

Asbury UMC  
Core Values  
Booklet



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## **Welcome & Instructions**

Welcome to the Asbury UMC Core Values Booklet! Our Church Family has come together to create six Core Values. In this booklet we want to share those Core Values with you and get your input in order that we may finalize them.

On the following pages you will see our Core Values as they have emerged through our meetings. Each Core Value will have its own page. For each Core Value page you will see four things. You will see:

1. All the ideas our groups have come up with – these will be grouped at the top in a box with a dashed line
2. The Title of the Core Value, or in some cases more than one Title for the Core Value
3. Example supporting descriptions of the Core Value
4. Example supporting verses for the Core Value

Please review each Core Value's Title, supporting description, and supporting verses.

If you agree with the Title of the Core Value, circle it. If you have a better Title for the Core Value, write it in the space below the Title. Do the same thing for the supporting description and supporting verse on each page. A special note about the scripture: The example scriptures are NIV. If you prefer a different version please note that as well.

To help out, we've included an example page. The goal is to arrive at one Title, one descriptive text, and one verse for each Core Value.

Thank you for participating in the process of defining the Core Values of our Church Family.

# EXAMPLE PAGE

In this example, we see that the person likes the Title Christian Growth, so they circled it. They thought of a better supporting description so they wrote it in the space below. Lastly, they liked Ephesians 4:15 but they also provided another one for consideration.

Discipleship, Sunday School, Bible Study, Biblical Authority, retreats, Holy Spirit, Deliverance, Walk to Emmaus, teaching, growth groups, baptism, training of the children, personal stewardship, church stewardship, multigenerational, special needs classes, Impact camp, forgiveness, the Word, no resentment, not easily offended, gifts, talents, time, spiritual truth, discernment, wisdom, worth of an individual, thinks holy, anointing 24x7, presence of the Holy Spirit

## *Christian Growth, Training*

"We are actively growing in every way to be more and more like Christ"

"Diligently growing our walk with Christ through purpose and design"

"Aligning everything we do towards the edification and fulfillment of our faith"

"becoming effective members of God's family"

### **2 Peter 3:18**

"...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..."

### **Ephesians 4:15**

"...growing in every way more and more like Christ..."

### **1 Timothy 4:7**

"...train yourself to be Godly."

2 Timothy 3:16 should also be considered. I like that one too!

Welcome, shake your hand, hugs, “wow”, creating positive first impressions, “loving, welcome vibe”, “here for you”, “open hearts, minds, & doors”, joy, happy, accepting, uplifting, encouragement, love one another

## *Christian Hospitality*

“Accepting and open atmosphere”

“Sincere welcoming and authentic church family experience”

“Your family is our family. Welcome to Asbury!”

### **Galatians 3:28 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

### **Luke 10:27 (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> “And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.”

### **Matthew 25:35 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,”

Worship, preaching, prayer, preaching the gospel, Word, Praise & Worship, altar call, participation, presence, music, orchestra, choir, praise band, kids & adult musicals, lights and sound, sets, tone chimes

## *Worship, Musical Praise, Expression of Worship*

“Renewing and Refreshing through Spirit  
filled praise and worship ”

“Yielding our spirit in worship of the  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

“Uniting together to celebrate Jesus!”

### **Psalm 150:6 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

### **Psalm 100:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> “Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

### **Psalm 150:4 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> “praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,”

Fun groups, youth, children, Asbury Methodist Women,  
Asbury Methodist Men, Game Night, Christian Counseling,  
Easter Egg Hunt, Pot Lucks, 50+ group, Sunday School  
Parties, Men's Group, "Sense of belonging", Family Support  
Groups, Multi-Generational, Special Needs Events

## *Christian Community, Fellowship*

"Binding ourselves together through Christian activity."

"Strengthening our bonds by our fellowship."

"Uniting in our fellowship to grow in Christ."

### **Matthew 18:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

### **Romans 12:5 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others"

### **Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> "not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Prayer Chain, Bereavement, shut-ins, inclusive,  
Non-judgmental, connection cards, caring cards, healing

## *Congregational Care*

“Supporting one another in the fulfillment of our faith.”

“Upholding and uplifting one another.”

“Building up our community of faith through service to one another.”

### **John 13:34 (NIV)**

<sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

### **John 13:35 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

### **1 John 4:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God

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### **2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”

### **Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

### **1 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> “Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.”



ARM, Toystore, Ministry, Missions, Community outward,  
Counseling, garden, MDO, Bazaar, ARK, Scouts, VBS, Door  
knocking, Community engagement, sewing group, International  
missions , known in the community for our works, hearing the cry of  
the needy, visiting the sick and homebound, reach to the needy one on  
one, community service, fall festival, evangelism, testimony, being  
hands and feet, restoration of the lost, witness openly, saving souls,  
Communication, social media, Arbor, Technology training, modeling,  
sharing, business cards, inviting people, taking advantage of  
opportunity

## *Ministry Outreach, Outreach, Marketing, Marketing the Christian Faith*

“Being the body of Christ through community action.”

“Uplifting our local community.”

“Advancing the Word of God in our community  
through our actions.”

### **Mark 16:15 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all  
creation.’”

### **2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct,  
rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”

### **Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and  
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,  
<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after  
me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

The real measure of a successful life is whether or not inner peace is achieved.

Inner peace is the transcendent feeling of fulfillment and personal well-being which comes whenever a person is living their life in conformity with their inner core values. The simple concept of making sure your daily activities reflect your deepest core values lies at the very heart of effective time and life management.

- Hyrum W. Smith