

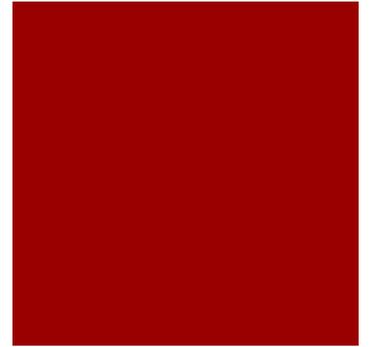


# MISSION, VALUES, AND PURPOSE

SESSION 2

# 1 Corinthians 1:10

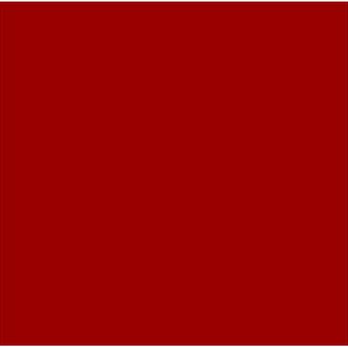
"I appeal to you, brothers,  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree with one another  
so that there may be no divisions among you  
and that you may be perfectly united in mind and  
thought."



# MISSION, VALUES & PURPOSE



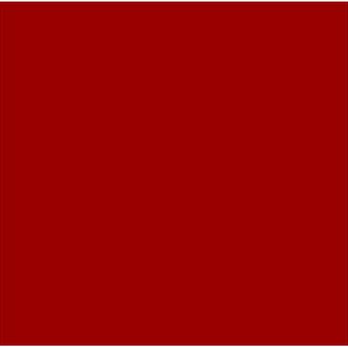
- Every church must have a clear understanding of its reason for existing.
- This brings unity and strength to the body, helps define the use of resources, and ensures that we are fulfilling what God desires for us.
- And without that clarity, we tend to waste time, energy, and resources.
- So like other churches, we have specific statements that define the mission, purpose, and values that we hold in common.



# IT BEGINS WITH THE BIBLE

- The Bible explains why God put churches on earth. In that sense, all churches share a common purpose.
- All churches exist to fulfill the Great Commission:
  - *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)

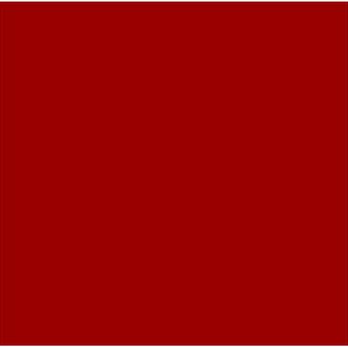




# IT BEGINS WITH THE BIBLE

- At First Baptist Church, we have our own unique values that reflect God's purpose for churches. We have summarized this biblical purpose in three key, easy to remember statements:
- The First Baptist Church of Shallotte exists to:
  - Love God.
  - Love One Another.
  - And Love the World.

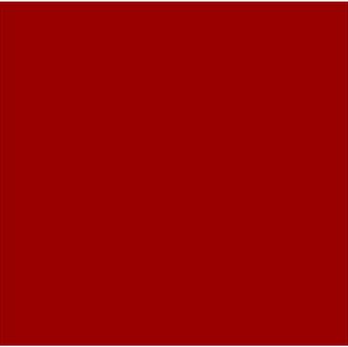




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- Jesus taught that this was the highest calling of every person.
- *“When the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test Him: “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command.” (Matt. 22:34-38).*

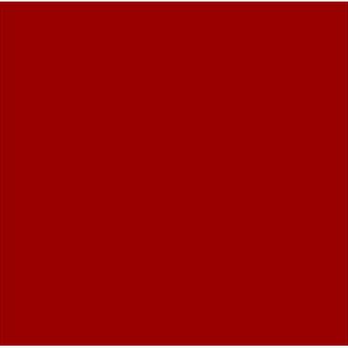




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- To Love God means to worship God.
- That means that God is the first object of our love and the only legitimate Person or object worthy of our worship.
- How do we “Love God”? Jesus said we love God,
  - With all our heart.
  - With all our soul.
  - And with all our mind.

