

# OUR VALUES:

## Love in Every Relationship:

Our actions, both individually and corporately, demonstrate God's love.  
We show this by caring for each other and each life we touch.

### Scripture:

1 John 4:12 & 21 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us... And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their Christian brothers and sisters.

Galatians 6:2 & 10 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ... Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone - especially to those in the family of faith.

1 John 3:16-18 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.



### *Demonstrated by:*

Walking along-side each other, we share life's celebrations and challenges.

Generously using the resources God gives us to help brothers and sisters in need.

Honoring our commitments to one another.

Compassionately holding one another accountable.

Meeting current needs of families so that they experience God's love in their lives; learning that they matter to God.





## Thoughts:

"The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves."

— Victor Hugo

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The first duty of love is to listen."

— Paul Tillich

"We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving."

— Bernard Meltzer

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

— Mother Teresa

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

— Mother Teresa

"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."

— Lao Tzu

## Reflections:

Who has loved you unconditionally?

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When have you chosen to love even when you did not feel like it?

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Reflect on: "God can never love you more than He does right now."

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When have you loved so much it hurt? Was it worth it?

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Why would the Bible say: "If you love me you will keep my commandments"?

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