

Philosophy of Ministry

The Vine



At The Vine, we adhere to a philosophy of ministry described by the acrostic SAFE PLACE, as follows. All ministry effort should at The Vine is focused around creating an environment in which I can be ...

SAFE from religious judgment.

We never look down on another person. (Matthew 7: 1-5 and Romans 12:3)

ACCEPTED with all my sins and flaws of the past.

We are all sinners saved by Grace. (Romans 3:23-24)

FORGIVEN of all my sins and past failures.

We forgive each other as Christ has forgiven us. (John 8:11; Ephesians 4:32; and Colossians 3:13)

ENCOURAGED to grow in Christ.

We do not leave people where they are spiritually. (Matthew 28:19 and Ephesians 4:11-16)

PREPARED to face life and all God has for me in it, good and bad.

We actively practice the "one another's" of scripture. (John 13:34; Romans 12:10,16, 15:7,14, 16:16; and I Corinthians 1:10)

LOVED unconditionally.

We love people. Period. (Matthew 5:44; 22:37-39; John 13:35; and I Corinthians 13)

ACCOUNTABLE to live like Jesus, to be Jesus to others, and to share Jesus with all.

We will hold each other accountable to become more like Christ. (Colossians 13:16 and I Corinthians 12:12-31)

CALLED to ministry in the church and in the community.

We provide a place for everyone to serve, both inside and outside the walls of the church. (I Corinthians 12:12-31 and Ephesians 4:11-16)

ENCOURAGED to discover my passions and gifts, and use them to serve God.

We teach the necessity of spiritual gifts, and help everyone to discover their SHAPE. (Romans 12:4-8; I Corinthians 12:4-11 and 27-30)