



Flood Church believes and practices the essentials of the historic Christian faith. Our vision & values are what make us unique.

FLOOD VISION: To create environments where people are transformed by the living God.

Transformation happens as we...

ENCOUNTER GOD

- * **Participate in Sunday Worship Gatherings Regularly** (Hebrews 10:25)
- * **Follow Christ** - Believe in Jesus Christ and align your life priorities after His (Romans 10:9; James 2:17)
- * **Be Baptized** - Express publicly that Jesus Christ alone is the leader of your life through baptism (Acts 8:12)

GROW WITHIN COMMUNITY

- * **Participate in or Lead a Flood Life Group** – Life Group or Core Group (Mt. 22:37-40)

IMPACT THE WORLD

- * **Share Christ** in the circles where you have influence (Acts 1:29)
- * **Give financially to Flood Church** consistently and sacrificially (Luke 11:42)
- * **Make an Impact at Flood*, Locally, or Globally** – Help mobilize the Flood Life Group you are a part of to make an impact locally or globally or get involved in existing Flood Impact Team.

*** We ask all Flood members to serve a least one Sunday gathering a month on one of the following teams:**

Connections FloodKids Media Parking Security Set Up Tear Down

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FLOOD MEMBERSHIP

I have carefully considered and agree to pursue each of these areas of transformation in my life at FLOOD Church. I have also read and understand the attached list of values that make FLOOD Church unique and desire to honor those values as a member of FLOOD Church.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMAIL _____

CURRENT VOCATION _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

LIFE GROUP LEADER _____



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Flood Values

The values below are Flood's fingerprints and the air we breathe. They are also in order of priority. For example, we would never exercise Creativity at the expense of Grace & Truth. NOTE: These are values that make Flood unique. Therefore, we do not list the essentials that every church should believe and practice. The amended BGC Affirmation of Faith represents our views and can be downloaded at www.DIVEintoFLOOD.com/values.

GRACE & TRUTH

- + God's truth permeates all aspects of life and is transformational, not just informational. (Hebrews 4:12, Acts 17:27-28)
- + The Bible is God's authoritative Word and is relevant for today. (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- + In response to the grace that God has given us, we extend grace to one another as we recognize that transformation is a process. (Colossians 3:13)
- + The church is a refuge for the world, not a refuge from the world. All are welcome because of God's inclusive grace. (Matthew 22:1-14, 1 Peter 3:15-16)

WHOLENESS

- + Our aim is to reflect the character and priorities of Jesus Christ. This means our life choices are becoming congruent with our faith. (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 12:1-2)
- + We are on a journey of discovering our identity in Christ. The more we understand how God has uniquely designed us, the more we understand who God is. (Psalm 139:13-14)
- + Our spirituality is holistic and includes all areas of life: our bodies, minds, and souls. (Matthew 22:36-38)
- + Church community is essential to spiritual growth. Christ is fully represented when we are actively building each other up. (Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Cor. 12:12-31)
- + We pursue wholeness in the body of Christ through strength and gift-based leadership – regardless of age, race and gender. (Acts 2:17-18)

GENEROSITY

- + We serve others with our time, gifts, and financial resources as a response to God's grace. (Mark 12:41-44)
- + Flood seeks to empower people to serve the body of Christ through volunteer involvement within our local church. (Romans 12:12-27)
- + We want to bless the surrounding community and the countries of Malawi, Uganda and Haiti with the resources God has entrusted us. (Genesis 12:2)
- + God calls us to a lifestyle of humility, where we look to give before we look to receive. (Philippians 2:3-4)

MISSION

- + Mission is why the local church exists—bringing the transformational love and power of the Living God to all people. (Isaiah 61; John 14:12)
- + We are all called and sent by Christ to spread the timeless message of Jesus' sacrificial love to those around us and to invite them into relationship with Him. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- + Motivated by compassion and justice, we are to care for and meet the needs of the underprivileged and oppressed, providing the hope found in Christ. (Luke 4:14-30; Luke 10:25-37)
- + Spiritual multiplication is the natural result of a church that is being transformed. We desire to develop leaders who will take the church to today's generation in strategic areas of influence throughout the world. (2 Timothy 2:2)

