

Ministry Vision, Core Values, and Covenant of North Oak

Ministry Vision

The mission of North Oak Community Church as a local representative of the body of Christ is to glorify God by living as a Christ-centered and Biblically grounded community for the transformation of individuals and families in our city, region and world into authentic relationships with Jesus Christ.

Our Purpose

Grow in Christ: At North Oak Community Church of Hays our passion is to love Jesus with all our heart. **Live Connected:** As we seek to love Jesus more than he's ever been loved before, we want to cultivate an environment where no one walks alone.

Take Jesus to Others: Together, we want to see the kingdom of God advanced in our church, our community and the world.

Our Vision

We are becoming a family of generations with a whole-hearted love for God, growing in relationship with Jesus and helping each other grow and who are going to Ellis County and beyond with the good news of Jesus.

Our Strategy

- Exalt Jesus to Win People (Outreach)
- Engage with Jesus to Build Disciples (Growth)
- Follow Jesus to Equip People (Ministry Training)
- Join Jesus in Multipling Leaders (Leadership)

Our Core Values

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

We believe the Bible is uniquely God-inspired, without error and the sole authority of our faith and life. We study it carefully to understand the Holy Spirit's original meaning and purpose and we work to apply it to the lives and problems of people. (2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

CHRIST-CENTERED

We believe an individual forever becomes a child of God through faith alone in Christ alone. Our goal is to become like Jesus Christ in character and lifestyle so we submit to appropriate personal and corporate accountability of our Christian walk in all areas of our lives. (Colossians 1:10, 17-18, 2:7)

DEPENDENCE ON GOD

We believe it is essential to seek God's guidance and direction through prayer and study of the Word. (Colossians 1:9)

LOVING/CARING RELATIONSHIPS

We believe God designed the church to be a covenant community, so we encourage each other to demonstrate Christ's love by cultivating loving/caring relationships in every aspect of church life. (2 Peter 1:7; John 13:34-35; Galatians 5:13)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

We believe in making the greatness of God known by loving and obeying him in all of life. When we meet together for congregational worship we use a blended worship style of both traditional and contemporary aspects that provides opportunities for praise and worship in a multigenerational congregation. (Acts 2:47; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 118:24, 150)

EVANGELISM

We believe Christ commands us to make disciples of every people group, so we explain the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost, seeking to win them, bring them into the church, and teach them God's word. Evangelism also includes showing the love of Christ to unbelievers by being friends to them and serving them; by church planting and supporting and sending workers to other cultures and countries. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:1-8; Philippians 1:12ff)

SERVICE

God has given every believer a spiritual gift(s), skills and talents, so we make it our goal to equip and encourage everyone to use these gifts to serve God and others. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

FAMILY

We believe the home is the primary context where God prepares all generations to know, love, and serve him, so we equip and encourage family relationships at every level - marriage, parenting, young people and singles - to nurture faith in everyday life at home. (Genesis 2:18-25; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 5:22-33, 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21)

Our Covenant with Each Other

Believing our chief purpose is to glorify God...

Believing the Bible is accurate, true and reliable in all it addresses...

Believing the Bible to be our authoritative guide for faith and life...

Believing eternal life is a gift of God's grace, received by faith...

Believing the Holy Spirit empowers believers to live holy and sanctified lives...

Believing Jesus Christ has instructed His church to make disciples of all nations...

Believing all we are and all we have belongs to God...

Believing Jesus Christ has instructed us to love one another as He loves us...

Believing families are of vital importance to God...

Believing our entire lives are to be lived as a testimony of God's love and grace...

As the body of Christ we endeavor to live out these truths by:

Growing in my personal life and devotion to Christ

...By reading and studying His Word for myself

...By praying God will transform me into Christ's image

Working to keep the unity of my church family

...By loving the other members (as Jesus Christ loves me)

...By praying for my brothers and sisters in Christ

...By praying for the pastors and elders and deacons

...By not listening to or spreading any gossip

Sharing the responsibility of my church family

- ...By praying for its growth, both spiritual and numerical
- ...By a lifestyle of saying “yes” to God and “no” to sin
- ...By living in a spirit of submission to the church family (as unto the Lord)
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend

Serving the ministry of my church family

- ...By using my God-given gifts and talents
- ...By becoming equipped to serve
- ...By developing a servant’s heart

Supporting the testimony of my church family

- ...By participating freely, reverently and regularly in corporate worship
- ...By living a godly lifestyle at home, at work and in the community
- ...By giving regularly of my time, money, resources and abilities as God enables

Supporting the mission of my church family

- ...By loving my neighbor as myself
- ...By praying for God to bless my city and its people
- ...By involving myself in community life, as the Holy Spirit leads, to lift up Christ