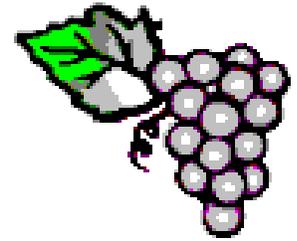


# **WELCOME to Providence Vineyard Christian Fellowship**



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## **OUR VINEYARD NAME**

Many things the Father wants to do in the life of the church can be seen in a vineyard: ground preparation, planting, husbandry, pruning, the production of fruit, grafting, beauty, the joy of wine, etc..."

Isaiah 27:2-3 "Sing about a fruitful vineyard: I, the LORD, watch over it; I water it continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it.

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

## **Association of Vineyard Churches**

We are part of the association of Vineyard Churches - about 600 in the USA and over 1,500 in other countries.

[www.vineyardusa.org](http://www.vineyardusa.org)  
[www.vineyardnw.org](http://www.vineyardnw.org)

## **OUR MISSION**

**"To be a healthy Church,  
doing our part for the  
Kingdom of God"**

**What are the things that make  
for a healthy congregation?**

1. To love God and enjoy fellowship with Him.
2. To be a loving, supportive family for one another.
3. To gather and establish people in Christ.
4. To train and encourage people in their God-given gifts and callings.
5. To be a blessing to the communities around us.
6. To be a blessing to the broader Vineyard Association.

**We evaluate our health by looking through the lens on the next page.**

## What is Healthy Church Life?

### OUR GENETIC CODE

- Clear, accurate Bible Teaching
- Praise & Worship in the freedom of the Spirit
- The Gifts of the Spirit in operation
- An active Small Group ministry
- A Heart to Serve the Poor
- Emphasis on the supernatural as seen in the Book of Acts
- A Commitment to Church Planting Missions at home and abroad
- Unity with the whole Body of Christ
- Evangelistic Outreach - to gather people to Christ
- Equipping & training the Saints for the Work of the Ministry
- Prayer at every gathering
- Something for the whole family - Children Church, Youth Group, Women & Men
- Events, in addition to small groups, to foster relationships and being a "family" for each other
- Being a blessing to our communities
- Being a blessing to the broader Vineyard

### FIVE KEY IMAGES OF THE CHURCH

- 1. A Household.** To share life together as a family. Relationships & accountability with one another.
- 2. A Bride.** To love and intimately commune with Christ. We delight in the Lord and expressing it in worship, song, and prayer.
- 3. A Hospital.** To provide healing and restoration of those who have been wounded.
- 4. A School.** To Equip and empower every member for ministry.
- 5. An Army.** To be committed to compassionate benevolence, evangelism and standing for godliness and righteousness in our culture.



# **HELPS IN UNDERSTANDING THE VINEYARD**

## **1. Our Genetic Code.**

**2. Our Statement of Faith.** Which is a conservative evangelical faith that believes that all the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in the Bible are for today, yet differs from classical Pentecostal doctrine.

**3. Our Values** of how we want ministry to occur in an authentic “naturally supernatural” way (vs hyped). The way Jesus ministered to individuals in the Gospels.

## **4. The Radical Middle Concept.**

- We want to bring together the best (not the worst) of the Evangelical and Charismatic worlds.
- In the “Radical Middle” we attempt to marry the (1) life of the Spirit with (2) solid Bible exegesis and (3) missionary pragmatism that fits our contemporary culture.

<b>Weirdness</b>	<b>The “Spirit” Stream in Christianity.</b>	<b>The Radical Middle</b>	<b>The “Word” Stream in Christianity.</b>	<b>Dryness</b>
Interpretations of the Bible not based on historical/grammatical study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiential</li> <li>• Spontaneous</li> <li>• Heart</li> </ul>	<b>Both Word &amp; Spirit with an Outward Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasoned</li> <li>• Organized</li> <li>• Head</li> </ul>	Institutionalism
Revival groups that focus on topics/phenomena barely mentioned or not mentioned in the Bible.  Superspiritual Mystics	Assembly of God  Foursquare  Pentecostals  Many Charismatics	<Vineyard    Calvary Chapel>	Baptists  Bible Churches  Churches of Christ  Churches of God	Many Historic Mainline Protestants

