



**ARMITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Membership Information Session #1**  
***Who We Are: Mission and Core Values***

**Our Mission**

We exist to proclaim the gospel, nurture disciples, and exalt Christ in the City. Our mission comes from Jesus word in Matthew 28:19-20 and Paul's focus on cities in the book of Acts.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20*

**Our Core Values**

**The Transforming Power of God's Word** - We prioritize learning and applying the principles of scripture because it teaches us truth and empowers genuine change in our everyday lives.

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*"And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." Acts 20:32*

**God's Supernatural Work Among Us** - We prioritize prayer and take bold steps of faith because we've experienced powerful works of God in the past and we have faith He will continue to work in our midst.

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles." Acts 2:42-43*

**Servanthood** - We focus on serving others and placing their needs above our own because it is the truest expression of love. It is the reason Jesus gave up his life to pay for our sins.

*"For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves." Luke 22:27*

**Personal Connection** - We emphasize community and connectedness because God created us to function best in a caring spiritual environment with healthy, Christ-centered relationships.

*"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts." Acts 2:44-46*

**Multicultural** - We celebrate our multicultural character knowing it reflects God's dream for us and we are richer for learning from our varied cultures, ethnicities.

1 Corinthians 12:13, Revelation 5:9

*"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace." Ephesians 2:14-15*

*"And you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost shall come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8*

**Urban Ministry** - We focus on reaching cities with God's message of hope because urban areas comprise the largest proportion of unmet spiritual and physical needs in the world. Cities are strategic locations that serve as centers of distribution, everything from goods and services to ideas and values. The Holy Spirit led the Apostle Paul to city after city to preach the gospel and establish local churches.

*"And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks." Acts 19:1, 8-10*