



PRINCIPLES

We're Christ Centered

- Believing the Gospel as the source of salvation,
- Following Him as the only requirement for belonging to His Church
- Pleasing Him as our first priority.
 - **Question:** "Are you putting Jesus first in all things?"
 - **Motto:** Christ is our only creed.
 - *Matthew 16:16-18, Acts 4:12, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 3:18*

We're Bible Based

- Holding God's Word as the authority for all we believe,
- Practicing the New Testament as the Christian covenant
- Proclaiming the Gospel as the core of our faith.
 - **Question:** "What does God's Word say?"
 - **Motto:** Where Scripture speaks, we speak; where Scripture is silent, we are silent
 - *2 Timothy 3:14-17, Ephesians 2:20, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

We're Unity Minded

- Protecting the unity of our church in the midst of personal preferences and disputable interpretations
- Promoting fellowship in the midst of racial, social, and political diversities
- Restoring New Testament pre-denominational faith and practice in the Church in the midst of divided religious opinions and man-made traditions
 - **Question:** "Are you keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?"
 - **Mottos:** In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love We're not Catholic or Protestant or the only Christians; we're Christians only.
 - *John 17:20-21, 1 Cor. 1:10-13, Ephesians 4:1-6*

We're Great Commandment Targeted

- Love is the evidence of a transformed life
- Love is the basis for all virtues
- Love is the motivation for ministry.
 - **Question:** "Are you letting love be your guiding principle for all relationships?"
 - **Mottos:** Love is the bullseye of Christlikeness. They'll know we are Christians by our love
 - *Matthew 22:37-40, John 13:35, 1 Corinthians 13*

We're Great Commission Driven

- Making disciples is the missionary purpose, priority and privilege of the Church,
- Making disciples is the method for Christians reproducing Christians, and churches reproducing churches,



- Making disciples is the mandate for communicating changeless truth in culturally current ways,
 - **Question:** “Are we leveraging our influence to lead people into a growing relationship with Christ?”
 - **Mottos:** Lost people matter to God, and so they matter to us. Taking as many people to heaven with us as we can. “Are we doing what it takes to reach our culture?”
 - *Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 9:22, 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:2*

Membership Commitments

Members of Southpoint are Christians who have taken FirstStep, completed Member Orientation, and have agreed to abide by these Membership Commitments.

- *I profess the Core Beliefs*
- *I participate in the Mission by being a 3C Christian*
- *I place myself under church leadership for accountability in living a Christ-honoring life*