



# fairwaybaptistchurch

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Vision - Biblical Community

Living in community as the church is a **command** of God because we were never meant to do life in Christ, to walk with Jesus, **alone**.

Acts 2:41-47

The idea of living out their faith **together** was at the core value of what it meant to be a Christian for them.

Hebrews 10:24-25

God through the author of Hebrews said make sure you do not **abandon** an environment where you are spurring and encouraging **one another** on to love and good deeds.

We cannot afford to mistake community for **biblical** community.

The calling on our lives as **disciples** is not to live in community, but in biblical community:

Worldly Community	Biblical Community
Goal is to receive from others	Goal is to <b>give</b> to others as well
Goal is to have a group you can complain to and they can hear you out and show empathy	Goal is a group that will listen and empathize but also make sure you are <b>challenged</b> to look and be more like Jesus
Goal is to have a group to share your burdens with	Goal is a group not only to share your burdens with, but that will actually walk with you and help <b>carry</b> your burdens
Is about a group you can hang out with	Is about a group you can <b>change</b> the world with

At the heart of biblical community there is **unity**. What unifies us is the **truth** of Jesus Christ.

*“God, the creator of heaven and earth against whom we have all sinned, was, in Christ, reconciling to Himself all who believe in Him, not counting their sins against them but forgiving them through the redemption that is found in the sinless life and atoning death of Christ and received by faith alone, calling for obedience to Christ as Lord under the authority of His Word in the Holy Scriptures.”*

Where **Christ** is truly preached, there is the gospel.  
Where the gospel is truly believed, there is the **church**.

Matthew 26:26-29