship. (*Genesis 3*)

### **4. RESTORATION: God's redemptive plan was the RESTORING of RELATIONSHIP.**

- Every story in the bible testifies to the truth and nature of God's relational nature.
- The promised seed, the 10 Commandments, the wilderness wandering, the tabernacle, and the establishment of Israel as a nation are all reflections of God's relational nature.

### **5. REMEDY: God CONNECTED with us to REMEDY the problem of broken relationship.**

- God came to humanity as a human - Jesus - to reestablish relationship. (*John 1*)
- Jesus was the remedy to a broken relationship with God. (*John 14*)
- The whole intent of Jesus' work was to bring all creation back into relationship with the heavenly Father. (*John 17*)

### **6. RECONCILIATION: The END RESULT is RELATIONAL restoration.**

- **The MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH:** "You have been made right with God through Jesus." (*2 Corinthians 5:11-21*)
- **The MESSAGE OF OUR LIVES:** "Love God, love your neighbor as yourself." (*Luke 10:25-37*)

# mis·sion

'miSHən/

*An important goal, purpose, or charge that is accompanied by strong conviction; a calling or vocation.*

## "We are leading people to encounter Jesus."

*- Our Mission*

- **WE ARE RELATIONAL:** Because our philosophy holds that **God is relational**, everything we do is done so that others can **encounter Jesus**. The goal of encountering Jesus is to birth an authentic faith that results in a life of **relationship** (*reconciled*), **discipleship** (love of God), **and mission** (love of others.) The END RESULT of all we do is RELATIONAL restoration. When others encounter Jesus we are successful.

# val·ues

'valyōos/

*Considering (something or someone) to be important or beneficial; one's judgment of what's important in life.*

## "You encounter Jesus through relationship & discipleship."

*-Our Values*

- **ENCOUNTER**

**JESUS** has come to provide **NEW LIFE**. Jesus has been working for you, and He has plans and purposes for your life. God desires to adopt you and call you His own, fill you and work in you, and grow you so that you will reflect the true image and nature of Jesus and be the message of that relationship to others. You are designed to love God and be the display of His power to those around you. You have a story to tell so that others may know His love. (*Jeremiah 29:11-13; Romans 5:1-11; 8:14-31; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21*)

**An encounter with Jesus is the answer for NEW LIFE.**

- **RELATIONSHIP**

**RELATIONSHIP** is all about **KINGDOM LIFE**. You were never designed to do life alone. You are designed to love and serve others. You are purposed to be part of a body and do life with other believers. You were created for community. Community is the avenue through which **GOD WORKS THROUGH YOU** so you can grow, mature, and be equipped for life in the church and the marketplace. (*Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 John 1*)

**Community equips you for kingdom work in the church & marketplace.**

- **DISCIPLESHIP** is the inward, outward, and upward expression of your faith. The Christian faith isn't some static set of rules. Your Christian faith is alive. You are called by Jesus to believe, to follow, to grow, and to lead others to encounter Him. This is discipleship: It is our faith in action.

**Discipleship is your faith being put into action so others may come to know Jesus.**

meth·od

'meTHəd/

*A particular form of procedure for accomplishing or approaching something;  
orderliness of thought or behavior.*

## "We Gather - We Scatter."

*- Our Method*

### The BIG 10

- **We Gather To:**

1. **Fellowship:** Fellowship is the cornerstone of relationship. It is a reflection of being baptized into the body of Christ. It is through fellowship we all recognize the forgiving, healing, restoring, reconciling, and redeeming nature of Jesus Christ. *(Hebrews 10:25; 1 John 1:6-7)*
2. **Worship:** Worship is a key component of relationship. We sing to celebrate and make invitation for God's presence to invade our atmosphere. *(Psalm 95:1-6; Matthew 26:26-30)*
3. **Give:** We are called to give of ourselves, our talents, our time, and our finances. It is our belief that relationship is impossible without giving. We can never out-give God. *(Genesis 14:17-24; Luke 6:37-45; John 3:16; 6:1-13; 2 Corinthians 9:6-13)*
4. **Serve:** You've been given gifts and talents so that you may love others and help others encounter Jesus. You are valuable and uniquely qualified to serve others. *(1 Corinthians 12; Galatians 5:13-26; Ephesians 4:15-16)*
5. **Hear and Respond:** Each time we gather as a congregation it is to hear and respond to a Word from the Spirit of God for our lives. Hearing and responding are the highest responses of relationship. In every service we make room for the presence of God to speak to us for healing, encouragement, repentance, and salvation, and we respond. *(Acts 2:37; Revelation 2-3)*
6. **Anoint:** We are structured as a church body with Elders who are appointed to serve, teach, lead the church, and anoint the sick with oil for healing. *(James 5:14-16)*
7. **Celebrate Sacraments:** We believe the things that separate the church from any average business organization is our command to celebrate the sacraments: salvation & repentance, baptism, communion, marriage, and anointing the sick. These sacraments reflect a life that has encountered with Jesus and is walking in right relationship to His will. *(Acts 1:5; 2:41; 8:36-38; 1 Corinthians 11:26; Ephesians 5:31-32; James 5:14-16)*

