

Values

Grace Bible Church
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Our Greatest Value – Faithfulness to the Word of God

Our first and greatest value is to be faithful to God's Word. That means that we endeavor to teach and preach according to the Word of God and to live and act according to the Word of God. If we are not faithful to God's Word, then we will drift into error in both teaching and lifestyle. That means that we seek to evaluate everything about our church and our own lives by the Bible.

Expository Preaching & Teaching – Carefully exposing the Word to the congregation

Expository Bible teaching and preaching means that every chance we get, we open our Bibles to a particular portion, we explain it to the class or congregation, and we help them apply it to their lives in practical ways.

Bible Reading – Bible Literacy

Generally at least once every year, we encourage everyone in our congregation to read the Bible systematically from cover to cover, either the New Testament, or the Old Testament, or both. We provide several reading schedules to help them accomplish that goal a little bit at a time. The result is that many in our congregation know their Bibles well – they are biblically literate!

Our Second Greatest Value – Strengthening Families

We believe families are the foundation of any church congregation. We try to do everything we can to strengthen families in our congregation. We have Men's and Women's Ministries to help with that. We involve families as much as possible in ministry opportunities. And we resist church programs that divide family members up into separate groups.

Men being strong in the faith

We believe men should be the leaders of homes and church. We honor men in our congregation, and we seek to equip them to be better leaders.

Children involved in church life

Jesus honored children, and we do so as well. We are glad when children are conceived and born to one of our families. We keep our children with us when we meet for worship. We include them in the preaching time by including a relevant children's story just before each sermon. We often plan family events for social times.

Our Third Greatest Value – Fellowship Together

God's people grow together when they have opportunity to fellowship with each other. In order to do that, they must have good relationships with each other. We value those relationships and make plenty of opportunity for them in our church life.

Respect for Others

Every person who attends or visits our meetings is made in the image of God and is therefore important. We maintain that respect in every way that we can. No one is unimportant.

Finding Common Ground

Our church includes people who have different opinions on what we consider to be the minor areas of biblical doctrine and teaching. We value that. We want our church to be a small representation of the entire body of Christ. Therefore, we do not teach in a way that divides people from each other, and we welcome honest, Bible-searching dialog about differing Biblical positions. We seek to major on the common ground that all believers in Christ have. That gives us a wonderful community of believers.