

NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

“Transforming lives, one soul at a time.” *2 Corinthians 5:17*



NCBF NOW GUIDE

A CHURCH COMMITTED TO MISSIONS

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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR



Being involved in missions is about being involved in what God is doing. Jesus said, ***“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working . . . Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for what ever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.”*** God is always at work in this world and He is inviting us to join Him in what He is doing. In order to join God, we need to deny ourselves and follow Jesus Christ. Jesus says, ***“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*** The command is *to go* and the goal is *to make disciples*.

Being involved in missions means sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to lost humanity, transforming unbelievers into Christlike believers, teaching them to live the life that God intended for His people, and sending them back out to reach others for Christ. When we fail to be on mission, we have lost our effectiveness to be salt and light to our world. Remember that being lost “implies there was some place that you were suppose to be and someone cared that you were not there.” God says that we are suppose to be in relationship with Him, but we are not. As a result, He sent His Son to seek and save that which is lost. Jesus says, ***“As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.”*** Let us turn our attention towards doing kingdom work by being focused on missions.

New Creation Bible Fellowship is a church committed to being on missions. It is our desire to not only live as the new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17) that we are in Jesus Christ, but to be actively involved in reaching our community for Jesus in tangible ways. We invite you to join us as we join God in what He is doing in this world. It is our prayer that all that you say and do will bring glory, honor, and praise to our God.

THE HISTORY OF NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

HOW WE BEGAN

In May 2007, the Lord gave me a vision of a new church plant during his quiet time with Him. At that time He gave me the name, mission statement, core values, and the discipleship process for this new work. The name God gave us is a constant reminder of who we are **NEW CREATION**, with the **BIBLE** as our foundation, and Christian **FELLOWSHIP** as our goal. As a result, I shared with Pastor Horacio S. Jones (pastor of Family Bible Fellowship) what the Lord had given me. With much prayer we began to pursue implementing this new work.

For the past several years, I had been praying over the site of a new elementary school in our neighborhood. After receiving the vision, I contacted the school to inquire about using their facilities. At the same time, Calvary Chapel of Tracy had just secured the usage of this new school. Therefore, I contacted Pastor Rob Krenik of Calvary to inquire about the facility they were leaving. I had never met him. He shared with me that they had a 2000 square foot building on two-acres that was available for use on Sundays. I then met with Pastor Rob and upon sharing with him the vision the Lord had given me, we secured the site as our new worship center.

Our next step focused on securing members and support. With the blessings of Pastor Jones, ten families from Family Bible Fellowship committed to support to this new work. Then we met with Dr. Jeffery Curtis and Dr. Joshua Smith from the CSBC African-Church Planting Department and begun the process of securing funding. As a result, we partnered with Dr. Lyman Alexander (DOM East Bay Baptist Association, Jerry Yates (DOM Delta Valley Association), Family Bible Fellowship, and the CSBC to begin this new work.

Our third step focused on reaching out to our community. Utilizing Aubrey Malphur's "Advanced Strategic Planning" and Nelson Searcy and Kerrick Thomas' "Launch" books, we held monthly worship services on the third Sunday's beginning in November 2007. In addition, nine core members attended the Basic Training for Church Planters seminar in Manteca in October 2007. February 10, 2008 marked the date of our first worship celebration to the community.

Our fourth step focused on identifying the "person of peace" in the City of Tracy. We began to develop relationships with key city officials and as a result, we met City Councilwoman Evelyn Tolbert. Through our relationship with Ms. Tolbert, we are now in collaboration with the Mayor's Community Youth Support Network which focuses on providing services to the Youth of Tracy. Since then, we have developed partnerships with the Tracy Convalescent & Rehabilitation Center, Tracy Crime Stoppers, Boys & Girls Club, and the Tracy Unified School District. In addition, we are partnering with the Restoration Center founded by Dr. James which is a Christian based non-profit which focuses on providing a school based mentoring and prevention program.

In August 2014, Dr. James approached the California Baptist Foundation seeking support to purchase the property the ministry was meeting at. With the support of Dr. Philip Kell and Doug Heffner, the foundation staff and Gary Singh of Crossroads Real Estate in Manteca, we were able to possess the property in May 2015.