CREATIVITY

- + We value engaging culture through unique approaches to contextualizing the Gospel—translating truth for today through arts, media and story telling. (Acts 17:22-34, Matthew 13:44-51)
- + Structure submits to the Holy Spirit; we don't want rigidity to trump God's leading. (Acts 16:6-10, Acts 10:9-22)
- + We worship God with our creative gifts as a reflection of the ultimate Creator. (Genesis 1:26,31)
- + We value joy, humor and celebration in the midst of our daily lives. (John 10:10, Psalm 37:4)



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An Affirmation of Our Faith

Adopted and amended from the Baptist General Conference (1951, 1990, 1989)

1. The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2. The Trinity

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

3. God the Father

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

4. Jesus Christ

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. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

5. The Holy Spirit

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 all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

6. Regeneration

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

7. The Church

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible

profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

8. Christian Conduct

We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

9. The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

10. Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

11. Church Cooperation

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether it is the Conference or a district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary independent basis.

12. The Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.



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Service Opportunities Flood Impact Teams

SERVE ON SUNDAYS

Sunday Connections (Welcome Tent, Greeters, Cafe, Crew Meals & Newcomer's Parties):
KairaVerhoff@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Sunday Security: EricLehman@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Sunday Setup Team: SetUp@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Sunday Tech/Production (lights, sound, media): TimEagerton@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Creative (creative planning for upcoming message series): TimEagerton@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Dance: MindiHopper@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

FloodKids: JennyLeboffe@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Media (web, graphic design): JeremiahKim@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Prayer: LinseyWildey@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Video: TimEagerton@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

LIFE STAGE MINISTRIES

Middle School: NoelMusicha@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

High School: NoelMusicha@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

College: AdamWright@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Post-College/Career Life Group Leadership: AndyKelly@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Engaged/Marrieds Life Group Leadership: ScottWildey@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Men's Life Group Leadership: EricLehman@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Women's Life Group Leadership: MindiHopper@DIVEintoFLOOD.com



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Service Opportunities Local Impact

FloodECO Team: FloodECO seeks to honor God's creation in our daily lives as individuals, church family, and communities by becoming good stewards of the environment through waste reduction, resource conservation, utilizing sustainable resources, and food and water justice. Our goal is to create a culture of consciousness and conservation at Flood through: 1) becoming a sustainability resource for Flood's services, and 2) reducing individual waste by collecting recyclables.

Contact us to find out how you can bring your recyclables to Flood.

Contact: FloodECO@DIVEintoFLOOD.com or find us on Facebook

Flood Love Team (Downtown Homeless Outreach): Build relationships with the homeless of San Diego by offering them a bite to eat, and some friendly conversation. Meet Mondays at 7pm in front of Smart & Final. Contact leaders to confirm we are meeting this week.

Contact: FloodLove@DIVEintoFLOOD.com, find us on Facebook, or visit our website

KHS Tutoring Team: This is an opportunity to not just tutor, but also informally mentor students from Kearny High School. Tutors are needed for all subject areas, and ideally would be able to serve the full semester. Tutoring happens every Wednesday, 3-6pm at KHS.

Contact: AndrewRuiz@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

NEW Military Impact Team: Join this team and support those who serve our country! Our goal is to provide an outreach of love, support and encouragement to Flood families that are currently serving in the military by sending care packages during deployment to those overseas and their families at home.

Contact: Military@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Soul Food Team: Provide food for the families of students at Kearny High School that are struggling financially. Sign up to bring a \$5 food item once a month, on the first Sunday of each month. It's only a 4-month commitment!

Contact: Food@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

MEXICO IMPACT TEAMS

TJ House Building Team: Serve the Tijuana community by taking a day-trip to help build a house for a family in need. Once a month trips. Cost: \$52. Watch the calendar for dates.

Contact: TJHouseBuilding@DIVEintoFLOOD.com or find us on Facebook

TJ Orphanage Team: Experience the joy of teaching, serving and playing with kids at the El Faro orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. Once a month trips. Cost: \$40. Watch the calendar for dates.

Contact: TJOrphanage@DIVEintoFLOOD.com, find us on Facebook, or visit our website



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Service Opportunities Global Impact

Flood's global impact efforts are focused on the nations of Malawi and Uganda in Africa, and the nation of Haiti in the Caribbean.

