

Philosophy of Ministry

Community Bible Church has a three-fold Philosophy of Ministry. We exist to: exalt God, edify believers, and evangelize the lost. This philosophy establishes the priority of the vertical relationship with God, the necessity of love with depth among believer in the church, and the fulfillment of the churches purpose through proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of the lost. Our commitments can be understood to be first up, then in, then out.

1. Exalt God

The exaltation of God is the chief aim of all mankind. No higher purpose or function exists. The Scriptures declare the purpose of creation is the projection of the majesty and power of God (Ps 19). As believers and worshippers, it must be our desire to know God as He reveals Himself through His word, so that we might worship Him accurately, in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24; 1 Cor 10:31). As a church, the magnification, worship, praise and exaltation of God will always remain our #1 priority. This priority will be reflected in all that we do. It will continually unite our gatherings and demand our obedience and loyalty.

2. Edify Believers

Delighted in purpose, the church gathers as the body of Christ to encourage, strengthen, and equip the saints for service to God (Eph 4:12). Progressively, all believers are growing in obedience to God and love to one another. And like a family, the older must instruct and guide the younger in the faith. Community Bible Church is a place where believers pursue growth and maturity in Christ through attendance, practice of the spiritual disciplines and discipleship (Heb 10:24-25; Mat 28:19-20; Eph 4:11-13). Every believer takes personal responsibility for their spiritual growth (Phil 2:12-13), yet willingly submitting to God's under-shepherds in the church (Heb 13:17). God has given every believer a spiritual gift and God expects believers to use their gift for the building up of the church (Rom 12:1-8; 1 Cor 12:7). Community Bible Church will promote a culture of Christlikeness among her believers, intent on presenting "every man complete in Christ" (Col 1:24-29).

3. Evangelize the Lost

Having received the love of God in salvation, and the love from the brothers and sisters in edification, the church is equipped to evangelize the lost. This mission is made clear in the Great Commission (Mat 28:19-20). The church is to evangelize the lost, first, through its words. Salvation comes through the gospel, which must be preached (Rom 1:16-17; 10:17). The church is to evangelize the lost, second, through its walk. The message of the gospel cannot be separated from the life of the person speaking it. God calls the church to practice what it preaches and live as salt and light in the world (1 Pet 3:1-2; Jn 13:35). Community Bible Church will labor for the sake of the elect of God, (2 Tim 2:10), preaching the peace of God to those far and near, that many might know reconciliation and access to God through salvation in Christ alone (Eph 2:17-18).