We are witnessing God's faithfulness to His people as we continue to engage our culture for Christ. It is our passion to impact the lives of people with the love of Christ. The dedication of workers and members has resulted in our focus and determination to **"TO ADD VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY."** The church has grown from 18 people to over 150+ and we have impacted the lives of over 1000 people through our ministry during our first year. We have currently instituted the following ministries:

- ◆ Children and Youth Ministry
- ◆ Men's and Women's Ministry
- ◆ New Members Workshop
- ◆ Worship Ministry
- ◆ Transformed Bible Study (Sunday Morning)
- ◆ Weekly/Monthly Bible Study Groups
- ◆ Hospitality
- ◆ Banner Ministry
- ◆ Praise Dance Ministry
- ◆ Prayer Ministry
- ◆ Benevolence Ministry
- ◆ Facilities Ministry
- ◆ Sound Ministry
- ◆ Usher Ministry
- ◆ Pastor's Aide
- ◆ Stewardship Ministry
- ◆ Shepherd's & Deacon Ministry
- ◆ Risk Management Team
- ◆ Social Media Ministry
- ◆ Tracy Convalescent & Rehabilitation Ministry
- ◆ Men's Shelter – Stockton
- ◆ Food Pantry
- ◆ Dublin Ranch Ministry

One emphasis of our ministry is that every member must volunteer in the community. The Lord gave us two words to focus on in this ministry: ***intentional*** and ***relational***. The way that we gain the right to be heard is by developing relationships with others and we are intentional about who we are reaching, young people, the unchurched and the lost. As we continue to be missional in our approach, the Lord continues to open up opportunities for us to make a difference in Tracy and the San Joaquin County. We continually encourage each member with these words, "*we are excited about your future*" because through God we will continue to do great things for His Kingdom.

MISSION STATEMENT

New Creation Bible Fellowship exists to transform unchurched, lost people into devoted followers of Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

At New Creation Bible Fellowship, we envision a place where the lost, hurting, depressed, and hopeless can find love, purpose, acceptance, forgiveness, direction, and hope.

We envision sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with thousands of unchurched, lost friends and people in the San Joaquin Valley, many of whom will surrender their lives to the Lord.

We envision New Creation Bible Fellowship will be a church where God's presence is experienced by promoting creative, inspiring and authentic worship; and teaching that is biblical and relevant to life.

We envision developing all our people – new and mature believers – into devoted followers of Christ and equipping them for ministry by helping them discover the talents and gifts that God has given them.

We envision a family that calls people from the despair of isolation to the joy of meaningful relationships. We will seek to know, meet the needs, help, encourage, and love one another by accepting all believers into God's family.

CORE VALUES

- ❑ We believe that unchurched, lost people matter to God, and therefore matter to us as well. (Luke. 19:10; Matt. 28:19-20)
- ❑ We desire to acknowledge God's supreme value and worth in our personal lives and in pure and authentic corporate worship. (John 4:24; Rom. 12:1-2)
- ❑ We believe that the Word of God is foundational for transformation in individuals' lives and in the church. (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16)
- ❑ We believe sowing into the Kingdom through our time, talents, and treasure is the responsibility of every believer. (Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 9:7-8)
- ❑ We believe that loving relationships should permeate every aspect of our church life. (John 13:34-35; Gal. 6:10)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

What We Believe

❑ **In essential beliefs – we have unity.**

“There is one body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Ephesians 4:4-6

❑ **In non-essential beliefs – we have liberty.**

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself...so whatever you believe about these things keep between yourselves and God.” Romans 14:2, 4, 12, 22

❑ **In all our beliefs – we show charity.**

“...If I hold in my mind not all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains – but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” I Corinthians 13:2

The Essentials We Believe

1. ABOUT GOD

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He is eternally existing in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, co-eternal, and co-existent.

Genesis 1:1, 26,27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and while fully human, never divested himself of any godly attributes. He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead, after three days, to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven’s glory and will return someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30, 17:14; Hebrews 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every

believer spiritual gifts when they are saved and as Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 16-17, 26; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:10-12; Ephesians 1:13, 5:18; Galatians 5:25

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

The bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

II Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Psalm 12:6, 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5-6

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a, 59:1,2; Romans 3:23

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus Christ in faith, we will be saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his/her life by faith.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1-2

7. ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely 'saved', you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 5:24; 10:27-30; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10-14; Ephesians 1:13

8. ABOUT MARRIAGE

Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the scriptures. This Church recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this Church, its pastors,

staff, and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

Genesis 2:18, 21-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-8; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Ephesians 5:3; Hebrews 13:4

9. ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Bible teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, this Church opposes all forms of sexual immorality including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.

Genesis 1:26-28; 19:4-11; Judges 19:22-25 Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 1:13; Jude 7

DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS

- **BELIEVING**
 - Lordship of Jesus Christ (Luke 6:46)
 - Authority of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16)

- **BELONGING**
 - To God's household (Ephesians 2:19-22)
 - Local Assembly

- **BECOMING**
 - More Like Christ (Luke 9:23; Colossians 3:17)

CHURCH SLOGAN:

WE ARE BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST, BELONGING TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD,
BECOMING WHO GOD CALLED US TO BE!



**What does it
mean to be a
follower of
Christ?**

WHY?

God expects Every
Believer to BE
reproducing
disciples.
Matthew 28:18-20

What?

