

What's Different about ACF?

At ACF, our **MISSION** is:

To enable the seeker of purpose, meaning and truth to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

At ACF, we believe everyone is seeking. From the person exploring and getting to know more about Christ to the person who's actively growing and learning to trust God with everyday life decisions – all of us are looking for purpose, meaning and truth in our lives. It's our heart at ACF to create an environment where all people can meet Christ, invite Him to be the center of their life, and grow in Him no matter where they are.

The heart and calling of **ACF** is revealed in the **VALUES** we embrace and the **VISION** we keep in front of us.

Our **VALUES** are how we function as a church body.

Priority We emphasize serving and communicating with those who do not yet know Jesus. *Luke 15:7, Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

Simplicity We do not make it difficult for people who are turning to God. *Acts 15:19, It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.*

Quality We do everything with excellence and God-honoring passion. *Acts 14:1, There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed.*

Community We live our lives in the context of authentic and committed relationships with other believers. *Acts 2:44-46, All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.*

Integrity We seek to be above reproach in everything we do. *2 Cor. 8:21, We are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.*

Authority The power of our message and for our ministry comes from God's Word. *Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

Now let's look at our **VISION**. Our Vision speaks to our "relevancy". These represent what God has specifically called us to do as a church.

Our **VISION** is who we feel God wants us to be as a church.

Other's Centered Church We are a generous congregation, giving a significant amount of our time and treasures serving ministries around Austin and around the world.
Philippians 2:3 ...but in humility count others as more significant than yourselves.

Next Generation Church We believe the best way to impact a city is to fill its future with bright, godly, capable leaders. As a result, ACF places major emphasis on ministries to children and youth.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7, And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise.

Leader Developing/Sending Church ACF is a leader-rich environment. As a result, we emphasize identifying, developing, and deploying leaders into ministries of ACF and around the world.

Matthew 28:18-20, Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Faith-Based Budgeting Church We plan our ministry vision and budget our resources based on what we believe God is calling us to do, not just on what we think we can afford or accomplish on our own.

Matthew 14:16, Jesus said, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat".

Praying Church We maintain prayer as the backdrop and guiding practice in all we do.
Isaiah 56:7 These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

"Least of These" Church We serve the underserved in our community.

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Cooperating Church We cooperate with other local churches in Austin to determine how we can best serve our city as one church.

John 17:23, I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

So that's who we are as a church. We want to be true to God's calling for us as a church.

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