

MVCC Worship Vision and Values

We believe that every person is created as a worshipper. We are all drawn to worship something or someone. As believers we direct our hearts of worship to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Whether it be through prayer, scripture reading, teaching, serving, giving, confession, or music, we worship Him. We believe that true worship is not just once a week or a piece of our life, but a lifestyle that places him above ourselves in all that we do.

Our vision and values are derived from the whole Bible but can be simplified through three focus scriptures.

Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Romans 12:1-2

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Matthew 22:36-37

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

Core Worship Values:

1. **Love for God:** Worship is about a wholehearted love – heart, soul, and mind, directed toward God. We are made by God, for God. We love him with all we are. (Matthew 22:37)
2. **Christ-Centered Living:** Everything we do, in word or action, is done in the name of Jesus for His glory. Worship is more than music. It's offering our entire lives to God as a living sacrifice. (Colossians 3:17, Romans 12:1)
3. **Scripture Fueled Expression:** Our worship is rooted in the Word of God, shaping our songs, thoughts, ideas, and lives. (Colossians 3:16)
4. **Thankfulness:** Gratitude is a constant in our worship. We have reason to praise him in all circumstances in life, giving thanks to God in all things. (Colossians 3:17)
5. **Community Encouragement:** We believe worship should be hospitable, caring and welcoming. Our worship builds up others through teaching, singing, fellowship, and providing opportunities for prayer, support, and spiritual growth. (Colossians 3:16)
6. **Creative Diversity:** We value creativity and use it to communicate the gospel in a variety of ways. Our worship includes a variation of heartfelt expressions through video, spoken word, prayer, Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, and moments of Spirit-led spontaneous worship. (Colossians 3:16)
7. **Holiness and Surrender:** Worship involves living a holy life and surrendering our desires to God's will. Our worship leading will be strongest when we are experiencing God's presence and expressing our love to him daily. (Romans 12:1)

Our hope is that as we give God our hearts in worship, and invite people to encounter His presence, we will be able to proclaim Jesus and watch Him radically transform lives. We don't expect perfection, but believe living these values to be a crucial part of helping lead people into a transformative encounter with Jesus.