

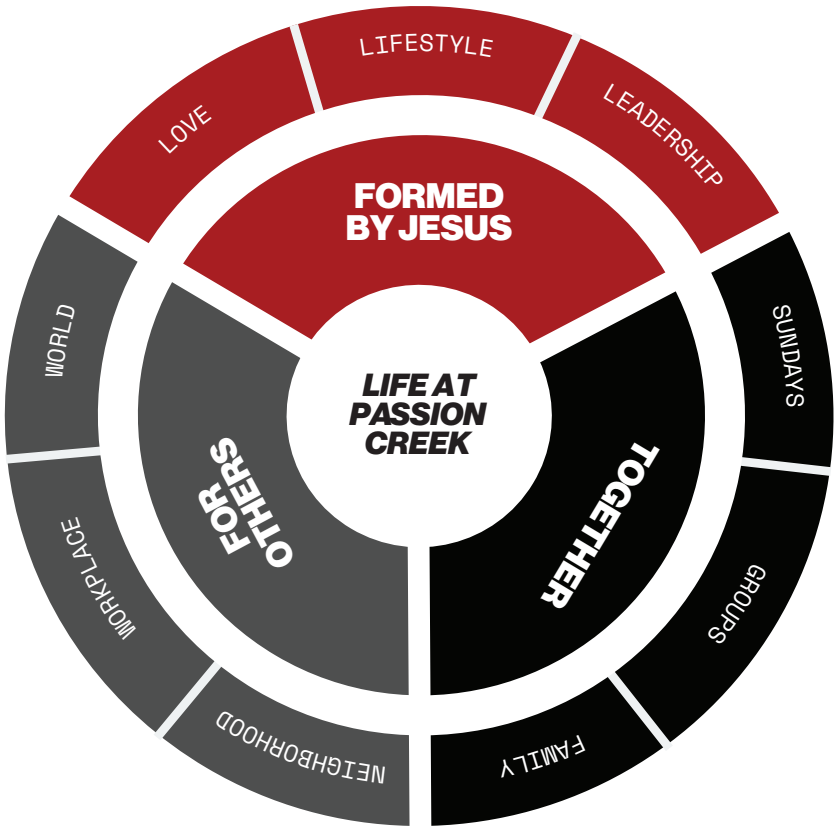
Membership at Passion Creek Church

Joining the family to make attendees disciples
who reorient their lives to be
formed by Jesus, together, for others.



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Formed by Jesus

To be human is to be formed by someone or something, and this process happens whether we are intentional about it or not. As disciples of Jesus, we choose to be intentionally formed by Jesus' love, leadership, and lifestyle (Galatians 4:19; Matthew 11:28-30).

Formed by His Love

Being loved by Jesus is central to our identity. To dismiss this part of discipleship leads to being stingy toward God, others, and self.

Formed by His Lifestyle

The biggest deception in the modern church is the dismissal of effort in the Christian life. Failing to practice the lifestyle of Jesus leads to being stuck in frustration and hypocrisy.

Formed by His Leadership

To be a student of Jesus is to give Him full reign and authority over our minds and perception of reality. Ignoring His leadership leads to a stubborn heart and a stunted life.

What We Believe

We believe that the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 is a valuable summary of biblical teachings that is faithful to the Bible. It is conservative enough to accurately represent what the Bible teaches about important topics (Christ, Humanity, Salvation, and the Church), and yet, it is broad enough that Christians everywhere can come into agreement with it.

