

Fellowship Bible Church – Crawford Loritts

Authority of Scripture: We recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, the source of spiritual and moral authority leading to wisdom, sufficient for equipping and training God's people. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

Mission: We believe we are called to live missionally and engage in personal evangelism, local community service and global missions. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Worship: We will individually and corporately celebrate our love for God, our trust in His greatness and sovereignty, our unity and salvation in Jesus Christ, and our dependence upon the Holy Spirit. (Psalm 66:4)

Stewardship: We believe that God is the owner of who we are and all we possess; we embrace His mandate to consistently honor Him with our financial provision and personal gifts of service. (Psalm 104:24)

Community: We recognize that, while living in a fallen world, we are called to live in Christian community consistently abiding in the Great Commandment, loving God and reflecting His unconditional love to our neighbor. (Acts 2:43-47)

Prayer: We acknowledge the primacy and priority of prayer both individually and corporately, constantly seeking God's will and the leading of the Holy Spirit in everything. (Philippians 4:6)

Christ Church of the Valley – Brian Jones

- **Biblically-Based** - The Bible alone dictates what we believe and practice.
- **Culturally Relevant** – To be effective the church must remain culturally relevant.
- **Evangelistic** – Followers of Jesus are passionate about evangelism.
- **Church Planting** – We will be a church planting church.
- **Community** – Life change happens best in community with other Christians.
- **Discipleship** - Followers of Jesus obey his teachings.
- **Excellence** – Excellence honors God and inspires people.
- **Grace** – We will foster an environment of love, acceptance, and forgiveness.
- **Stewardship** – We will give our time, spiritual gifts, abilities, and finances to extend Christ's kingdom.

Denton Bible Church - Tom Nelson

1. We value the **authority of Scripture**, looking to the Bible as the inspired, inerrant word of God to direct us in all pertinent matters of belief and behavior. *2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 40:8*
2. We value **Bible exposition**, regarding accurate and relevant teaching and preaching of the Scriptures as essential to the spiritual vitality of our church. *2 Timothy 4:1-2; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42*
3. We value **prayer**, recognizing our church's desperate need for God to guide, equip, and empower the church to accomplish its ministry aspirations. *Acts 2:42; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*
4. We value **missions**, understanding our church's great responsibility to train ministers and laity worldwide to be more effective in ministry. *Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; Acts 1:8*
5. We value **discipleship**, convinced each person in our church is called to follow Christ wholeheartedly and to help others do the same. *Luke 9:23; Titus 2:1-6; 2 Timothy 2:2*
6. We value **evangelism**, persuaded that people who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior are now separated from God and in danger of eternal condemnation. *Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; Matthew 28:18-20*
7. We value **financial responsibility**, humbled by the faithful giving of our people and convinced of our duty to be above reproach in all financial matters. *1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:19-21; 9:6-8*
8. We value **compassion**, fully aware of God's call upon our church to meet the various and pressing needs of our community. *James 1:27; Galatians 2:10*
9. We value a **well-mobilized lay ministry**, realizing our greatest ministry aspirations will be accomplished through the Spirit-led efforts of our people. *Ephesians 4:11-13; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Peter 2:9-10*
10. We value **community**, believing that true spiritual growth happens best in the context of transparent, authentic relationships. *Proverbs 27:17; Acts 2:46*

Austin Ridge Bible Church – Brad Thomas

The core values of our church serve as a description of what we believe the Bible calls us to be and to do as followers of Jesus. They are a barometer or a measuring stick for each of us as we grow in relationship with Jesus and become more and more like him. The staff and volunteers of Austin Ridge are committed to leading this church as people who live these values day by day.

We Are People Who:

Worship Jesus - *Rev 5:13*

Are Led by the Scripture - *2 Tim 3:16-17*

Invest in Authentic Relationships - *Eph 4:1-3*

Are Prayer Dependant - *Isa 56:7c*

Live Generously - *2 Corinthians 9:6-, 11*

Are Missional – *Matthew 28:19-20*

Thomas Road Baptist Church – Johnathan Falwell

Commitment to Scripture

Without a doubt, Thomas Road is built upon the Word of God. Since our founding in 1956, we have never wavered nor compromised on the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. We are committed to accurately teaching and preaching Holy Scripture at every opportunity.

Whether in a Sunday morning service or an evening Life Group, we place a high value on the Word of God. Are you hungry for God's Word? Do you desire to know God's will for your life? Then, get into God's Word today. Join with the Psalmist in saying: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

Culture of Prayer

Our church is committed to integrating prayer into every aspect of our ministry. Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call to Me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." We humbly realize our dependence upon the Lord.

We strive to make Thomas Road a house of prayer. We want it to be part of our culture every minute of every day on Main Street, in the Worship Center and throughout our entire campus.

May we never forget the words of our founding pastor, Dr. Jerry Falwell:

"Nothing of eternal significance is ever accomplished apart from prayer."

Lifestyle of Worship

Any time the word "worship" is mentioned in Christian circles, the first thing that comes to the minds of most believers is "music" – the praise and worship songs we sing on Sunday mornings. While it is true that we can find great joy in worshipping God through music, the very act of worship is not to be limited to a song or a series of songs on Sunday morning. True worship of God is to be reflected in our lifestyle in every moment... in every decision...in every relationship.

Matthew 22:37 says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." "All" is not limited to Sunday mornings – "all" is everything we have, every moment we are given and in every situation that God brings into our path. What a responsibility! At Thomas Road, we are asking God to create a desire within all of us to honor, glorify and praise God through our lives.

Connection to Community

We were never supposed to live the Christian life alone. We are to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) At Thomas Road, we value each member's

commitment to loving and serving each other. Yes, we do this on Sunday morning, but we also strive to support each other during the week.

One of the best ways to experience this type of community is to be connected to a Life Group. These small groups meet on Sunday mornings as well as during the week in homes of our members. These groups allow you to develop authentic, deep relationships that encourage you, as you are an encouragement to others.

Heart for Serving

Built upon the principles in John 13, Acts 2 and Ephesians 2 & 4, we are to serve one another in the body of Christ. Jesus commanded us to love one another. One of the most practical ways we can truly love our brothers and sisters in Christ is to serve each other using the spiritual gifts that God has given to us.

What is your spiritual gift? How are you using it in our local church to serve fellow church members? If you have not yet discovered your spiritual gift or are looking for areas where you can share your gift, visit our Connect class. Let's all commit to serving each other as Christ has commanded us to do.

Passion for Sharing

Passion for Sharing takes us outside the walls of our church. Thomas Road wants to compassionately serve our local community, as well as, actively participate in missions around the world. We want to reach our city and the "uttermost parts of the earth".

Jesus was moved with compassion as He ministered to the multitudes. Romans 10:14 reminds us: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" We are committed to following His example by intentionally developing relationships that 'earn' us the right to actively share the Gospel.