

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SMCC MISSION, VISION AND BELIEFS

OUR MISSION

We exist to help as many people as possible take their Next Step toward becoming fully devoted and fully delighted followers of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

Our SMCC Vision is a particular kind of church culture that honors God and spreads His fame. The rails on which this culture runs are the complimentary values of grace and truth. Therefore, it is our intention to be a church where authenticity and truth-telling, without manipulation, are normal. And because all people matter to God, we will take risks in order to see God's kingdom spread and invite as many people as possible to find life in Him. Once a guest comes to SMCC, we will make sure that they feel free to belong before they believe. This is made possible by us remembering that Christianity is hard to live, even if it is easy to understand. Not only that, it is important that we be life-giving in the way we invite people to change instead of expecting them to change. All this will be possible as we honor the process in which God changes people from the inside out.

OUR BELIEFS

We believe the Bible to be inspired and infallible, and as such, the supreme authority in faith and life.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons ~ Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ, by offering Himself on the cross, paid the penalty of man's sin, and all who receive Him by faith are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost ~ those that are saved to the resurrection of eternal life and those that are lost to the resurrection of condemnation and eternal separation from God.

We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, as He is understood from the Bible alone, regardless of denomination affiliation.

We believe that baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality demonstrating that a person has a new life in Jesus Christ and the recognition of the living presence of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that our purpose for living is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

TEAM: The benefit of living my Christianity with others as the Body of Christ.

Taking seriously the injunctions of all the "one anothers" of the New Testament (love one another, serve one another, encourage one another, etc.)

Being a part of a team and achieving Kingdom "wins" as a team.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Joining with and making yourself accountable to others in mutually encouraging relationships.

DEPENDABILITY:

(I'm being counted on) – There is a tremendous sense of joy associated with others counting on us to care for them.

OBEDIENCE:

The satisfaction that comes with knowing you are a part of the Biblically mandated, visible and tangible Body of Christ here in Utah.

QUESTION TO PONDER:

Where would this church be without leaders who are sold out for the cause of Christ and the desire for others to know and live out His love?

WHAT SMCC EXPECTS FROM ITS TEAM MEMBERS

You can expect to be well fed spiritually from the Bible.

The leadership at SMCC is committed to accurate Biblical teaching. We believe that no one person is infallible, and that the Bible is the final authority for our faith and for how we are to live our lives. You can expect to get a reasoned explanation to any of your questions. When there is considerable debate on an issue, we will try to set forth other opinions with accuracy and compassion.

You can expect an opportunity to form meaningful and lasting relationships with others who love God.

We are committed to offering to everyone a small group where they can flourish and where they will grow in their relationship with Christ and others. These groups provide care, prayer support, encouragement and accountability.

You can expect to be provided with an opportunity for heartfelt worship.

At SMCC we seek to give you a weekly opportunity to not only experience the presence of God but also to pour out your heart to Him without restrictive forms. We aim to provide a simple, God-centered approach to worship. We give great care to the selection of songs, scripture readings, testimony and other enhancing elements.

You can expect SMCC to take outreach seriously.

We are not only in existence for our partners, but also for those who don't know us yet. We are committed to reaching out with the love of God and not becoming ingrown and self-absorbed.

You can expect SMCC to follow the Bible's guidelines of church discipline.

See Matt. 18:15 and Gal. 6:1, if you do damage to the reputation of Jesus Christ or SMCC or cause another person to reject Christ.

WHAT A TEAM MEMBER CAN EXPECT

GROUP: *The Christian life was intended to be lived in community.* This is why we expect all SMCC Team Members to be involved in a Small Group. There will be times and seasons where this is unworkable, but the regular life of a member should include a Small Group where they receive encouragement, care, and interactive learning.

GROW: *Grace means that we are free from earning, but not free from effort.* We expect all SMCC Team Members to be growers. This means you are expected to pursue the Lord through full participation in worship, a personal devotional life, and participation in other growth opportunities (retreats, seminars, etc.).

GIVE: *God is honored when we are faithful managers of the trust He has given us.* We expect all SMCC Team Members to take upon themselves some of the responsibilities associated with being a "Good Steward" of all that God has entrusted to you. These are:

– **TIME:** We expect Team Members to willingly invest their time to serve and use their Spiritual Gifts in a ministry of the church.

– **MONEY:** We expect Team Members to willingly support the ministries of the church through the faithful giving of the money God has entrusted to them.

GRACE: *Life in the SMCC family will be messy at times. And that is OK.* We expect all SMCC Team Members to be graceful participants in the lives of others at church. When there is a conflict, we expect forgiveness and reconciliation to be practiced by all parties. When there is a disagreement with a leadership decision, we expect graceful discussion/debate. If still not satisfied, we expect the Team Member to respectfully disagree without causing division.