The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31-32, 20:31; Acts 20:32

The Trinity

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption. Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19-20; Ephesians 4:5-6

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Luke 10:21-22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; John 6:27; Romans 1:7; 1 Timothy 1:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6

Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

Matthew 1:18-25, 20:28; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1, 20:28-31; Romans 9:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21-23; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8, 6:9-10; Hebrews 7:25, 9:28; 1 Timothy 3:16

Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. John 14:16-17, 15:26-27, 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26

Regeneration

We believe that man was created by God in His own image; that he sinned and thereby incurred physical, spiritual and eternal death, which is separation from God; that as a consequence, all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners by choice and therefore under condemnation. We believe that those who repent and forsake sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become new creatures, delivered from condemnation and receive eternal life. Genesis 1:26, 2:17, 5:2; Ecclesiastes 2:11; John 3:14-16, 5:24, 5:30, 8:12, 10:26; Romans 3:19, 5:19, 8:1, 9:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 19:20, 20:10,14,15; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Church

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. Ephesians 2:19-22, 5:19-21; Acts 1:8, 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25

The Christian & The Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth. Exodus 20:3-17; Leviticus 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 10:12, 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 5:13-16, 43-48, 22:36-40, 25:35; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:18-21, 10:27-37; John 15:12, 17:15; Romans 12-14; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10, 6:1-7, 7:20-24, 10:23-11:1; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; James 1:27, 2:8

Values That Drive Us

First

“He is before all things, and by him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:17-18 CSB

Based

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock.” Matthew 7:24-25 CSB

Filled

“Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another.” Romans 12:10 CSB

Grown

He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It’s the smallest of all the seeds, but when grown, it’s taller than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches.” Matthew 13:31-32 CSB

Focused

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 CSB

How We Live

The end goal of the Christian life is to commune with God so that we become people of love, joy, and peace for the sake of our neighbors (Galatians 5:13, 16-26).

The problem many of us face is that we simply don't know how to get there. Without a roadmap, we naturally give all our attention and time to self-gratification, pleasure, and selfish ambition.

For our church family, these 9 practices are the roadmap (or Way of Life) for us to train to become like Jesus. They are not how we earn God's love but how we turn to God's love that is already on offer in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Learn more at formedbyjesus.com

**_____ : We practice the way of rest
in a world of hurry.**

**_____ : We practice the way of truth
in a world of lies.**

**_____ : We practice the way of
contentment in a world of consumption.**

**_____ : We practice the way of
friendship in a world of hardship.**

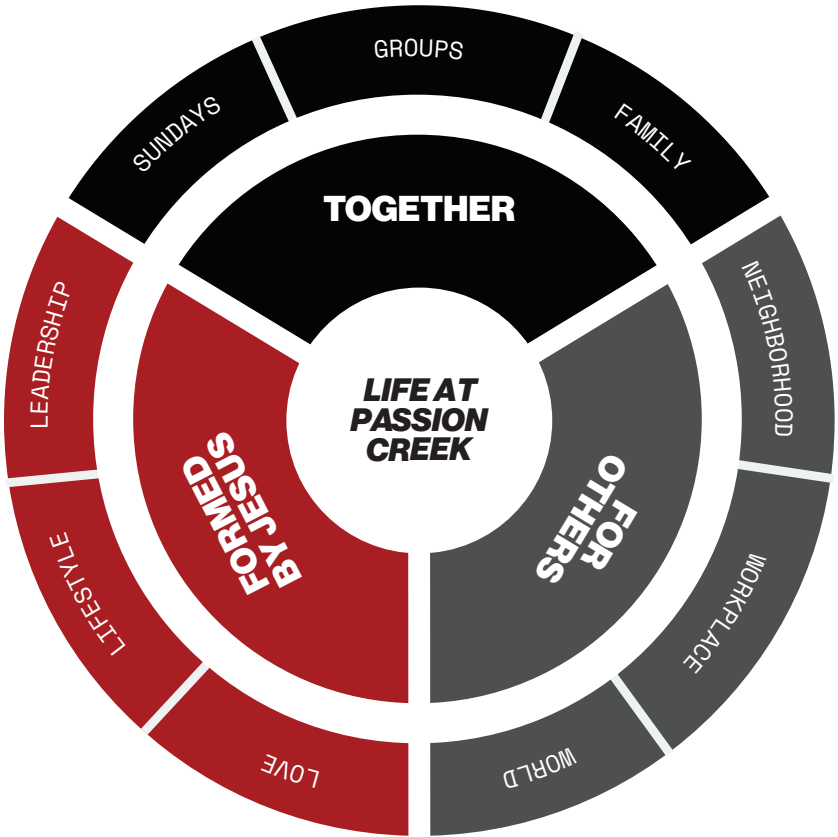
**_____ : We practice the way of peace
in a world at war.**

