

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 to:

- Ministry towards God – in relationship to God, the church's purpose is to worship Him. Worship is a direct result of our relationship with God.
- Ministry toward Believers – in relationship to God's people, the church's purpose is to strengthen, support, and encourage them in their faith.
- 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