

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Mission, Faith, Vision and Strategies

New Life Christian Fellowship – being a congregation of Grace Communion International - is committed to living and sharing the good news of what God has done through Jesus Christ.

1. The church seeks to fulfill this mission by:

- Building healthy, Christ-centered congregations that are sanctuaries of worship, friendship, and nurturing pastoral care.
- Providing sound biblical teaching through congregations, media, and personal outreach in relevant, meaningful forms for people of diverse backgrounds and ages.
- Expressing the love of God to all through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Equipping people for Christian service so that the gospel can be known, understood, and experienced.
- Sharing in the work of the gospel with the broader Christian community, acknowledging that we can learn from one another and that Christ's love goes beyond denominational boundaries.

2. At the core of our faith we believe:

- In one holy, loving, all-powerful, and gracious Creator God who exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.(1 Tim 1:17; 1 John 4:8; Matt 28:19)
- The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, fully authoritative for all matters of faith and practice.(2 Tim 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully human, is both Lord and Saviour.(John 1:1,14; Matt 1:20-23, Cols 1:13-20; Hebs 1:3; Titus 2:13)
- Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross for human sin, that he was raised bodily on the third day, and that he ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father.(1 Cors 15:3-4; John 3:16; Phils 2:5-11; Hebs 8:1; Roms 8:34)
- Jesus Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead and to reign over all things in love.(Matt 24:30-31; Acts 10:42-43; Rev 11:15-18; 19:11-16)
- The Holy Spirit, who brings sinners to repentance, who gives eternal life to believers, and who lives in them to conform them to the image of Jesus Christ.(Acts 2:38, Roms 8:9-11; Titus 3:5-6)

- Christians should gather in regular fellowship and live lives of faith that make evident the good news that humans enter the kingdom of God by putting their trust in Jesus Christ.(Acts 2:41-42; 1 Cors 12:12-13, 21-26; Gals 2, 9-10; Hebs 10:23-25)
- In the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.(Gals 3:27-28; Ephs 4:1-7)
- Salvation comes not by works, but only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.(Ephs 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7)
- In the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.(John 5:25-29; 1 Cors 15:51-53; 1 Thes 4:15-18; Rev 21:1-4, 22:1-5)

3. Our vision for our local congregation is to be a caring, united community that is led by the Holy Spirit, worshipping God, living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and reaching out to others in loving service and offering them Christ as Saviour.

We seek to fulfill this vision by:

- Helping members develop a close personal relationship with God our Father through and with Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- Building an intimate Christian community by getting to know and supporting one another.
- Creating an environment where people of all ages can worship, praise and honour God and learn his way.
- Helping Christians discover, develop and use their God-given gifts
- Minister to our community at large.

4. Our strategies are:

- Each member devoting personal, private time with God through regular prayer, Bible Study and scripture meditation, also with fasting as needed.
- Provide in-home small groups for fulfilling the needs of caring, sharing, support and friendship, prayer, biblical understanding and application, spiritual accountability, gift discovery and evangelism.

- Provide weekly meetings with inspirational Christian music, prayer, relevant biblically-based messages, and fellowship for all ages.
- Assist parents, and provide our youth and children with age-related and relevant instruction and activities.
- Provide social activities to assist the development of church community.
- Provide training for members to develop their spiritual gifts and assist and advise them in personal and public ministries.
- Encourage members to be involved in and help meet the legitimate needs of their community.