

West Leigh Baptist Church Covenant

As people who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour we unite together to be West Leigh Baptist Church.

Guided by the Scriptures and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to walking with the Lord and growing together in love for one another and for the world in its need.

We will uphold the practice of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ and we will seek to fulfil West Leigh's Vision and Mission Statements and Core Values through our presence, our prayers, our gifts and our service.

Core Values for Covenant Members

As a Covenant Member of West Leigh Baptist Church I will endeavour to:

1. Protect the unity of the church

...by loving and praying for those who belong to the church.

(Romans 14 v 19; 1 Peter 1 v 22)

...by thinking and speaking the best of them.

(Ephesians 4 v 29)

...by supporting the church's leaders and being open to change.

(Hebrews 13 v 17; Acts 10)

2. Share in the mission of the church

...by praying for its growth both spiritually and numerically.

(Colossians 1 v 3-6)

...by inviting friends to attend.

(Luke 14 v 23)

...by warmly welcoming those who visit.

(Romans 15 v 7)

3. Serve in the ministry of the church

...by seeking to grow spiritually and developing a servant heart.

(Philippians 2 v 3-4 4, 7)

...by discovering and using my gifts and talents

(1 Peter 4 v 10)

...by being equipped to serve through the gifts of others

(Ephesians 4 v 11-12)

4. Support the witness of the church

...by faithfully attending.

(Hebrews 10 v 25)

...by living a godly life.

(Philippians 1 v 27)

...by giving regularly

(1 Corinthians 16 v 2; Leviticus 27 v 30)

West Leigh Baptist Church

VISION STATEMENT

Jesus in Us,

our Church,

our Community,

and our World.

MISSION STATEMENT

West Leigh Baptist Church exists to:

- * Worship and Serve God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit*
- * Bring People into a Life-changing Relationship with Jesus Christ*
- * Enable People to Grow as Christians through Teaching and Service*
- * Demonstrate God's Love to One Another and into the Community.*

CORE VALUES

West Leigh Baptist Church: Caring People who make a difference.

WLBC seeking to discern and implement God's will, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, using all the gifts and resources God gives, will live as caring people who make a difference. As we do this our Core Values will be that:

We will care about God's Glory and Kingdom.

This will make a difference in our worship, to our praying, and to our church's teaching.

We will be a Worshipping People - engaging in worship and prayer which inspire and under gird all we do and are exploring and expressing what it means to live together as the people of God, obeying his Word and following Christ in the whole of our lives.

We will care about our Community.

This will make a difference to the way we seek to meet the needs of those around us.

We will be a Prophetic People - challenging all the powers that bind people; seeking practical ways of expressing God's love to our community.

We will care about People without Christ.

This will make a difference to the urgency and manner with which we will seek to share the Good News concerning God's love for the people of Leigh, and the wider world, made known in Christ.

We will be a Missionary People - demonstrating in word and action God's forgiving and healing love; calling and enabling people to

experience God's love for themselves.

We will care about One another.

This will make a difference to our fellowship together as we live as brothers and sisters in God's family.

We will be an Inclusive People - welcoming others whatever their gender, race, class, age, marital status, ability and culture.

We will care about our own Commitment.

This will make a difference to the way we respond to and reflect the generous character of God.

We will be a Sacrificial People - following Jesus, whatever the personal cost, in accepting vulnerability and the necessity of sacrifice.

To fulfil these Vision and Mission Statements and Core Values will take sacrificial giving and service; and we will need to prepare, train and release God's people for ministry in these areas.

We believe that such a church will enable and encourage us to lovingly evangelise the people of Leigh, and to make disciples of those who through faith in Christ commit themselves to Him and His church here.

These Statements and Core Values were agreed at the Church Meeting on 28th January 1999.