## Who We Are

Austin Global Methodist Church is a Spirit-filled church full of caring people who aim to be disciples who honor Christ (I Peter 3:15), walk in his Ways (Colossians 2:6-7), and live in his grace and truth (John 1:14,17). In all we do, we want to reflect these core values.

## What We Believe

Who we are, why we exist as a church, and how we live out our mission all stem from our beliefs that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6) and there is no other name by which people can be saved from their sins (Acts 4:12). Because of this, we seek to honor our Savior. We believe Jesus calls us to walk in his ways and keep his commandments (John 14:15), out of a heart of love. We also believe Jesus calls us to live a grace-filled, truthful life (Ephesians 4:15).

We know these things to be true because we believe both the Old and New Testaments were given to God's people for our hope and doctrine (II Timothy 3:16). We respectfully and diligently study, teach, and strive to comprehend the teachings of the Holy Bible. We do not engage in reinterpreting God's Sacred Word to conform to the fleeting desires of a changing society. We believe God's Word is eternal. His Word shapes who we are, what we believe, and all we do to be the church in the mission field of Austin and beyond that God has called us to be<sup>1</sup>.

## Why We Exist

We are on a mission to revive people with the Living Word (John 1:14, Hebrews 4:12), make disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20), spread Scriptural Holiness (I Peter 1:15) across Austin and beyond. We exist to bring Christ and the Scriptures into the city of Austin and see people REVIVED through Jesus and the Bible! We want to see discipleship multiplied with Scripture-centered teaching and preaching. We want to see people develop their spiritual gifts and fruits of the Spirit, as they reflect the image of our holy Savior. This is why Austin Global Methodist Church exists. We are a church on a mission!

## How We Will Live Out the Mission

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, Austin Global Methodist Church will live out the mission as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Worshipping passionately is a priority at Austin Global Methodist Church. Worship extends beyond just specific, stylized music scheduled in a program to creating an environment where God is magnified, and the presence of the Holy Spirit is welcomed. As each service is covered with fervent, purposeful prayer<sup>2</sup> (Acts 4:31), Austin Global Methodist Church will passionately worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

At Austin Global Methodist Church, we are learning together to love God and our neighbors more extravagantly. Jesus himself said the two greatest commandments are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:30-31), we look to Jesus as the ultimate example of holy, extravagant love and look for practical ways to demonstrate our love to God and our community.

Austin Global Methodist Church also strives to witness boldly. Sharing our faith boldly is at the center of our vision as a church. As a missional church<sup>3</sup>, we will bring the Living Word into the city of Austin, its surrounding areas, the state of Texas, and the world with monthly mission opportunities, mission trips, and generous giving. We want to see disciples from all nations revived through our evangelical outreach (Acts 1:8).

We are a church on a mission! Will you go with us and grow with us as we revive Austin with the Living Word?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup><u>https://globalmethodist.org/what-we-believe/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.austinglobalmethodist.org/prayer-requests</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.austinglobalmethodist.org/ministries