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- 5. Websites.**
- Providence Vineyard - [www.providenceVCF.org](http://www.providenceVCF.org)
- USA Vineyard - [www.vineyardusa.org](http://www.vineyardusa.org)
- Vineyard Northwest - [www.vineyardnw.org](http://www.vineyardnw.org)
- Vineyard Music & Books - [www.vineyardresources.com](http://www.vineyardresources.com)

## **6. Books**

- Power Evangelism by John Wimber
- Power Healing by John Wimber
- Power Points by John Wimber
- The Quest for the Radical Middle, a history of the Vineyard by Bill Jackson
- The Way it Was, a biography of John Wimber by Carol Wimber
- Empowered Evangelicals by Rich Nathan & Ken Wilson
- The Gospel of the Kingdom by George Eldon Ladd

## Values & Practical Things

**We aim for an informal, joyful family atmosphere in our meetings.** Causal dress.

**We desire friendships and really getting to know each other.**

- We want you to come early on Sundays, feel free to save your seat, then walk around and visit with others.
- We would like you to join a small group during the week. We believe Sunday mornings only are not enough for deep fellowship and Christian growth.

**We expect participants to be committed to** (1) Christ, (2) Growing in Christ, and (3) His Church, and (4) Christ's mission in this world.

**Contemporary Culture whenever possible** to reach our generation (Acts 13:36, 1Cor. 9:19-23). For example, we use high-tech electronics, computers, music equipment, DVDs, and a skillful band with a contemporary music style.

**We value waiting on the Lord and following the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

**Ministry and prayer for one another to be done in a "naturally supernatural" way.** In an anointed, low-key manner, demonstrated by Jesus in the gospels.

**Being real, transparent and authentic.** We do not want hype nor constant "cheerleading" in worship. Worship is often emotional, but we want it to be authentic.

**Rather than formal membership,** we go by your regular Sunday attendance, participation in congregational life and in small groups.

**A "Getting to Know You" period before serving.** For the Worship Team it is 3 months. For Children's Church it is 6 months. This also allows you to get to know us and really understand our values.

**After you have been coming a month or two,** we give you a church mail box in the foyer.

**We want to equip everyone to learn to pray for each other and to use their spiritual gifts.**

**We are not just "Sunday Christians", but want to live a Christian lifestyle 24/7/365.**

**We offer loving, personal prayer ministry at every meeting.** One of the main things we do is pray for each other.

**Excellence in work.** Plan and be prepared. Avoid sloppy or laziness in our work.

**If you are transferring from another church in the area, we would desire three things:**

- Please have the courtesy to notify your previous church's pastor.
- Have the faith conviction that Christ is leading you to our church in particular.
- Attempt to repair any unforgiveness or broken relationships with people in your previous church.

**If you are going to leave our congregation** for whatever reason, please leave in a healthy way, including telling the pastor.

**Church Potluck Meal the last Sunday of each month to foster relationships.**

**We celebrate the Lord's Supper the 2nd Sunday of each month.** This is also the Sunday that the older Children's Church class stay in for the whole meeting.

**We have a private Church Facebook page** - you need to first be FB friends with Les Yoder and then he will add you to that Page. It is private because we include prayer requests.

**Starting the Emergency Prayer Chain** - Call Mary Mikkelsen (541) 451-4593 or Margie Karraker (503) 394-3925

## **WE BELIEVE...**

This is the condensed version that is in our Church Constitution. For the full Vineyard statement see its pamphlet.

**1. We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons,** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.

**2. We believe that the Scriptures** of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired, without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

*By "faith and practice" we mean (a) our beliefs, (b) how we live our lives, and (c) how we do church.*

*This means that...*

- *we will test various church customs and traditions of past centuries and of various current movements by the Bible.*
- *we will test spiritual experiences like dreams, visions or prophetic impressions or utterances by what the Bible teaches.*

**3. We believe in God the Father,** an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

**4. We believe in Jesus Christ,** God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings, His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal visible return to earth.

**5. We believe in the Holy Spirit,** who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ; We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all the biblical gifts of the Spirit.

*Note on tongues: We believe in the gift of tongues as found in 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14. We believe that tongues is an evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit.*

*However, we do not believe like classical Pentecostals that tongues has to be the first evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit.*

**6. We believe that all are sinners** by nature and choice and are therefore under condemnation; that God regenerates by the Holy Spirit, those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord; that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit and power for service, often subsequent to regeneration.

