



Essential Church for all the seasons of life.



Honor God's Truth
Share the Gospel
Build Believers
Care for Others

Biblical Foundations and Core Values

Biblical Foundations

The purpose of the Church is to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Our Foundational Core Value

HSBC values the Bible as the inerrant, inspired, infallible word of God and believes it is absolute and foundational to all workings and goals of our church and personal lives. 2 Timothy 3:16

Active Core Values

These are the core values that we believe are active in our church at present. Some may be stronger than others.

HSBC values prayerfully guided unity, enabling the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. Ephesians 4:3

HSBC values fellowship within the church body and the development of Christian community. 1 John 1:7

HSBC values serving others in Christian love. Galatians 5:13

HSBC values personal and corporate prayer. 1 Timothy 2:8

HSBC values assembling ourselves together for the purpose of worshipping God in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

HSBC values the spiritual gifts of each member and encourages members to use their God-given gifts and talents to build up the body of the church. 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12:3-8

HSBC values the God-given uniqueness in our congregation and community. 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

HSBC values personal and corporate biblical stewardship of time, talents, gifts, finances, and all other resources. 1 Corinthians 10:31

HSBC values encouraging all members to live a biblical lifestyle. Romans 12:2

Aspiring Core Values

The following are Aspiring Core Values. While they may be present to some degree, we feel that we need to grow in these areas for these to become Active Core Values.

**HSBC values reaching into our community and beyond to share the Gospel. Acts 1:8*

**HSBC values the strengthening and building of the family as a foundation of the church and society. Deuteronomy 6:7*

**HSBC values the intentional discipleship of all believers. Matthew 28:20*

Vision Statement

We live in and minister in a community of long term residents and people in transition. As we consider this community, God calls us to:

- reach out to all new residents and the unchurched.
- share a gospel witness with each.
- involve those who are reached with the gospel in the life of our church.
- encourage and equip them to live the Christian life.

Envision what a difference we would make in our community and world. Those who stay will bring a positive Christian influence into our area. Those whom God sends beyond our community will be able to touch the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To glorify God and accomplish this vision, our desire is to be a church of essentials. We will strengthen the ministries, activities and relationships within the church so that our church remains essential in the life of our

members and participants as we serve the Lord. We will offer those programs, activities and ministries that will best enable us to engage the unchurched of our area for the purpose of reaching them for Christ.

The Essentials:

1. Essential Relationship with Jesus Christ – Every participant and member will be encouraged to begin and remain in an abiding relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is only through this essential relationship that Christians will be able to develop to their fullest potential. (John 15:5)

We will develop a plan to make contact with every new resident to our community to extend a Christian witness and an invitation to participate in one of our church activities. Guests who participate in a church activity will receive a personal contact and as a result we expect to see an ever growing number of people coming to Christ and being received into the church family.

2. Essential Life Development – Every individual, couple and family will be encouraged to develop those personal life practices, commit to church membership, and participate in those activities that will enable them to develop their Christian potential to its fullest. We recognize that each of these activities must be founded upon and guided by prayer.

Worship – Every individual will be encouraged to develop a lifestyle of personal and corporate worship. We will provide a variety of worship services that will enable everyone to participate in corporate worship.

Every individual will be encouraged and equipped to develop a lifestyle of personal, couple and/or family worship. We will place a particular emphasis on encouraging and equipping families to schedule times for family worship and for developing a lifestyle of personal worship in their children.

We envision vibrant, relevant corporate worship through which all of our active members are participants. We will further equip, train and encourage our participants and members in the practice of personal worship such that this becomes the common experience of our church.

Discipleship – Every individual, couple and family will be encouraged to regularly participate in at least one small group Bible study/discipleship activity.

We will develop intentional discipleship strategies for a variety of needs and spiritual development.

Every individual, couple and family will be encouraged and equipped to develop a lifestyle of personal Bible study. We will place a particular emphasis on encouraging and equipping families to schedule times for

family Bible study and for developing a lifestyle of personal Bible study in their children.

As a result, each member of HSBC will show an increasing evidence of a transformed life and spiritual maturity, as they strive to become effective disciples of Jesus Christ in their daily walk.

Evangelism/Missions – Every individual, couple and family will be encouraged and equipped to develop a heart for and a lifestyle of corporate and personal evangelism and missions.

We look to the time when an ever increasing number of our church are actively involved in some aspect of evangelism/missions.

Relationships – We will encourage and provide opportunities for every individual, couple and family to connect with others from this church. As a result, close family-type ties will be created. Every member will be connected with others through significant relationships on both the small group and corporate level.

Ministry – We will encourage every individual, couple and family to discover their spiritual gifts and interest areas. The church will provide opportunities for meaningful ministry through the church that will impact our church and community.

Every member will be provided the opportunity to learn of their gifts and talents and be encouraged to use them to serve the Lord through the church. Our ultimate goal will be for every member to be a serving member.

3. Essential Accountability – A basic set of encouragements and expectations will be provided to all members. We will develop an appropriate means of lovingly encouraging one another's continuing growth in Christ. We will then see an ever-increasing level of church involvement and spiritual growth in the lives of our members.

4. Essential Structure – Our Biblical Foundation, Core Values, Mission Statement and Vision Statements will be prominently displayed in the church to remind each of us of our ministry purposes and direction. We will provide teaching and materials about the life, purpose and structure of our church.

We will develop and maintain those essential administrative processes and procedures that will provide appropriate administrative support for the ministries and activities of the church. Existing or potential ministries, activities, and structure will be evaluated at least annually to determine if it is essential to the fulfillment of our biblical mandates, core values, mission, and vision of the church; those that are not essential will be discontinued or not pursued.

Every member of our church will be able to verbalize our basic mission and vision statement.