

Commonwealth Christian Fellowship Vision - 2018

Our aim at Commonwealth Christian Fellowship (CCF) is to experience the living Christ, the power of His Kingdom, His totally amazing love, and offer people permission to dream. We are a house that will bring hope alive. We are a family that offers Faith, hope and love. We choose to live by these precepts:

- When God said to love one another, He meant it.
- When God said to worship Him in spirit and in truth He meant it.
- When God said His house was to be a joyful house of prayer He meant it.
- When God said to earnestly covet the gifts of the Spirit He meant it.
- When God said He has given us authority over all the power of the enemy He meant it.
- When God said to go into all the world and make disciples He meant it.

Through God's grace, God's strength and God's anointings, our goal is to be a company of believers who flow intentionally with these values, who diligently seek the Father's heart at all times through prayer, and who intentionally live lives of celebration, sacrifice and praise unto our Lord Jesus Christ. With this heart in mind we seek to win the lost for His glory. We want to do our best in **establishing His Kingdom, building a house of prayer and worship in the heart of London**. We want to raise up pioneers, leaders and dreamers to take ground for the Lord Jesus.

We endeavor to do this through:

The Message
The Music
The Mission

The Message

The message is, that our God is HUGE, and He's FOR US! God's message is the "good news" that Jesus Christ came to model and manifest for us all. Jesus came to redeem mankind fully, through His God-character that loved the unlovely, healed the undeserving, and delivered those who were living under curses. His message is of our necessity of having a renewed mind, an utter transformation in the way we think and act because of how He loved us without condition. Therefore, we take God's word as the supreme truth and authority of our lives and endeavor to walk by faith in His holy word.

What we believe

We believe that scripture is truly the Word of God Himself to us. It renews our minds, builds our faith and reveals who God is to us. We hold fast to New Testament truth in our daily lives, as scripture reveals to us all God's gift of GRACE to us through Jesus Christ. We've found in truth that God's word is anointed, and that His anointings break all yokes of bondage, therefore we endeavor to preach and teach the true Gospel as laid out by the apostles. We then move towards what His grace has made available to us, and by faith we receive what God has promised us. Scripture says that God's people in the past were destroyed due to lack of knowledge; we will not be those people!

Implementation:

Expository teaching - equipping people with the word of God. 2 Tim 2:15 – so that God's love is revealed to our hearts, so that the word becomes the joy of our heart and a weapon in our hand.

The Music

Without a doubt music is an international language that all people seem to understand from birth through old age. It's proven that music literally creates atmospheres wherever it's found. We've found that heaven's music released in our meetings brings the joy and truth of the Lord, His presence, and opens the door for His mighty word to be received and prevail. It also opens the well of His heart towards us.

The Lord has told us that if we'd seek and find His music and His message that He'd do miracles in our midst! Therefore, we thank God for skillful musicians and singers that harvest the rhythms and melodies of heaven and release them into our midst that we might experience His presence and His healing. But we desire more than just musicianship; but to see true Psalmists raised up. As a church we have a unique calling to this area of pursuing God's heart in music so that it may be released into a dark world.

From encountering the Lord through His music and message we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to flow in His desire, which allows Jesus to be seen in us by the lost that they might be saved! Those outside the church need to experience the delivering power, the amazing grace and the incredible joy of the Lord!

What we believe

Because God's music creates atmospheres, we believe that when heaven's music is released it brings the wealth of the Kingdom with it – joy, healings, peace, deliverance, restoration and much more. As David played for King Saul the music brought healing, deliverance and peace of mind. (1 Samuel 16:23)

We choose to be people of extravagant praise and worship – we believe He is worthy of everything we can offer to Him and that worship is in our DNA. Therefore we make time and are committed to do our best worship in spirit and in truth.

We love great music and believe there is no end to the creativity that God has put inside of us. Our desire is to sing a new song to the Lord (Psalm 96:1), to make space for the "rhema;" the prophetic song of the Lord and to do so with excellence in our musical craft.

Psalm 33:3

*Sing to Him a **new** song; **play skillfully** [on the strings] with a loud and joyful sound.
(Amplified Bible)*

2 Kings 3:15

*But now bring me a **minstrel**. And it came to pass, when the **minstrel** played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.*

The Mission

His mission remains to, "Go into all the world, and make disciples of all nations." God wants us to be life-changers, finding the lonely, the confused, the lost and bewildered, and offer them the hope that is only found in Jesus Christ. His light shows up the fractures in our lives, and then points the way to the healing of the soul. We want to do all we can through any means to shine His light upon those who sit in darkness, and who have no hope. We desire this to be at the forefront of each of our minds as we go about our daily walk in this world, to be sensitive to His Holy Spirit, and to model God's love to those we meet along the way. There are broken people everywhere, who just need to be touched by the real love of God. Jesus Christ alone, remains as THE answer for the ills of this world.

