

DISCOVER Fellowship



We want to. . .

- Hear your story
- Answer your questions
- Help you get connected







Fellowship Bible Church of NWA

Multi-congregational

Elder led

Staff managed

People driven



Our congregations share
Common Resources
One Doctrinal Statement
Identical Core Values



Our Ultimate Objective:

To glorify God

Our Mission

To produce and release spiritual leaders who
know and express the authentic Christ to
Northwest Arkansas and the world

Our Vision

To change the heart and soul of
Northwest Arkansas and the world



Four Foundational Principles of Our Philosophy of Ministry

1. The Priesthood of Every Believer

God has called every believer into ministry.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...



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“You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹ Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.”



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Exodus 18:25 NIV

“He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.”



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2. Form and Function

FUNCTION – a biblical responsibility assigned to the church by the Lord.

Six functions the Lord calls the church to fulfill:

- **Exalting** (Worship) – Psalm 95:1-7
- **Evangelizing** (Outreach) – Acts 1:8
- **Establishing** (Discipleship) – Matthew 28:18-20
- **Equipping** (Training) – Ephesians 4:11-16
- **Encouraging** (Fellowship) – Hebrews 10:24-25
- **Empowering** (Service) – Mark 10:45



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FORM – the manner in which the function is accomplished.



Function	Form
Timeless	Timely
Static	Flexible
Unchanging	Changeable
Non-Negotiable	Negotiable
Mission	Method



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Accountability

Truth



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3. Essential Elements of Ministry:

Country Club Church

Relationships



~~Accountability~~

Truth



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3. Essential Elements of Ministry:

Legalistic Church

~~Relationships~~



Accountability

Truth



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3. Essential Elements of Ministry:

Cult

Relationships



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3. Essential Elements of Ministry:

Core values:

Truth

Accountability

Relationships

Gospel

Generosity

Life-Change

Team



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4. Fellowship is a Decentralized Ministry

Fellowship's ministry is not centered on our campus.

Centralized Ministry (Attractional)

Bring people to the church

Decentralized Ministry (Incarnational)

Send people to people

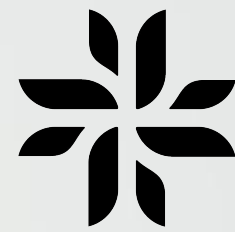


**In essentials unity, in non-essentials
liberty, in all things charity.**

John 13:35 NIV

“By this everyone will know that you are
my disciples, if you love one another.”





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