

The Biblical Vision of Community

<p>An open and accepting community that allows space for others at various points in their spiritual journey, thereby reflecting the grace we have been given from Christ.</p>	<p>Rom. 14:1-4; 15:5-7; Eph. 4:2-6; 5:1, 2</p>
<p>A holy community that urges one another to live God-pleasing lives.</p>	<p>Heb. 3:12-14; 10:24-25; 1 Thes. 4:9-12</p>
<p>An authentic community that is free to repent and allow others to repent because in the gospel we stand on Christ's righteousness.</p>	<p>Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12-14; 1 John 1:7-9; James 5:16</p>
<p>An encouraging community that builds one another up with God's Word and Christ's love.</p>	<p>Ecc. 4:9-12; 1 Thes. 5:11-14; Rom. 15:1-4; 1 Pet. 4:8-11</p>
<p>A dependent community that understands that we are powerless to change or transform anyone, including ourselves, and that we are totally dependent on God for real transformation.</p>	<p>2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 1:6; Tit. 3:5</p>
<p>A sacrificially generous community that spends its time, wealth, and love on the needs of others.</p>	<p>Matt. 25:35-40; John 15:12; Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Col. 3:12</p>
<p>A humbly courageous community that engages in conflict for the purposes of gospel unity and forgives others even when it harms us.</p>	<p>Acts 20:35; Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 1:10; 12:25-27; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; 8:13-15; Eph. 4:3; Col. 3:14; Heb. 13:16</p>
<p>An outward facing community that seeks to bring the lost to Christ and restoration to Knoxville.</p>	<p>Matt. 28:19; Luke 15:4-7; John 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:9; James 5:20</p>