Prayer

We believe that a **lifestyle** of prayer, is essential to our growth as individuals, as only through developing communion with the Lord, do we discover within ourselves, the depth of His love, and His plans for our lives. Prayer is foundational to the Christian life, more than any words can commend! A huge part of our mission is to do everything we can to help others develop their prayer lives, so that they too can discover the incredible uniqueness of God's plan for themselves, but beyond that so that they might enjoy the incredible intimacies awaiting each child of God that only come from entering into the riches of spending quality time with Him!

Acts 19:20

So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed. (KJV)

Thus the Word of the Lord [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God] grew and spread and intensified, prevailing mightily. (Amplified Bible)

1 Thessalonians 5:17

***Be unceasing in prayer** [praying perseveringly]. (Amplified Bible)*

James 5:16

*Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. **The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].** (Amplified Bible)*

Isaiah 56:7

*All these I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; **for My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.** (Amplified Bible)*

The Three Pillars

LOVE DEEP

LIVE FULL

DREAM BIG

1. Love Deep

Coming in contact with the actual love of God, the unlimited, unconditional, soul ripping Love of God, transforms you forever. You simply cannot remain the same, once you actually experience this heaven-sent acceptance.

Our God knows everything there is to know about us; every bump and wart, every wrong habit, every torment we put ourselves through, yet His Love for us remains constant! This love never changes. Exposure to this Love ultimately causes us to surrender to Him and we begin to know His incredible embrace, which in turn starts healing our many wounds. Only then, can we turn to others and let this truth that has transformed our heart, transform those God leads us to.

Our heart is to plumb the depths of His Love towards us that we might be living examples of this love to all we meet.

Therefore our major goal is to discover what it means to **LOVE DEEP!**
(Ephesians 5:1,2; 1 John 4:19)

2. Live Full

Jesus came that we might have ABUNDANT LIFE, not a miserable life, not a mediocre life. Heaven's desire is that we take full advantage of the sacrifice of Jesus and experience life to the max!

This will only happen as we release our faith in the redeeming power of Jesus - his death on the cross - we have authority over all the power of the enemy. (Colossians 2:15; Ephesians 1:22) We must believe that the Holy Spirit gives us the everyday power to live a righteous and Godly life. This means that we can live full and free, (John 10:10) being ever hopeful, ever-loving and ever-growing in God. We choose to LIVE FULL!

3. Dream Big

We believe that God is good and that He is on our side (Romans 8:30). We believe that He has created everyone with a hope-filled purpose and a future (Jer 29:11).

We believe that God is a big God, beyond our wildest imaginations, and that he wants us to dream big because He is with us, He delights in us and He loves to supply our every need as we step out in faith for Him.

We believe our God is still a CREATOR, and He longs to release the NEW into our lives, whether through new inventions, new music, new means of doing life. So we release faith for His ever flowing creativity to be discovered in us!

In reality every success in life begins with an idea, which is actually a dream, that we allow to empower us toward a God-given goal. That's why we choose to DREAM BIG!

Core Values within these 3 pillars

Love Deep

There are two aspects of our heart to Love Deep; one spiritual and one practical. From the spiritual aspect, we know that to truly love, means to desire a closeness, a nearness to the one who is loved. When you love you naturally want to be near the one you love. Since our first love is God, our heart wants to be as close to Him as possible, and this comes about only through the **art of prayer**.

We desire to build and have a literal LIFESTYLE of prayer, as all church history proves that great moves of God come from great moves of prayer and relationship with Almighty God. **Therefore a major part of our desire to Love Deep translates into Praying Fervently!**

The practical aspect of our desire to Love Deep is displaying this love to all we come in contact with, at church or anywhere else. We choose to love like God loves. We seek after God's heart so that we become more like Him. 1 John says, "What manner of love is this, that we should be called the sons of God?"

Our prayer is that CCF members & visitors will be making a similar statement when among us! "What an amazing depth of love there is at CCF!!!

We will be authentic - We don't 'play' church but seek to be real with one another and with God, as "all things are naked & exposed to our God." (Heb 4:13)

Live Full - Worship

We pray for breakthrough; we intercede and are a people of earnest & heartfelt prayer. We refuse to be a powerless church! Therefore we earnestly covet the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our midst! Why, because living full means living out the wonderful gift of life that came through Jesus Christ, and taking advantage of His mighty gifts to us.

