### **Our Values**

#### 1. We preach Jesus Christ, who is our safe harbor.

- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only name given among men whereby we must be saved (John 3:16; Acts 4:12).
- We preach that Jesus Christ was sent from the Father, was crucified for the sins
  of entire world, died, was buried and then arose from the dead on the third day.
- We want more of Jesus! Many of us are hungry and thirsty for more of what the Bible describes as normal, Biblical Christianity.
- Our individual journeys and backgrounds, although diverse, have brought us to a realization that the systems, wisdom and knowledge of this world prevent the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, from ministering to His flock.

#### 2. We honor the Holy Spirit & welcome His demonstrations of power

- We believe that Christianity is, by definition, supernatural.
- We honor the fact that the Holy Spirit was sent not only to reveal truth (John 16:13), but He who is The Truth, Jesus Christ the Son of God, sent by the Father.
- The Holy Spirit provides leadership for the Church (for us) within the framework of Scripture; He is The One that wrote the Scripture through men (2 Peter 1:21).
- We honor and obey the Holy Spirit and are intentional to following His leading and promptings.
- We honor the fact that the Holy Spirit has been sent to sanctify and change us by helping us bear the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5), which is the character exemplified in God's Son, Jesus Christ.
- We honor the fact that the Father, Son & Holy Spirit have chosen to demonstrate their power through the gifts of the Spirit in and through His Church (I Co 12, 14, Ro 12, Ep 4). We welcome the demonstration of His power through His gifts that are in operation today (Ro 11:29). We are not ashamed of the Holy Spirit or His power (I Cor 2:1-5, 4:19-20).

# 3. We are called to minister to, as well as protect the flock of Jesus Christ represented in this gathering, providing safe harbor for all the Lord brings.

- We are fully prepared to protect the flock and faithfully discharge our duties to the One who called us.
- Our agenda is Jesus Christ and His will for this group within the context of the larger Body of Christ.
- Strong and mature Biblical leadership is present to minister the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- All agendas that any visitor or member(s) of the group may have, including teaching(s) and/or doctrine(s) are to be subject to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the leaders He has installed to protect the flock.

## 4. We respect one another's point of view, while upholding orthodox Christianity and Biblical doctrine.

- We recognize that there is a broad diversity of denominational background within our group.
- Given that diversity, we strive to provide a safe and loving harbor that allows discussion while exhibiting the character of Christ.
  - We may disagree, but we should not be disagreeable; we strive to keep the unity of the fellowship (I Corinthians 1:10; Galatians 3:26-29; Philippians 2:2).
- We endeavor to speak the truth in love, while moving in His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control with one another (Galatians 5:22-23).
- We recognize and welcome the diverse gifts and callings within the group and desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to encourage one another to be good stewards of that which has been imparted to them.