

# St. Croix Christian Church Core Values

## Scripture:

We value God's Word as truth. It is our guide for living in obedience to Him.

We therefore study the Scripture and communicate this truth to enable people to experience God's Word for themselves. Scripture is foundational to hearing his voice and discovering His purposes corporately and individually.

(2 Timothy 3: 15-6).

- Scripture reveals Jesus to us, our model for maturity (Ephesians 5:1).
- We value prayer as conversation with God. God loves to talk with us individually and as we gather together (Matthew 6: 9-13).
- Prayer is the place where we are directed and empowered in all we do. We so value the freedom and healing God has brought to our lives that we seek to pass it on to others verbally, practically, and by our example (Matthew 28:18-20).
- We value the different gifts God distributes in His body. Each member has a part to play in glorifying God and accomplishing His purposes. We are thankful to God for giving leaders to equip His body towards maturity. We seek to recognize and develop such leadership gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4:11-16).
- We value the genuine and creative expression of worship from each believer. Both individual and collective worship brings glory to God. Our whole lives are a living sacrifice, to be offered to Him as worship (Romans 12: 1).
- Viewing ourselves as stewards of our God-given resources of time, money and lives we seek to administer them responsibly to the accomplishment of His purposes.

## Distinctives of St. Croix Christian Church

- Our commitment to be "senders" as well as "goers" with the gospel locally and globally.
- Our commitment to Small Groups – a key to equipping believers and promoting family relationships.
- Our commitment to compassionately care for people's needs through our prayer and mercy ministries and evangelism.
- Recognizing that many come to St. Croix from other church backgrounds, we welcome the diversity and invite them to share in the life and purpose of the church.
- In as much as it is consistent with our God-given purpose, we will serve as a bridge between races, cultures and denominations. From time to time we will pray, worship and serve alongside other churches.