## **Core Values**Valley Grace Brethren Church

Core Values Statement: The following represent the core values of Valley Grace Brethren Church. We desire that these values define and drive this ministry in the context of a warm and caring environment.

Christ's Headship: We acknowledge Christ as the Head of our church and submit ourselves and all our activities to His will and good pleasure. (Ephesians 1:22, 23)

Biblical Focus: We teach God's Word with integrity and authority, so seekers find Christ and believers mature in Him. (2 Timothy 3:16)

**Authentic Worship**: We recognize God's supreme value and worth in our personal lives and in the corporate worship of our church. (Romans 12:1, 2)

**Prayer**: We rely on private and corporate prayer in the conception, planning and execution of all ministries and activities of this church. (Matthew 7:7-11)

Sense of Community: We ask all our people to fully participate in biblically functioning small groups where they may reach the lost, exercise their gifts, be shepherded and grow in Christlikeness. (Acts 2:44-46)

Family: We support the spiritual nurture of the biblical family as one of God's dynamic means to perpetuate the Christian faith. (2 Timothy 1:5)

**Grace-Orientation**: We encourage our people to serve Christ with love and gratitude rather than guilt and condemnation. (Romans 6:14)

Creativity and Innovation: We evaluate our forms and methods, without changing our message, seeking cultural relevance and maximum ministry effectiveness for Christ. (1 Chronicles 12:32).

Lost People: We value unchurched, lost people and will use every available, Christ-honoring, means to pursue, win and help them to follow Jesus. (Luke 19:10)

**Mobilized Congregation:** We recognize that each person in our church family is uniquely designed and gifted, so we seek to equip each one to be able to effectively accomplish the work of the ministry. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Ministry Excellence: We strive to maintain a high standard of excellence in all our ministries and activities, since God gave His best for us. (Colossians 3:23, 24)

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