

Vision

Imagine South Abbotsford Church as a people...

- so enraptured by belonging to Jesus that it spills out and enfolds those around us.
- so committed to each other that we "do life" together, humbly offering grace and accountability
- so restored by Jesus' grace and forgiveness that we offer that same liberation to others
- so transformed by the Holy Spirit that we contagiously draw others to Jesus.

We believe that this is the work that God wants to do amongst us as a local church community. Our conviction is that He wants to accomplish this by deepening the sense of belonging that those who are a part of the South Abbotsford Church community have to God and to one another, and by inviting those who are not yet a part of His kingdom to find a place of belonging with us.

Mission Statement

To follow hard after Jesus, becoming like Him, and turning hearts to God.

4 Key Priorities

1) Connecting the next generation with Jesus and His church

We seek to engage and encourage all children, youth and young adults to "follow hard after Jesus" by committing to equip them for lifelong discipleship and spiritual formation as an integral part of our church family.

2) Increasing intentional relationship-building with those who don't know Jesus as Lord

We desire to help each other discern which people in our existing sphere of influence we should relationally invest in longer-term; and equip each other with the skills necessary to move others on a pathway towards faith and devotion to Christ.

3) Enhancing the involvement of South Abbotsford Church in the community of Abbotsford

Recognizing the connections already established in our community, we commit to encouraging formal and informal partnerships that will enhance opportunities for our church to reach out and serve our community.

4) Ongoing commitment to a culture of belonging in our church family.

We enthusiastically commit ourselves to encourage an atmosphere of belonging and connectedness in our church family.

Beliefs

We believe in God as eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God created and sustains the universe. The eternal purpose of God the Father is to create a people who will bring glory to God forever. God alone is worthy of worship.

We believe that God became human in Jesus Christ. Jesus came to restore the world because humans have rejected God in disobedience. Jesus taught and modeled the way of God's kingdom. He died on the cross, making it possible for us to accept a renewed relationship with God. He rose from the dead, broke the power of sin and death, and frees us to live in obedience to God's will.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit invites all people to be reconciled with God and to join the global family of faith. Believers confess their faith, are baptized, and join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and guided by the Bible, members of the church seek to live as followers of Christ and invite others to experience this new life.

Values

As devoted Christ-followers, we value:

- Lifelong Learning of Scripture and submission to its authority
- Discipleship that transforms towards Christ-likeness
- Preaching which is Biblical, Spirit empowered, and Christ focused
- The Mennonite/Anabaptist Theological Heritage
- The enabling and encouragement of prayer
- Passionate gift-based ministry
- Joyful, generous giving
- Caring for people as Jesus would
- Outreach in an active loving witness that leads people to Christ
- A multi-generational church community where everyone experiences meaningful Relationships and a sense of belonging
- Corporate Worship that is God-honoring, Spirit directed and life changing
- A culture of service