

EL SHADDAI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

OUR CORE VALUES

We have some essential core values which are fixed beliefs and convictions that we will not compromise. They are principles that define us, unify us and underpin the ways we work out our Godly mandate, mission & vision. These qualities will ensure that we prevail as a church across generations. So, we seek to make this list basic to your life and the life of this church:

1. Prayer – We believe the spiritual impact of the church is found through prayer. Nothing of spiritual significance happens without prayer.
2. Praise and Worship - We believe the focus of worship is to bless, please and enjoy God; to proclaim His awesome power and to tell of His mighty deeds. This is expressed in many ways from personal intimacy to our corporate meetings.
3. Signs and Wonders – We believe these manifestations of the Holy Spirit are a sign that the Kingdom of God is here. They are available to be used by every believer.
4. Anointed teaching – We believe that Holy Spirit anointed teaching is the catalyst for transformation in individual's lives and in the church. This includes the concept of teaching for life change by application-based teaching.
5. Servanthood – We believe God has a plan and purpose for everyone and His Kingdom is built on servant-hearted people who use their God given gifts in obedience to His purposes. We believe we are here 'to serve and not be served'. We believe our serving should always honour God and never ourselves. No task is either too important or unimportant to which to give ourselves.
6. Community – We believe that loving covenantal relationships should permeate every aspect of church life. People matter to God and we seek to value each individual. We seek be a place where people can belong, be authentic and experience dignity. 'Where the issue is placed on the table but never the relationship.'
7. Giving - We believe the Bible teaches that the tithe (first 10% of gross income) belongs to God. We are called to be tithers – this speaks of attitude and heart motive. Further, there is joy in giving generously through offerings, sowing and other forms of giving. Tithes and offerings given to the local church are part of being an obedient follower of Christ. We also understand that a terumah (2.5%) is given to the spiritual father/mother in a person's life.
8. Individual Calling – Each person has a specific call and destiny in God. We are each responsible to work out our calling under the covering, nurturing and release of the local church
9. Personal Maturity - We believe in being obedient followers of Christ who hunger for continuous growth. This includes concepts of personal authenticity, character and wholeness. We believe in yieldedness in Christian living through Christ's strength and excellence in our ways. We seek the Lordship of Jesus in all we do.
10. Reaching Out – We believe God calls His people to sacrificial service in reaching out to the unchurched, the orphans, aged, poor and needy.

11. Marriage – We value the God given institution of marriage as being between a man and woman for life. Godly marriage reflects the union of the Godhead.
12. Family – Family life is the building block of society. God’s Biblical mandate is to honour marriage, family and bring children up in the ways of the Lord. We believe families & churches should be multi-generational living in God’s authority structures and blessings
13. Local Church - We believe in the local church as God’s chosen instrument of transformation in this world. The Local Church is the hope of the world.
14. Team Ministry- we value team ministry as God’s chosen way to minister in his church based on function and not position where people minister within the function to which they are called.
15. Evangelism - Lost people matter to God (see Matthew 28:18-20) and ought to matter to the church. This includes all forms of evangelism.
16. Authority - Godly order and authority are keys to walking in the blessing of God for us. We understand that to be in authority is also to be under authority.
17. Sending Church - ESCC is called to encourage and support God’s mission to the world to see the Gospel reach ‘the ends of the earth’. We are committed to preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom not just the Gospel of Salvation.
18. Resource Church – We value supporting and supplying resources of time, finance, people etc to the Kingdom of God, including equipping and releasing leadership.
19. Wider body of Christ – We value the greater body of Christ. We believe towns, cities & nations have redemptive callings that are fulfilled by unity in the Body of Christ under the leadership of city elders and apostolic gifting. We commit ourselves to city transformation through the unity of Christ’s body
20. Apostolic Leadership – we support the function of the apostolic ministry and chose to position ourselves under apostolic leadership and direction in a desire to be part of and serve what God is doing in the wider body of Christ.
21. Fathering – we value fathering as God’s chosen way to build high capacity leadership in his church.