**_____ : We practice the way of
giving in a world of spending.**

**_____ : We practice the way of
consecration in a world of compromise.**

**_____ : We practice the way of faith
in a world of sight.**

**_____ : We practice the way of the
Lord in a world of the lost.**



Together

The Christian life never makes sense in isolation. We were created in the image of the Triune God who exists in community. As followers of Jesus, we choose to do the hard work of dwelling together in groups, on Sundays, and as family (Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:9-18).

In Groups

We meet weekly in homes to share a meal, pray together, discuss how God is moving in our lives, and engage in the practices together.

On Sundays

We gather weekly in the sanctuary to sing together, learn from the Scriptures, serve one another, and make space for God's grace.

As Family

We are a community of spiritual fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters. We grow together toward growth and maturity. Like a healthy family, we honor those ahead of us and are hospitable to those behind us.

Leadership Structure

Our Church is _____ by our Elder Pastors

Our Elder Pastors are led by the Lead Pastor, Trey VanCamp. The Elder Pastors Team is responsible for providing spiritual oversight and direction for the church and the various ministry teams.

Our Church is _____ by our Pastors, Deacons & Ministry Directors

Our Pastors, Deacons & Ministry Directors oversee the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These pastors and leaders serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

Our Church is _____ by our Dream Team of Volunteers

Our Dream Team consists of committed volunteers that make the dream of Passion Creek Church come alive every week.

Our Elders are _____ to our Stewardship Team

Our Stewardship Team are members of Passion Creek Church that serve a 3-year rotation providing counsel, wisdom, and accountability for the elders of Passion Creek Church. Our Stewardship Team serves under the authority of our elders; however, our elders have chosen to submit to them in Christ-like humility in the areas of Finance, Personnel, and Development.

“We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.” 2 Corinthians 6:3 NIV

Leadership Culture

Never Stop _____

We are self-correcting without becoming self-condemning.

We never attack feedback.

We are fast, fluid, and flexible.

Never _____

We root for everyone's success.

We don't tear someone down to lift someone else up.

We embrace every stage of life and every stage of maturity.

Never _____

We never get bored with the basics.

We know we haven't led until we've survived the sabotage.

We approach every obstacle with: more, then better, then new.

Never _____

We are tone-setters who make everything better, not worse.

We keep short accounts with each other.