BECOMING the
disciple Jesus
intended for me
to Be.

DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

A devoted follower will manifest the following biblical characteristics as a result of our discipleship process:

- ❑ Puts Jesus first in all things (Mk 8:34-38)
- ❑ Follows Jesus' teachings (Jn 8:31-32)
- ❑ Fruitful (Jn 15:5-8; Gal 5:22)
- ❑ Love for other disciples (Jn 13:34-35)
- ❑ Evangelizes & disciples others (Mt. 28:18-20; 2Tim 2:2)
- ❑ Desires spiritual growth (2Tim. 2:15; Mt. 13:18-23; 1Pe 2:2)
- ❑ Spiritual disciplines (1Th 5:17; Mt. 6:16; Ps 1:2; Mk 1:35)
- ❑ Sows into the Kingdom (2Cor. 9:7; Eph. 4:11-13; 1Pe 4:10)
- ❑ Seeks a more intimate relationship (Eph 1:17; Php 3:10)
- ❑ Lifestyle of worship (Rom 12:1; Ps 29:2; 95:6)



At New Creation, our goal is to make disciples who KNOW God in a deep intimate way resulting in GROWING in Christ-likeness and responding to God in loving obedience.

“18 And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. 20 And behold, ‘I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

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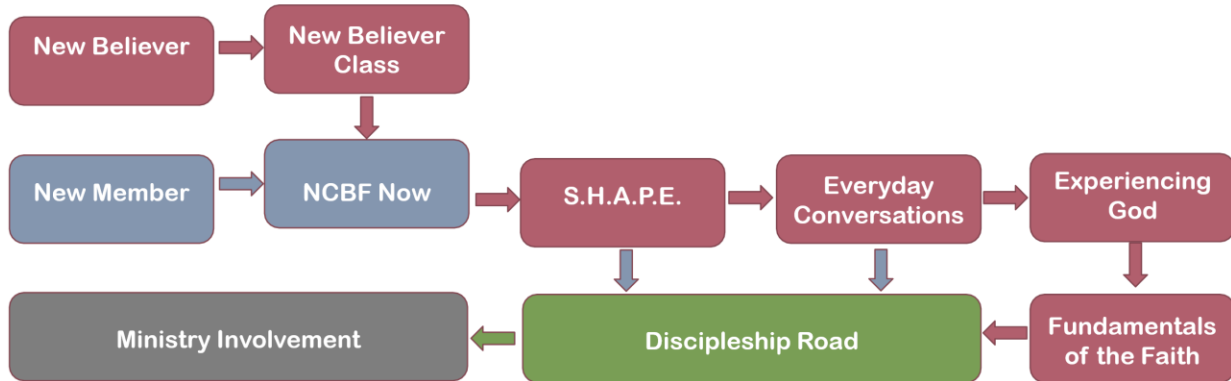


A DISCIPLE is a learner or student of Jesus Christ

To **MOVE**
nonbelievers
to **NEW** believers
to **GROWING**
believers
to **REPRODUCING**
believers.



ASSIMILATION PROCESS



OUTCOME

Looking in the Mirror

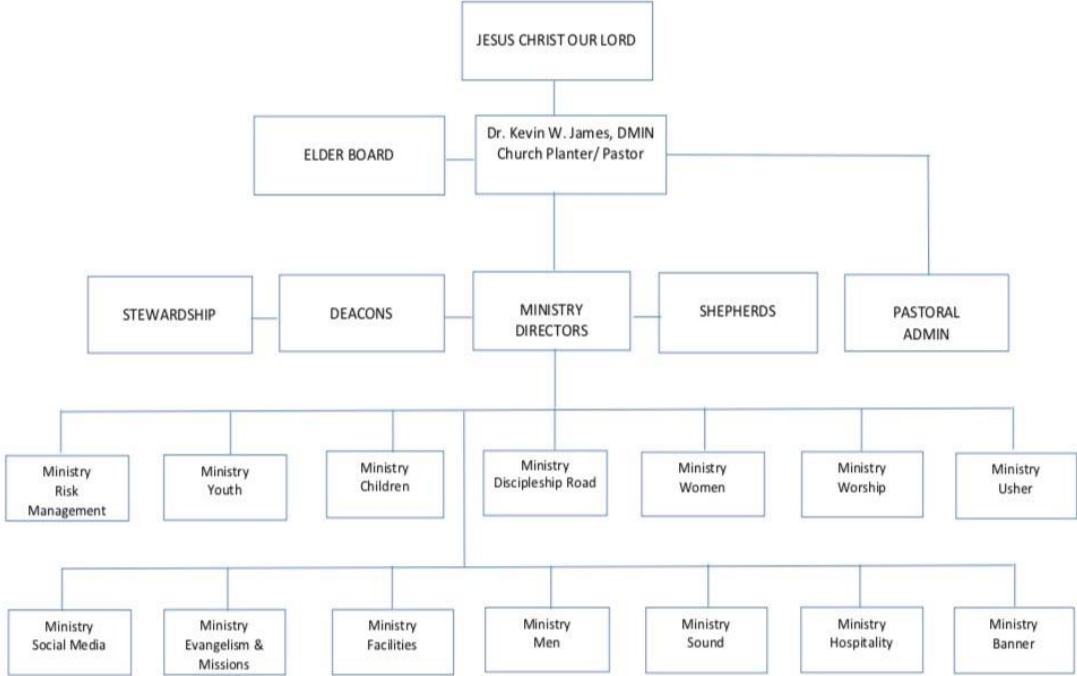
- I'm doing what I'm suppose to be doing?
- Sowing into New Creation (financial)
- Faithfully serving in ministry (fulfilling my responsibilities)
- Growing spiritually through bible study
- Attending faithfully
- Reaching out to others (sharing my faith)
- Connecting new people to the ministry
- Discipling another Believer



