

ONE CHURCH | TWO LOCATIONS || UNA IGLESIA | DOS LUGARES



Real People | Gente Real

Real Love | Amor Real

Real Life | Vida Real

## Mission:

The mission of Kentwood Community Church is to obey Christ by reaching out to spiritually lost people and raising up fully committed believers who love God completely and others unconditionally.

## Vision:

Kentwood Community Church aspires to:

Reach all people

Engage the community

Awaken spiritual growth

Launch everyone into service

## Core Values:

Externally Focused | Lifestyle of Worship | Unity in Diversity  
Loving Relationships | Servant Leadership

See reverse side for explanation of the Core Values.

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## 1. Externally Focused

We engage the culture by intentionally seeking opportunities to communicate the holistic message of salvation. Through our brokenness we are able to enter into relationships and allow the Holy Spirit to empower and work through us in sharing the good news of Jesus and serving the oppressed and marginalized in our community and world.

**Matthew 5:13-14 NIV:** *You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.*

**Acts 1:8 NIV:** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

**I Peter 3:15 NIV:** *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

## 2. Lifestyle of Worship

A lifestyle of worship defines the believer. Living our life as an act of worship is doing everything as if you were doing it for God. We pursue and listen to God in faith through prayer and worship under the Holy Spirit's guidance. Our worship does not just happen, it is built. It is a process which gets deeper and deeper as we grow in our relationship with the Lord. We affirm the Bible as God's inspired word, providing the lens through which we see and understand the person and work of Jesus Christ which is foundational for life transformation, communication and exhortation, expressed through a lifestyle of worship.

**Psalms 119:11 NIV:** *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

**Colossians 3:16-17 NIV:** *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**I Timothy 3:16-17 NIV:** *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

## 3. Unity in Diversity

We value diversity and believe that the call and will of God is for our worship experiences, ministries and relationships to be a reflection of authentic community and a prelude to the multitude of believers who will one day worship together in heaven.

**Revelation 7:9-10 NIV:** *After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*

**Genesis 12:3 NIV:** *I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*

**I Corinthians 12:12-13 NIV:** *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

## 4. Loving Relationships

We believe that loving relationships should permeate every aspect of church life, expressed through sacrifice and unity. We will live out God's love in deep relationships with one another, serving and extending God's love, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to each other and those yet to experience God's transforming power.

**Philippians 2:1-4 NIV:** *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

## 5. Servant Leadership

We willingly exercise servant leadership, intentionally equipping people to serve with excellence, utilizing their passions and spiritual gifts, raising up the next generation of Christian leaders.

**Matthew 20:26 NIV:** *Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.*

**Acts 20:28 NIV:** *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*