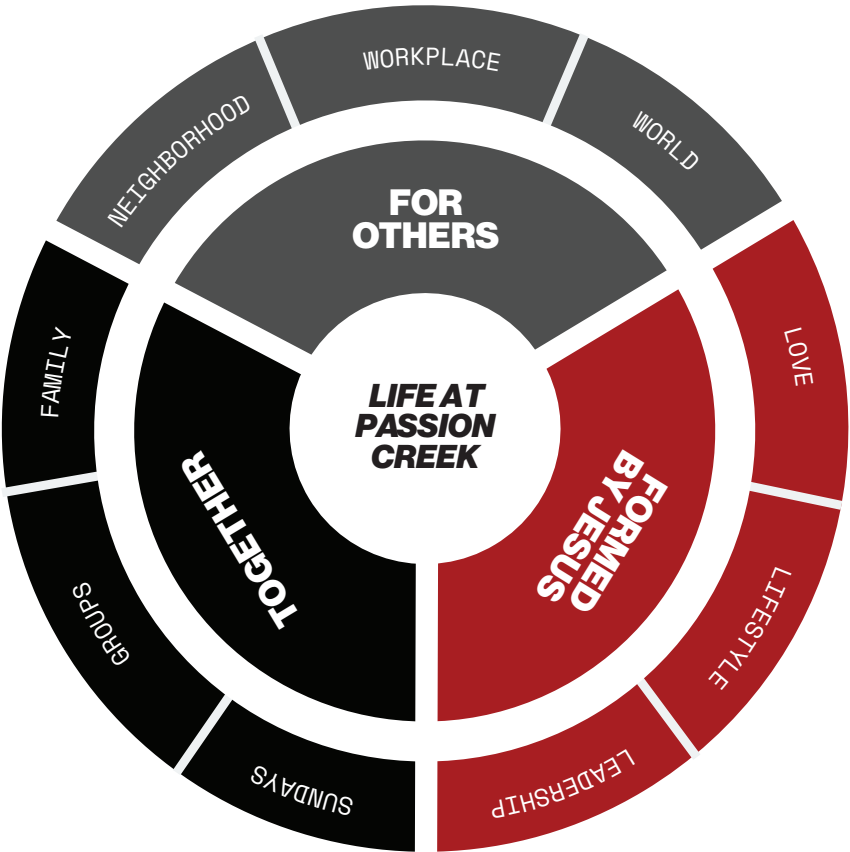
We give joyfully, knowing we can never outgive God.

Never _____

We love people and use plans. Never the other way around.

We may go faster alone, but we go further together.

We gain more authority by giving it away.



For Others

The church is at its best when it lives on mission. As a community, we seek the renewal of our city by meeting spiritual, physical, emotional, and relational needs. As students of Jesus, we intentionally sacrifice our time, talents, and treasure for our neighborhood, our workplace, and our world (Mark 2:17; Matthew 9:36-38).

In Our Neighborhood

Jesus' primary strategy to reach the lost was hospitality, and we seek to do the same. We don't make demonstrations out of people; we make dinner for people.

In Our Workplace

We use our skill sets and passions to give people value and allow the gospel of Jesus Christ to give us our validation. We are contributors, not consumers.

Around the World

We pray, give, and go around the world to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). 10% of our budget is dedicated to missions.

Budget

40% _____

This covers part-time and full-time staff.

30% _____

This includes rent, environment, and facility expenses.

20% _____

This includes curriculum, events, and administrative fees.

10% _____

The SBC Cooperative Program is the financial fuel for reaching every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state, and every nation.

7% goes to missionaries, church plants, and seminaries.

- International Mission Board
- North American Mission Board
- 6 SBC Seminaries

3% goes to local missions

- Children's Services & Family Ministries
- Christian Challenge
- Youth Camps
- Church Plants

Why Membership?

It gives you a place to call _____.

“So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God’s household,” Ephesians 2:19 CSB

It provides you a place of _____ and _____.

“Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well. Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:1-2 NASB

It provides you with a place to use your _____.

“Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person. A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 CSB

It provides the covering of godly _____.

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.” Hebrews 13:17 ESV

Covenant

In this season of life, I am committing to becoming a disciple who reorients my life to be formed by Jesus, together, for others.

I covenant...

1. to be formed by Jesus' love, life, and leadership by rooting my identity in God's grace, forming my habits into the practices of Jesus, and submitting to the authority of the Scriptures (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

2. to do this together on Sundays, in groups, and as a family. I will push through the hard transitions between proximity, vulnerability, practice, and mission (Acts 2:42-47).

3. to be for others in the neighborhood, at the workplace, and around the world through meeting, inviting, serving, and sharing with those around me (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

With Christ as my Lord and Savior, being baptized by immersion after my salvation, being led by the Holy Spirit, and being in agreement with Passion Creek Church's covenant, beliefs, and leadership, I joyfully unite with the church and commit myself to God and the other members.



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