

Bridge Christian Community

VALUES STATEMENT

BCC exists to bring honour to God and to promote community through our words and actions. This is encapsulated in our mission statement: “Linking People to God and One Another.”

We see church as ‘a living and loving, worshipping and witnessing, serving and sending bunch of people in love with Jesus.’

Everything we do should seek to serve those purposes, loving God and loving others by following the example of Jesus Christ, being empowered by the Holy Spirit and guided by the word of God, the Bible. On a practical level, this means we follow the following values:

- We hold that relationship is central – a vibrant personal and corporate relationship with God and positive, life-giving relationships between people within the church and with others.
- People matter more than positions, titles or roles and we will care for the person before any function they are fulfilling.
- Leadership, at every level, seeks to encourage and release each member of the church into being a closer disciple of Jesus, fully using their gifts and abilities to serve the church’s mission.
- We will always seek to bless other Christian churches and to work together with them whenever possible.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe:

- God is one, existing eternally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- God reveals Himself in many ways, primarily through creation, in the person of Jesus Christ and through the Holy Bible as originally given, which is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and life.
- Jesus Christ is fully God and was incarnate as fully human through the virgin birth. He lived a sinless life, was crucified and raised bodily from the grave. He returned to the Father and is establishing his kingdom throughout the world. He will return to complete that victory, judging all humanity and finally defeating all evil.
- All humanity is tainted by sinfulness, broken relationship with God, and is under His condemnation. Rescue from this state was won by the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and humanity, and is received by faith in Him.
- All believers in Jesus Christ belong to the one church, the Body of Christ, whose mission is to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ in all people-groups.
- The Holy Spirit brings individuals to this place of faith and salvation, who are baptised in Him to enable them to become more like Jesus in character and action, empowering them to represent Christ in the world. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to individuals for service in the church.
- Communion (Lord’s Supper) and water baptism were given by Christ to symbolise the believer’s union with Him through the New Covenant, symbolising his body and blood and the way the believer has died to their old life and been raised to a new life.