*Note on Eternal Security: We have no statement on eternal security. We will not war over it. We will receive both those that lean toward Armenianism or toward Calvinism. A slight majority of Vineyard pastors hold to a gentle Calvinism.*

**7. We believe in the universal Church,** the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members.

**8. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church,** baptism and the Lord's supper. We believe in water baptism by immersion and communion open to all believers.

**9. We believe also in the laying on of hands**

for the empowering of the Holy Spirit, for receiving gifts of the Spirit, for healing, and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the Church.

**10. We believe in the personal, visible return of Christ to earth and the establishment of His Kingdom;** in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless suffering of the wicked.

Note on End-times:

- *We receive people with a variety of end-time views. We will not fight over this.*
- *We do insist on the belief in the personal and visible return of Jesus.*
- *A large number of Vineyard pastors, but not all, hold to "historic premillennialism" with a post-tribulational rapture, rather than to newer "dispensational premillennialism" with a pretribulational rapture.*

**Statement on Marriage**

1. We are committed to both mission and holiness. The message of the kingdom is a message of welcome. Anyone can come to the feast - Jesus himself was accused of being a glutton and a drunkard. And at the same time, the message of the kingdom is repent, believe, and follow Jesus in every area of life. At times, it can feel as if these two principles are mutually exclusive. But we are convinced they are not. It is possible to offer the radical welcome of Jesus while calling people to high standards of discipleship.
2. The Bible promotes, celebrates and affirms marriage as a covenantal union between a man and a woman. We will only marry a man and a woman as a couple. However, marriage is not the highest purpose of humanity. The apostle Paul himself was single, as was Jesus. At the same time, it must be honored as a sign & gift from God

3. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church. We repent and renounce this sort of sinful treatment.

4. We believe that outside of the boundaries of marriage, the Bible calls for abstinence. In our culture, premarital sex, along with many other forms of non-marital sex, has become normative.

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We want to lovingly help people of any sexual orientation to live up to this standard. We recognize that it can be a difficult journey, and there must be grace along the way. The powerful, beautiful gift of human sexuality must be stewarded with seriousness and compassion within our movement.

5. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage.

## MISSIONS

**We cooperate with other churches with volunteers and/or finances with the following events and missions.**

**Angel Tree** – Christmas gifts to children of inmates.

**Back to School help** - School supplies & Backpacks to Lacombe & Scio schools

**Child Evangelism Fellowship** of Linn County. (541) 258-7150

**Christwalk** – Transitional Housing for the Homeless. (541) 401-0773 <http://www.lebemsh.org/>

**Christmas Food Boxes** - to local families in need - in our community and in our church

**Compassion Ministries** (Mike Rinkin)– Ministry to persons with long-term mental illness and family members. (541) 928-6382

**Gideons International Bible Society** of East Linn County (541) 451-1133

**Friends of the Family Counseling Ministries** (541) 757-1761 <http://www.fofm.org/>

**Hand-In-Hand Farm** (Dave Berger, Athena Perry). A caring and enriching environment for people in need. (541) 451-1243

**India - International Evangelism** (Dr Mathai) (541) 258-0727. Missions, Bible Schools that result in Church Planting, Radio ministry in Southern India.

**Love INC of Linn County** - Practical help for many needs (541) 924-5683 <http://www.lovelinn.org/>

**Mexico City (Ron Miller)** – Encouraging various churches, include a couple Vineyard churches. (541) 967-2761

**Mid-Valley Fellowship** -Hope and healing for those struggling with pornography, unwanted homosexual desires, or wounded wives. (541) 928-2164 <http://www.midvalleyfellowship.org/>

**Native American Outreach (Perry & Rae Evans)** (541) 259-1658

**Nicaragua –Vineyard Missions Partnership** (Glenn Schroder) (503) 684-8225

**Pregnancy Alternatives Center** in Lebanon - (541) 258-3500 <http://www.pregnancyalternatives.org/Home.html>

**Samaritan's Purse** <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/> Christmas gifts

**Tanzania - International Evangelism Outreach** (Eliudi Issangya) <http://www.sakila.com/>

**Teen Challenge** of Shedd & Lebanon (541) 491-1002 <http://www.teenchallengepnw.com>

**Vineyard USA** - We donate 3% of our offerings to support Vineyard leadership & church planting.

**Zambia – Bob Andre** – Food & Operations for