



A CHURCH FOR THE CITY

SURREY ALLIANCE CHURCH VISION & VALUES

WE ARE A CHURCH FOR THE CITY OF SURREY.

WE BELIEVE IN...



ALL PEOPLE: People matter to God, so they matter to us.



ABUNDANT LIFE: Experiencing and encountering Jesus here and now.



BEING REAL: We will live life together. It's ok to not be ok.



BIG PRAYERS: We have a big God, so we will pray big & pray often.



LOOKING OUTWARD: We are sent to love our city and world.



SERVING OTHERS: We all have a role to play. Do something.

Vision Summary

ALL PEOPLE: People matter to God, so they matter to us.

It is clear in Scripture that people are important to God and that He loves each of his creation (John 3:16). As followers of Jesus we are directed/commanded/reminded to reflect that same selfless love to those around us (John 15:12-13). As such, we will do everything possible to ensure that our love for others reflects God's sacrificial love for humanity (Romans 12:9-10). This means that we will invest our time, energy, and resources in people. We will make every effort to ensure that people know that they have significant value and worth (Luke 15).

John 3:16-17

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

John 15

12This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 13:34-35

34So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Romans 12:9-10

9Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Luke 15

ABUNDANT LIFE: Experiencing and encountering Jesus here and now.

Jesus taught that He came to give a full, rich, and satisfying life to those that follow Him (John 10:10). This is not just merely a future hope to be experienced at some unknown point in the future, but this a reality for us today -- here and now. This means that we have the opportunity to experience the freedom and victory over sin that only Jesus can provide (1 Cor 15:57). We are also invited to encounter Jesus and experience firsthand His love, joy, peace, mercy, grace and forgiveness. Knowing Jesus means that we can experience a brand-new life (Eph 2:6). This is what it means to have an abundant life.

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15:10-11

When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

John 16:33

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Philippians 4:7

Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.’

John 10:10

The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Ephesians 2:6

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

BEING REAL: We will live life together. It’s ok to not be ok.

A life following Jesus is not meant to be lived alone, and we find our example for community living in the early church (Acts 2:42-47). We will look to gather regularly in small, medium, and large sized groups in order that we can live life together as we encourage, support, challenge, and serve one another. We also know that Jesus has reminded us that we will experience trials and sorrows (John 16:33). Our lives will not be perfect, so we will not expect perfection from others. We will allow for rough edges as we admit that we are all a work in progress, trusting and knowing that each person who believes in Jesus will be transformed into a new person (2 Corinthians 5:17). You do not need to pretend to be someone you aren’t. Come as you are and we will journey alongside each other as we let Jesus do His work in our lives.

2 Corinthians 5:17

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Acts 2:42-47

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and

enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Philippians 1:6

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

John 16:33

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Romans 12:15

Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

1 John 1:7

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

BIG PRAYERS: We have a big God, so we will pray big and pray often.

We are invited to bring our faith-filled prayers to God (Matt 21:21-22). We long to be a church OF prayer, not simply a church with prayer. Everything we do begins with a heart and posture of prayer as we come before our Heavenly Father (Matt 7:7-11). There is nothing too small, or too large, that we will not bring to Him. We choose to pray about everything (Philippians 4:6). We choose to be persistent with our prayers (Luke 18:1-8).

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Matthew 21:21-22

Then Jesus told them, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it."

Luke 18:1-8 (The Parable of the Persistent Widow)

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'" Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

Matthew 7:7-11

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

LOOKING OUTWARD: We are sent to love our city and world.

Each follower of Jesus has been called to “go” into the world to share the Good News of Jesus with those who have not yet heard of Him (Matt 28:19-20). This means we will actively pursue opportunities to live like Jesus and share the hope of Jesus in our communities, workplaces, families, friendships, schools and throughout the world (Acts 1:8). We will be patient, yet persistent, as we know that relationships take time and that earning the right to be heard does not happen overnight. We are in this for the long haul, sent by Jesus into our community just like the Father sent Jesus into the world (John 20:21).

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

John 20:21

Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

SERVING OTHERS: We all have a role to play. Do something.

A life of loving others is marked by selflessly and sacrificially serving others (Phi 2:3-5). Our desire is to model the humble actions and attitude of Jesus, who picked up a towel and washed the feet of His disciples (John 13:4-5). We believe that each person who places their faith in Jesus is uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit to serve the Church (1 Cor 12:27). We want to help each person discover how they fit because we believe that everyone has something to contribute and that we are all called to ministry (Rom 12:4-5).

John 13:4-5

Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

Philippians 2:3-5

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

John 15

13There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Romans 12:4-5

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 15:5-6

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:7

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Corinthians 12:27

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.