- **We Scatter To:**

8. **Disciple Others:** We are called to grow into a mature Christian, reflecting a life-change that is Spirit led and increasing in faith. Together we study the bible and grow in faith together. Making disciples declares **WE LOVE GOD.** *(2 Timothy 3:14-17)*
9. **Care For Others:** We care for one another in community. In community God will use your gifts to bless and meet the needs of others. In community we make sure no need is left unnoticed. Caring for others declares **WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR.** *(Acts 2:44-47; 20:28)*
10. **Reach Others:** We take the love of Jesus into the streets so others may encounter Jesus. Every BGroup sets their own mission and joins with the congregation to reach our city, region, and world. Outreach declares **GOD IS RELATIONAL.** *(Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15)*

# sig·nif·i·cance

/sig'nifikəns/

*The state or quality of being important; having great value or worth; having important effects or influence.*

**"You matter to God. You matter to us."**

*- Your significance*

## Your Life Holds Great Significance

- **YOU ARE VALUABLE TO GOD**

You are more than just a conglomeration of DNA, bones, and skin. You are the expression of the immeasurable riches of His grace shown to you in Christ Jesus. *(Matthew 6:25-34; Ephesians 2:4-9)*

- **YOU HAVE A PURPOSE ON THIS PLANET**

God has plans for your life. He already has your future laid out for you. You have been purposed to serve His kingdom, bear fruit, and make more disciples of Jesus Christ. *(Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 1:11)*

- **YOU ARE VALUABLE TO US**

We love you and want you to be the best that God has purposed you to be. We desire to be part of your story and help you grow in your faith and accomplish God's will for your life. *(Luke 10:27; Philippians 2:4)*

- **YOU HAVE A PURPOSE IN THIS CHURCH**

Despite your past or present situation your life tells a story. When your life's story encounters Jesus, His story becomes your new story. Your life becomes a storybook that leads others to encounter Jesus. *(Psalm 66:16; 1 John 1:1-4)*

You can discover your true value and purpose by becoming connected to God through His body, the church. As you join with other believers in community, God's Spirit clarifies your gifts and fulfills the intent of why He has kept you alive for such a time as this. You are destined. You have been purposed of God. Get connected and discover the joy and living up to your highest potential.

con·nect

kə'nekt/

*To be involved with or be related to another person, thing, or idea.*

**"Stop attending church and join the body."**

*- Your Responsibility*

## **Join The Church Body**

- **SIGN UP FOR ENCOUNTER**

Your first step is to take our ENCOUNTER class and learn about the DNA of Believers Church, our passion and our plan, and determine if you fit with the culture of who we are called to be.

**We are RELATIONAL.**

- **JOIN A SERVE TEAM**

To be successful in our philosophy we will help you CONNECT TO YOUR GIFT and discover the purpose which you have been divinely suited for. When you connect to your gift, you can begin to take ownership of our passion and start helping others encounter Jesus.

**You are UNIQUE, and you are called to SERVE.**

- **JOIN A BGROUP**

It's all about being relational in a community of like-minded believers.

**Your story can make a difference in community.**

- **COMMIT TO BEING A COVENANT MEMBER**

Take a step and become part of our church body. Become a bringer, server, giver, and helper.

**Together we make it BETTER.**

- **ATTEND BELIEVERS UNIVERSITY**

Go deeper in your faith and understanding of God's Word.

**Become a great defender of your faith.**

com·mit·ment

kə'mitmənt/

*The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause; a promise to be loyal or support something.*

**"There's no higher purpose than leading  
someone to encounter Jesus."**

*- Your Commitment*

## Your Next Steps To Joining Believers

• **COMPLETE ENCOUNTER**

• **JOIN A SERVE TEAM**

• **JOIN A BGROUP**

• **BECOME A COVENANT MEMBER**

## Our Relational Commitment to Each Other

- We all LEAD others to Jesus.
- We all SERVE.
- We all GIVE.
- We all GROW IN FAITH.
- We all LOVE.
- We all are RELATIONAL.