

## WHAT DO WE VALUE?

We value the Gospel which sets people free from the idols of sex, money, power, pleasure, and even people.

We value lost people. They matter to God, and matter to us and we want to care for those seeking faith.

We value the practice of love, patience, gentleness, acceptance, forgiveness, generosity, and humor.

We value a safe environment where tough questions can be asked without embarrassment.

We value the multigenerational nature of the church including children, young people and the elderly.

We value single, married, and family lives which promote relational, emotional, and spiritual growth.

We value discipleship that equips people to serve others and live all of life from a Christian worldview.

We value character and integrity more than talent. We prize honesty, authenticity, and accountability.

We value worship that connects us with our Christian heritage, builds believers, and helps those who doubt.

We value cultural relevance and biblical faithfulness and will reflect it in preaching, teaching, and worship.

We value an active relationship with churches beyond ourselves and within our denomination and community.

We value the living demonstration of racial, cultural, and social respect and reconciliation in our lives.

We value compassion to the downtrodden, the poor, the discouraged, the oppressed, and the burdened.

We value the community of Ventura County and the energy and opportunities that it gives us.

We value God-given gifts in both men and women and their energetic use in the church as God has directed.

We value excellence in our efforts. We believe this honors God and inspires people to greatness.

We value open admission of moral failures and human limitations through repentance and believing prayer.

## WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

We embrace the *historic Christian faith* — believing the timeless truths held in common by the church in all ages and places. We wholeheartedly affirm the classic doctrines defined by the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds.

*The Trinity* — There is only one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*The Incarnation* — Jesus Christ is the only Son of God both fully God and fully human.

*The Atonement* — Jesus died on a cross and was raised from the dead in order to redeem us from our sins.

We embrace the *Reformed Christian faith* — believing the biblical teachings that were restated during the Protestant Reformation. This great renewal of the church in the 16<sup>th</sup> century has given us a common heritage in the classic "solas".

*Scripture Alone* — The Bible is the one source of divine revelation and only completely reliable guide for faith and life.

*Christ Alone* — Salvation is accomplished by the substitutionary atonement of the historical and sinless Christ alone.

*Grace Alone* — We are rescued from God's anger, freed from sin's bondage and lifted to new life by His grace alone.

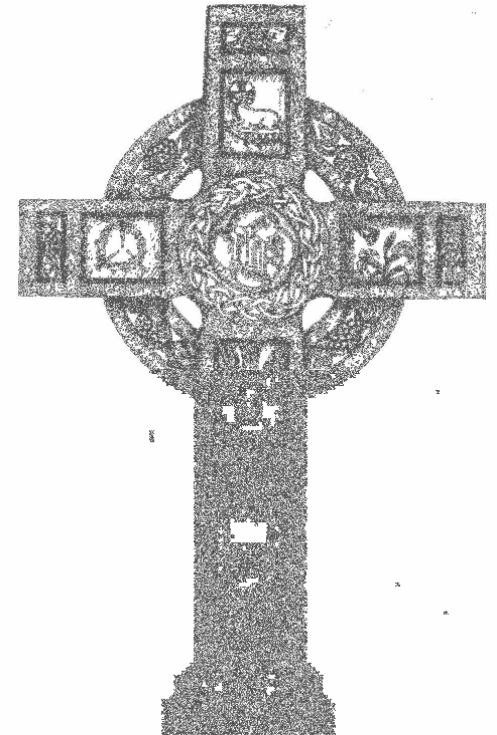
*Faith Alone* — Christ's righteousness is imputed to us as the only possible satisfaction of God's justice by faith alone.

*God Alone* — The sole purpose of our creation and redemption is to delight in God's presence, and live for His glory.

***Spiritual life is produced not simply by the comprehension of doctrinal propositions, but by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in believing communities***

# CHRIST CHURCH VENTURA

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## WHAT IS OUR MESSAGE?

We want people know the great good news that God has taken it upon Himself to do something for us that we are powerless to do for ourselves. The Gospel is simply this: sinners are forgiven and accepted by God because of the work of Jesus Christ. Trust in Christ's finished work is not just the beginning of the Christian life, but the means and end as well. The Gospel is what must be applied more and more deeply in order to live as a Christian. The Gospel is not merely about forgiveness and improvement, but renewal and wholeness.

### A GOSPEL-SHAPED MINISTRY

- *The Gospel changes people* — Through the continual application of the Gospel we become more like Christ.
- *The Gospel brings joy* — The Gospel sets us free from condemnation and self-righteousness to enjoy God fully.
- *The Gospel defines community* — In union with Christ, we become adopted sons and daughters—God's new people.
- *The Gospel points outward* — Gospel freedom prevents approval seeking, engenders authenticity and curbs pride.
- *The Gospel informs attitudes* — As Christians, we desire the peace and well-being of our communities and cities.
- *The Gospel breaks down walls* — Reconciliation humbles us so that we may be wounded healers and reconcile others.
- *The Gospel renews culture* — All of life matters to God and we are to pursue all vocations with excellence.
- *The Gospel spreads out* — Church planting is both the result of and means to fulfilling the great commission

***We believe the Gospel is the singular core value of the church—the genetic code. It is the power that can transform anyone, the unseen leaven that permeates all of life from the inside out. The gospel changes, defines, informs, and renews everything and we must proclaim and delight ourselves in it!***

## WHAT DO WE HAVE IN MIND?

*Empowered by the Gospel, we aim to experience God's pleasure by fostering true knowledge, holy affection, and faithful obedience through historic worship, biblical learning, genuine community, and cultural outreach to the end that God's people are gathered and Christ's Kingdom is extended in Ventura County and beyond.*

### CONNECT PEOPLE IN VENTURA TO CHRIST

- God-Centered Worship
- Christ-Centered Preaching
- Community Group Network
- Family Life Ministries

### DEVELOP BELIEVERS INTO MATURE SAINTS

- Corporate Prayer
- Leadership Training
- Pastoral Care
- Biblical/Theological Studies

### SEND SERVANT-LEADERS INTO THE WORLD

- Cultural Outreach
- Mercy Ministry
- Church Planting and Renewal
- World Mission Projects

***— Exalting and Enjoying Christ through Worship, Learning, Community, and Outreach —***

## WHO'S PLANTING THIS CHURCH?

**Roy Bennett** is a third-generation Californian with a colorful athletic resume throughout high school and college. He traveled extensively in the Wasatch and Rocky Mountains in his twenties and came to faith in Christ from a 'new age' background in 1980. Roy met and married Norma, a native Canadian, while preparing for missionary service to the Fiji Islands. Roy was further educated and ordained in Western Canada and served two Evangelical Free churches in Victoria, British Columbia and Lethbridge, Alberta before returning to the United States ten years later. Roy is a graduate of Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia and Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. He has served as a consultant for R. C. Sproul and Ligonier Ministries and is an ordained Teaching Elder of the Presbyterian Church in America. In 1997 Roy was commissioned by St. Paul's Church in Winter Park to establish a mission church in Santa Cruz, California. Four years later He was called to southern California to organize Christ Church Ojai. In January 2006, a second site was established for Christ Church in the City of Ventura where a worshiping community is developing under Roy's leadership. Roy and Norma live in Ojai and have two teenage daughters, Megan and Bronwyn.

***Christ Church Ventura is affiliated with Mission to North America of the Presbyterian Church in America. The PCA is a growing denomination that plants churches around the world and has historic roots in classic biblical reformed Christianity as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith.***