We refuse wrong thinking! Therefore we renew our minds to God's word & His will - we teach Godly wisdom and truth and uphold the power and authority of the word.

Jesus said that He came that we might have "**abundant life**;" not just a mediocre life, but to the full, till it overflows. We've made our choice to strengthen ourselves in the Lord continually, and respect Jesus sacrifice for us by living a good and full life!

Living full means offering back to God the praise and worship that only He deserves. Something wonderful happens to us, when we worship Him. We glorify Him, and in turn He strengthens us and empowers us to live a "whole" life, not just a half life. Our worship of Him creates a heavenly atmosphere around us that changes our life's circumstances for the good. Therefore we choose to live FULL lives!

Dream Big - Fellowship

We remind ourselves of the goodness of God - we celebrate Him and are full of thanks. We consistently remind ourselves that our God is a HUGE God with HUGE love & plans for us! Therefore we say NO to small thinking! Our God wants us to dream BIG, because NOTHING is impossible to them who truly believe.

A primary way we keep good dreams alive is through our fellowship with like minded believers. God's word still says to "come out from among them," which is speaking about unbelievers. That's why we choose to stay within the "household of faith." Therefore we intentionally seek out fellowship with those within our church who are reaching out for the Lord. We champion one another and believe and pray into each other's dreams. We choose not to be around dream killers, but dream builders.

We have permission to fail & make mistakes; but we NEVER condemn! We will build each other UP! We will speak life to one another, always encouraging and reminding each other that absolutely nothing is impossible with our God. We will value this fellowship with our brothers and sisters for the worth that is in God's eyes. We choose to keep playing until we WIN, with God at our side! We will be opened to receive God's dream for our lives.

From Pastor Julie's heart:

We've always been aware that God chose a coming together of believers on a regular basis to be the foundation for the growth of His Body. Today we call this, 'the church' (in the Hebrew the followers of Jesus called this Kehilah) a congregation or community that met house to house, or set a regular time to come and worship together and hear the 'word' of God and worship and pray.

For the past 8 years we have pastored CCF in London in addition to directing the Prayer Foundation (formerly known as Prayer for the Nations). CCF was founded by Ed and Lori Hornback in the late eighties and today meets in different venues in Central London on Sundays (for 17 years met in St. Mark's Mayfair)

Several years ago I was asking the Lord how I could serve to move London forward strategically and spiritually and if I should continue to gather His people and if so where and how and when etc. At the time we had hosted yearly Prayer Summits and weekly prayer schools and gathered for The Call, England in Reading Football Stadium. I saw how the black churches were meeting and fasting and praying hard, (interceding) and the white churches were growing isolated in acting nobly and strong in their faith and did not have much prayer or understood intercession. We all needed to be one regardless of skin colour or nationality. God immediately said, "I AM looking for 'Warriors of Love who will be worshippers in war!" I understood what He was looking for and knew to wait until this was happening.

Each month, most Sundays Rod teaches faith in God's Word and began his teaching with "the Love Walk." Usually the first Sunday I give a word from God aligned to the Hebraic Calendar and seasons to encourage others throughout that month to stay focused on the time we are in, and to increase their spiritual sensitivity. As we all begin to think

and act more like God personally, then corporately when we gather there is a great heavenly blessing that comes upon us all. As we gather we have found ourselves “Warriors in Worship” who move ahead in warfare and breakthrough. In other words, we are walking in love with each other, and doing our warfare as the sounds go forth. Many other creatives have been drawn to us each week to learn God’s word and develop personal faith in how to overcome their battles and win them in the throne room encounters they experience each Sunday.

CHOSEN IS PART OF US – This yearly gathering for the whole family for a few days away from London, allows us to establish a time where clarity and heart changes occur. CHOSEN monthly is part of our future goal.

As we pastor the CCF congregation in addition to directing the Prayer Foundation, our calling is clear. To help God’s people grow and give them permission to dream, to LIVE FULL, LOVE DEEP, and DREAM BIG. There’s nothing impossible for God, so we continue to pray for London and its welfare and the nations.

How We accomplish these goals

The Message

Sunday sermons
Scripture prayer for each Hebraic season
Blogs
Newsletters
Skype prayer
Chosen Camp
California Jubilee Church Conference
Other outreaches

The Music

Worship rehearsal
Sunday worship
Chosen live
Recordings of worship
Harvesting musicians

The Mission

Willing people
Prayerful people
Faithful people
Sacrificial people
Committed people
PEOPLE!

**If this feels good in your spirit, we'd love to have you with
us on this incredible journey of faith,
until He comes again.**

"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that
moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each
person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfil
God's creational intentions."

John Wesley