- **Organizational Structure**
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Ministry: New Creation Bible Fellowship
Organizational Chart



SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS & CHURCH INFORMATION

NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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TO CONTACT US: SEND EMAIL TO SUPPORT@NCBFTRACY.ORG

NEED PRAYER: TEXT “PRAY” TO 209.457.5330

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Ministry Activities:

- **Sunday Worship Service**
- **First-Time Guest Follow-up**
- **Church-wide Weekly / Monthly Bible Study**
- **Online Campus Engagement (FaceBook/Zoom)**
- **New Member Assimilation**
- **Monthly Community Outreach Events**
- **Quarterly Conferences**
- **Ministry Events**
- **Leadership Development**
- **Membership Development (Discipleship Road)**

Community Ministry Opportunities:

- **Homeless & Men's Shelter**
- **5 Loaves & 2 Fish Food Pantry**
- **Boys & Girls Club**
- **Raise Your Game (RYG) Sports Camp**

SAFETY FIRST & GETTING ASSISTANCE

1. EMERGENCY & EVACUATION

- ❑ First Aid Kit
- ❑ Fire Extinguisher Locations
- ❑ Evacuation Plan Locations (every room)

2. HOW TO REPORT PROBLEMS

- ❑ Immediately contact a minister or deacon when situation occurs
- ❑ Complete an incident report form (be as detailed as possible)
- ❑ In case of injury, immediately contact Pastor James (*cell 408.595.5704*)
 - Children or youth involved, contact parent or guardian immediately
 - Do not try to provide CPR or First-Aid if you are not trained (***NCBF has staff that is trained in CPR & First-Aid***)
 - Hospital visit required, do not drive yourself
 - Submit copies of all hospital and insurance documentation

3. IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

- ❑ First – Contact Elder Ed Tucker (Head Deacon)
- ❑ Second – Contact Dr. Kevin James (Senior Pastor)
- ❑ Provide assistance in emergency situations only (***do not*** support ongoing problems)
- ❑ Provide help with PG&E and food ***only***
- ❑ Providing assistance is ***reviewed*** by the Pastor. (maximum once a quarter & not guaranteed)

4. ACCESS TO BUILDING & PARKING

- ❑ Park in designated areas (follow the directions of parking lot staff)
- ❑ To reserve the building, complete the facility use form (prior approval required)
- ❑ **NO** alcohol, music with profanity, drugs and/or smoking is allowed on NCBF property.

THE NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized and being in agreement with *New Creation Bible Fellowship Mission & Core Values*, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the NCBF family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- By acting in love toward other members
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- By praying for its growth
- By inviting the unchurched to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve by the leadership of my church
- By striving to fulfill the Ministry Priorities of my church

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- By attending faithfully
- By living faithfully a Godly life
- By giving faithfully my tithes and offerings

NEW MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member and volunteer worker within any ministry of New Creation Bible Fellowship I agree to fulfill the following priorities:

1. Have publicly accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of my life, followed by the Believers Baptism.
2. A member of New Creation Bible Fellowship and have completed the New Member Class.
3. Regularly attend Sunday Morning Bible Study or a weekly bible study and volunteer to serve in the community once a month for a minimum of one hour.
4. Regularly contribute through my tithes and offerings to the united budget of the church.
5. Support the Pastor and Church Leaders through my prayers and harmony with one another.
6. Promote and support harmony and unity within my particular ministry.

I covenant with God and the church through my support of the new member covenant:

NEW MEMBER COVENANT

I _____ have read and understand the ministry priorities of New Creation Bible Fellowship. I count it a privilege to serve the Lord through His Church. I support the ministry priorities of our church and indicate it with my signature below.

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(New Member)

Signature: _____
(Pastor)
