

He Must Become Greater

MISSION STATEMENT

Cedar Valley Church exists to invite everyone to **believe** in the forgiveness found in Christ, **belong** to a loving church family, and **become** more and more like Jesus!

John 3:22-30

After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. 23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized. 24 (This was before John was put in prison.) 25 An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. 26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."

27 To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less."

Jesus Christ becomes greater - Cedar Valley Church becomes less!!!

We will never become like Jesus if choose to live with a spirit of competition.

- "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds..." Hebrews 10:24
- "Encourage one another and build each other up!" 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- "Encourage one another daily... so none of you will be hardened by sin's deceitfulness!" Hebrews 3:13

How do we make Him greater and ourselves less?

1. Live out the truth that nothing is ours.
2. Understand your purpose in God's kingdom.
3. Find your joy in Christ.