

## **The Purpose and Priorities of Columbia Bible Church**

### **Our Purpose**

CBC desires to be purposeful and deliberate in all we do. With this in mind we see our purpose as a church:

- Ministry towards God – in relationship to God, the church's purpose is to worship Him. Worship is a direct relationship to God.
- Ministry toward Believers – in relationship to God's people, the church's purpose is to strengthen, support, and encourage them.
- Ministry toward the World – in relationship to the lost, the church's purpose is to proclaim and live the gospel.

All three elements are essential and none can be neglected; a healthy church will continually emphasize all three.

### **Our Priorities and Our Philosophy of Ministry**

The following priorities more clearly define Columbia Bible Church:

#### **1. The Local Church**

We view the local church as one of God's biblical means for the growth and care of each individual believer.

#### **2. Biblical Teaching**

We determine to accurately teach the word of God and submit to it in all we believe and do (Isaiah 40:8;

3. **Reverent Worship**

Our desire is to corporately glorify God in His presence with hearts, voices, and instruments. With regard

4. **Effective Discipleship**

We purpose to equip the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12). We commit to teach a biblical masculinity and femininity. We will encourage men toward faithful shepherding.

5. **Personal Holiness**

With Christ as our model, we want to be individually characterized by personal holiness (1 Peter 1:16), by

6. **Fervent Prayer**

We express our dependence on God as we pray, trusting that He hears and answers our prayers as we

7. **Compassionate Outreach**

We fully embrace the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). We purpose to equip, train, and encourage

8. **Stepping Out in Faith and Reliance on God**

God has given the church His Holy Spirit to empower each one of us to mature in Christ (Acts 1:8). As a

9. **Edifying Fellowship**

We are committed to assembling together as a family of believers. God's word, prayer, and the singing