

Flat Springs Transition Mission Team
Church-Wide Survey Results
December 19, 2023

The culmination of work from the Flat Springs Transition MISSION TEAM is represented by a list of Flat Springs Core Values, preference of Mission Statement, and ideas for Vision and Ministry planning.

The "Results" attachment indicates that the preponderance of survey respondents desired the proposed nine Flat Springs Core Values. That said, what we have listed is not in any mathematical order, per survey results. We simply began the list with God [Holy and deserving of worship] at the head of the list.

Survey results indicated we keep the Flat Springs Mission Statement and not make a change. Rankings and comments were in favor of our current Statement.

The "Core Values" attachment includes the survey itself, which was sent with a cover page, nine proposed Flat Springs Core Values to be ranked, and Bible verses and translations that provided the Biblical basis and scriptural inspiration for our work.

This scripture piece is the section of our work that was always in the foreground and valuable to us as Christians and as team members. Being deep in God's word to propose Flat Springs core values continues to resonate with us.

"Results" of the survey did not indicate our team should drop any of the Flat Springs Core Values proposals. At the onset, we anticipated that perhaps the rankings would lend toward one or more proposed core values falling away, but that was not so.

When we ran the math, numbers showed that the individual nine values held their value with survey respondents. We had only a very few comments, and none that requested we go back to the drawing board or make additions to be considered.

Interestingly, most people did use the online link to respond to the survey with just a few paper-copies.

The final part of our assignment was to brainstorm suggestions to pass along regarding "Vision and Ministry Planning." What we have provided is just that - brainstorming completely based on our Transition Mission Team assignment of Flat Springs Core Values and Mission, process, and results. What we are sharing is simplistic, not fully fleshed out, or even necessarily comprehensive, understanding this piece is another team's work to complete.

We used the full title "Flat Springs Core Values" and "Flat Springs Mission Statement." This is purposeful and intentional so that we were ever-mindful that we were not speaking from personal feelings but for and on behalf of (1) our church membership, (2) the fellowship of Christians who join, study, play, sing, travel, serve alongside, and worship with us (who may not yet be members), and (3) prospects who need to be reached by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Flat Springs Baptist Church Core Values

1. We value the **triune God, worthy of our worship.**

We worship God our creator, one holy eternal being, existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2. We value the **Holy Bible**, God's inspired Word.

The Holy Bible is God's inspired word, including the teachings of our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ, our history, and our place in God's plan.

3. We value **salvation** through God's grace and our faith in Jesus Christ.

Man is saved by God's grace, not by works, but through belief in Jesus Christ.

4. We value **spiritual growth.**

We develop a relationship with God, learn His will for our lives, and gain knowledge and wisdom by spending time with Him in prayer and studying His Word.

5. We value **prayer** to know and do the will of God.

Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we have access to God the Father through Jesus Christ our intercessor.

6. We value **the local church as a fellowship of believers rooted in faith.**

Bonds of fellowship are built on faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

7. We value **homes wherein Christ is the foundation.**

With Christ at the center, families and individual family members are strong and therefore strengthen the body of believers, the Church.

8. We value **sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ** and **demonstrating Christian love.**

Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ are commissioned to share the Gospel, demonstrate love, and pray for all people.

9. We value **Biblical stewardship.**

Being good stewards of all God has entrusted into our care requires our faith and Christ-centered decision-making.

Flat Springs Baptist Mission Statement

Flat Springs Baptist Church is a family of believers seeking ...

To Glorify God,
To Guide others to Christ,
To Grow in our faith, and
To Give of ourselves

Flat Springs Baptist Church
Transitional Mission Team Worksheet
Ideas for VISION and MINISTRY PLAN

Ideas for Flat Springs Church VISION

- To bring people to Jesus Christ
- To provide a genuine worship experience invites the work of the Holy Spirit
- Education of believers
- Equip believers to be disciples of Christ
- To serve the community in love
- To provide for and meet needs in Jesus' name
- To provide an atmosphere where all people are welcome
- To meet people where they are

Ideas for Flat Springs MINISTRY PLAN

1. Educating Believers

- a. Learning and implementing our individual Spiritual Gifts
(There are several surveys/questionnaires to help identify.)
- b. Intentionally equipping new Christians, new members, youth, and children

2. Putting Growth into Action

- a. Serving the community with robust outreach
- b. Inviting
- c. Welcoming
- d. Supporting
- e. Leading
- f. Using music as a universal language to draw believers
- g. Encouraging children and youth to draw believers