

The Ideal Church
Oakwood Church's Core Values

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1. Everyone holds a certain set of core beliefs.
2. Beliefs determine values, which determine behavior.
3. Churches must clearly communicate their core beliefs and core values.

Our Core Values

- **The systematic, practical communication of the Bible - Nehemiah 8:8-9,12**
 - 3 steps: read, clarify, apply
 - Understanding the Bible produces joy.
- **Growth training for every Christian – 1 Peter 2:2; Philippians 3:17**
 - Instruction in the Word.
 - Partnering in obedience.
- **Unity among believers – Philippians 1:27**
 - Centered on common beliefs and purposes.
 - Essential to “worthy” living.
- **Hospitality toward newcomers – James 2:8-9; Hebrews 13:12**
 - Of all people, believers should treat people with love.
 - Outward appearance seldom reveals essential character.
- **Presenting people with their need for salvation – Romans 10:14**
 - Many who attend church have never been born again.
 - In most conversions, a “preacher” is involved.
- **Contributing to a healthy, Christ-centered family life – Titus 2:3-5**
 - It involves mentoring.
 - It requires balanced living.
- **Team leadership by godly servant-leaders – Acts 6:3**
3 qualities: character, competence, compassion
- **Participation in Sunday worship – Ephesians 5:18-19**
 - It's one evidence of the Spirit's control in your life.
- **Passing the baton to the next generation – Psalm 78:5-7**
 - Parents are primarily responsible for transmitting faith.
 - It requires long-term focus.