**2024-25 Philosophy and Goals**

**Church Mission**: To lead as many as possible to passionately follow Jesus.

**Vision**: To see the kingdom advanced through cultivating an upward relationship with God, inward relationships with family and the faith community, and outward relationships with those in our world.

**Our Unique Contribution**: To inspire, support, and equip families to grow as disciples of Jesus.

**Our Definition of a Disciple**: A disciple is one who is learning from Jesus to know the Father’s voice, follow in obedience, and teach others to do the same by the power of the Spirit.

**Discipleship Strategy**

Contextualized for each life stage, these five core practices help us grow as disciple:

1. **Word** Learn from the Bible - (and learn from Jesus)
2. **Pray** Talk with God - (and know the Father’s voice)
3. **Serve**  Join the Mission - (and follow in obedience)
4. **Meet** Choose Community - (and teach others to do the same)
5. **Tell** Share Your Story - (by the power of the Holy Spirit)

Our ministry is focussed on kids, which means we must also minister to parents and our volunteers. We seek to implement the above core practices through our ministry with each group, in the following areas:

* **Weekend Ministry**
	+ Preschool
	+ Elementary
	+ Preteen
	+ Worship Together Weekends
* **Discipling Kids**
	+ Kids’ Worship
	+ Club 56 Events
	+ Summer Ministry (Day Camp, summer events)
	+ Discipleship Pathways
* **Discipling Families**
	+ Family Milestones
	+ Community Events (Trunk or Treat & Winter Carnival)
	+ Parent connection initiatives (TBD)
	+ Church Calendar Events (Easter/Advent Experiences)
* **Discipling Volunteers**
	+ Team Night (with other ministries)
	+ Safe Ministry & Leader Training
	+ Leader Brunch
	+ Culture of Volunteer Recruitment and Care