

SHIFT - GROW

True growth is best accomplished through relationships!

Value = Church As Family.

- We are His Children - *John 1:12*
- He is our Father - *1 John 3:1*
- We are apart of his household - *Galatians 6:10*

CHARACTERISTICS OF A FAMILY

1. Togetherness

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

- Unconditional Love
- Individual Value
- Accountability
- Mutual Growth

2. Authenticity

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” Romans 12:9-10

- Being honest with our shortcomings and struggles.
- Celebrating our victories.

3. Nurturing

“As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too. You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers. And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.” 1 Thessalonians 2:8,10-12