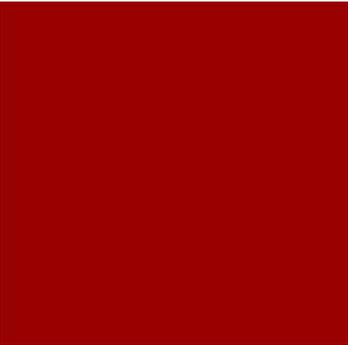




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- In other words, to love God with your whole life and your complete person.
- It also means that loving God is an action.
  - *“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”*  
(John 14:15)
  - *“Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.”*  
(Matt. 4:10)

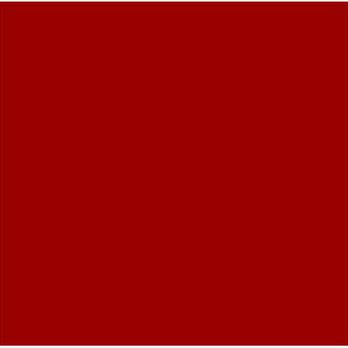




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- So in the Bible, we see that Loving God:
  - Is a command
  - Is a priority
  - Is a choice
  - Is a response
  - Is a lifestyle

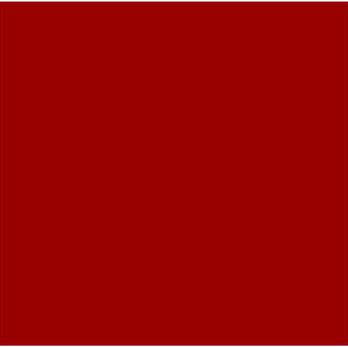




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- Therefore, *loving God* is basic to every Christian's relationship with God and it is one of the primary values that we share at FBCS.

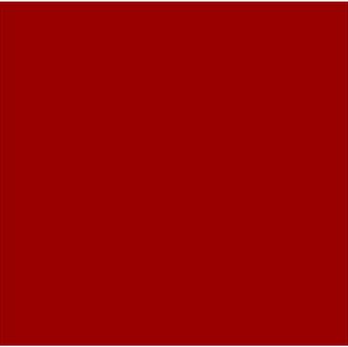




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- Personal worship expresses our desire to surrender to God daily.
- At FBCS, we encourage one another to grow in our relationship with God and to love God daily through regular times of personal worship.
  - *“Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship”* Romans 12:1

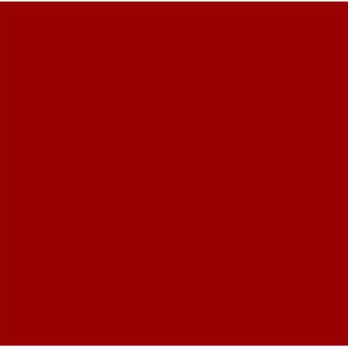




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- But we are also commanded in the Bible to come together in corporate worship. Through weekly worship events we participate together in loving God by exalting God's greatness and acknowledging His presence.
- *“. . . true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”*  
John 4:24
- *“not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”* Hebrews 10:25



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- So at FBCS we have regularly scheduled times of worship for everyone to come together, members and guests alike, to worship the Lord.
- As the Bible teaches, both corporate and private worship can have many expressions:



# EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP

- Singing (Eph. 5:19)
- Commitment (Rom. 12:1,2)
- Praying (Ps. 95:6)
- Hearing the Word (John 17:17)
- Giving (1 cor. 16:1-2)
- Baptism (Rom. 6:3-4)
- Meditating (Hab. 2:20)
- Lord's Supper (1 cor. 11:23-26)



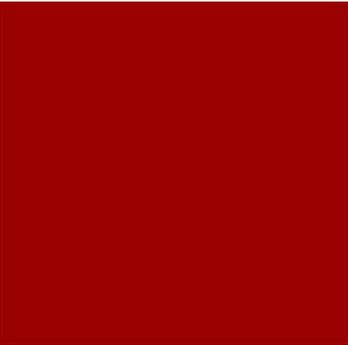


# EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP



Our desire is that the corporate worship at FBCS would exalt Jesus Christ in ways that include:

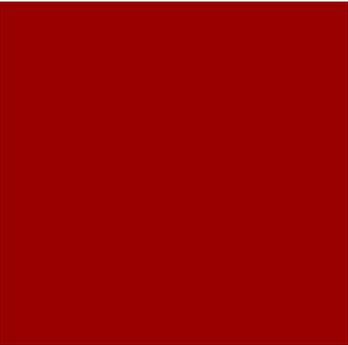
- “Celebration” (Ps. 122:1)
- “Inspiration” (Is. 40:31)
- “Preparation” (Eph. 4:11-12)



# EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP

We appreciate that God has brought people from many different backgrounds and representing different generations to the family at FBCS, so we celebrate together through a blended style of music in worship. This means that our worship blends music styles that are both contemporary and traditional





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- Our goal is that every member and regular attender of FBCS would participate in personal worship daily through prayer and Bible study, and corporate worship weekly.

