

# CITIZENS CHURCH

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Who we are and what we do

**Our Vision** is to see Phoenix transformed as people draw closer to Christ

**Our Mission** is to Reach Neighbors and Reveal Christ

**The Goal of Every Ministry** is to make disciples who know, love, and follow the Father, Son, and Holy spirit

## WE ARE

**Citizens of Heaven** looking upward and **Citizens of Phoenix** living outward

**People of Prayer** - We pray to a God whose Spirit moves powerfully in all circumstances.

So we...

- Address problems with prayer before solutions
- Pray for people on the spot
- Pray daily for our pastors, leaders, volunteers, and members
- Devote ourselves to private, prevenient prayer

**People of Truth** - We study the inspired scriptures of God to live our lives by divine moral truth.

So we...

- Attend classes to broaden our knowledge
- Memorize scripture so it's readily available
- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate truth
- Develop a personal habit of regular reading

**People of Worship** - We surrender ourselves and our lives in exuberant worship to our King.

So we...

- Prepare our spirits for genuine worship
- Seek opportunities for corporate worship
- Worship God through our service and lives
- Create a culture of worship in our homes and hearts

**Hungry** - We yearn for more of God's presence and power in obedience to his commands.

So we...

- Pray, study, worship, repeat
- Consume as many resources as possible

- Learn from others who God has put on our paths
- Commit ourselves to discipleship and disciple-making

**Relational** - We express our faith through relational community, valuing close friendships.

**So we...**

- Make time for social events
- Invite people into our homes and hearts
- Develop close, committed relationships
- Positively influence and encourage those around us

**United** - We lock arms to stand and serve with each other through every season

**So we...**

- Serve in areas outside our comfort zone to support others
- Work through hard conversations required for growth
- Challenge each other on to the call of God in our lives
- Avoid slander, gossip, divisiveness, and selfish agendas

**Tireless** - We work hard in partnership with God to expand his reach and reveal his glory.

**So we...**

- Serve in any and every way we can
- Look for opportunities to grow in ministry and leadership
- Stay positive and look for the best in every situation
- Live and love outside of our church to serve our community

**Generous** - We steward God's blessing with lavish allotment to his purposes and people.

**So we...**

- Give up to and over 10% of our income
- Look for ways to give sacrificially
- Expend our time and energies toward people and purposes that matter
- Care for the poor, disadvantaged, and marginalized

**Love** - We love God, so we love others and live in a grace-filled, honoring community.

**So we...**

- Consider others better than ourselves
- Encourage, edify, and uplift those around us
- Lay down our own desires to meet others' needs
- Do all of the above to the glory of our loving Savior!

## WE SAY

**Reaching Neighbors, Revealing Christ** - Because we know that they need God as much as we do, and we're not afraid to share Him.

**This is about changing lives** - Because relationship with and belief in God begins - and continues - to transform us in every possible, positive way.

**Be a part of it** - Because the invitation for God's power and presence in your life is open to all, regardless of past experience, current struggles, or perceived differences.

**Heaven on earth** - Because we usher in and are expectant for a manifestation of his heavenly Kingdom on earth.

**The Church is a hospital not a courtroom** - Because this is a place where you will be healed instead of judged and cared for instead of condemned.

**The Church is a rowboat not a cruise ship** - Because we'll only get to where we're going if we're all actively rowing.

**The Church is an organism not an organization** - Because we care more about people than protocol and purpose than procedure.