Global Trips & Opportunities:

Opportunities to serve in Malawi & Uganda range from short-term trips with a narrow focus to summer internships with a range of activities.

Interested in leading a future team? Contact: AdamK@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

Church Plants:

Contact: AdamK@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

**If you need to reach a staff member regarding local & global opportunities, please contact:*

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When Whispers Beckon Waters

A WORD ABOUT THE BEGINNINGS OF FLOOD

When God is speaking to you, even the faintest whisper will command your attention. Matt Hammett knows this first hand. In 1998, Matt was serving as the High School Pastor at College Avenue Baptist Church. While teaching in one of the morning services, Matt experienced a divine whisper that, with the prayers and servant leadership of many, and with the design and creativity of the Holy Spirit Himself, has become what we know today as Flood. Here's the story...

Matt had long sensed God was on the move in the emerging generation, and he even felt that God wanted to use him in a new movement. And in God's often mysterious way, He announced with a whisper just what Matt had been sensing. Matt was teaching on worship and at the conclusion of the service, Matt led the congregation in The Doxology a cappella. As the hymn concluded, Matt sensed God was speaking to him saying, "I am going to use you to begin a new movement of worship." It was a profoundly simple moment, yet it carried in it more potential than Matt could have ever anticipated. He made his way to the back of the church as the service concluded, still reeling from what God had told him, when a man he had never met approached him. This man whispered to Matt, "I feel God wants me to tell you that He is going to use you to begin a new movement of worship."

When God is speaking to you, even the faintest whisper will command your attention. You just can't escape it. And thankfully Matt didn't try. Sure he wondered how God would use him to lead a movement of worship. After all, he was a pastor not a music director. But God revealed to Matt that this movement of worship would be a completely new paradigm. As Matt began vision casting to a few close friends, his passion became contagious. And soon it was time to go before the leaders of College Avenue Baptist Church and explain this little whisper!

Almost one year later, in 2000, College Avenue gave Matt the blessing to begin a new ministry. Also that year the band Something Like Silas, under the leadership of Eric Owyong, joined the growing team of those who shared the vision for this new worship movement. The new ministry captured a new generation and the sparks began to fly... or maybe we should say the water began to flow...

The service was set to start in 2000 and the name "Flood" was decided upon, inspired by the Old Testament verse Joel 2:28, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions" (NIV).

The desire for all involved was that Flood would be a place where everyone who came through the doors would be flooded with the Spirit that God has promised to pour out on all people. The result?

Generations would experience the dreams, visions, and transformation God had always intended. And ultimately, that "a fountain [would] flow out of the Lord's house" (Joel 3:18 NIV) into all of San Diego, bringing with it, the cleansing, refreshment, and the Living Water of our God.

As prayer and planning progressed, so did the potential of Flood. And on October 22, 2000, the doors opened to 200 first-time Floodsters. From one service in 2000, two in 2001, three in 2002, and four in 2009, Flood now welcomes an average of 1,500 worshippers on a given Sunday.

The original vision of Flood has been to grow beyond a ministry and into a church-planting movement. In January of 2005, Flood became a daughter of College Avenue Baptist Church as an official church plant, and moved from the campus of CABC to Kearny High School. In 2008 Flood celebrated this vision by planting a church in Malawi, Africa. As Flood's ten year anniversary was celebrated in October 2010, only God knows the height, depth, and breadth of what God has in store in the years to come!



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FloodKids

Sundays: The FloodKids program is designed specifically for your child's age and learning level. All our volunteers have been interviewed, background checked and trained for your child's safety. In the nursery your babies are prayed for each Sunday, and in the Walkers-Elementary they learn about how much Jesus loves them through games, story, worship and activities.

Moms: The 1st and 3rd Friday of every month we have MomSpace at the Flood Offices. MomSpace is a time for you to connect with other moms, hear from an exciting speaker and have your kids in childcare so you can have some kid-free adult time.

Parents: We offer community groups for parents and married couples at different times and locations throughout the week.

Check out the web page for more information: www.DIVEintoFLOOD.com/families



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How to Get Connected at Flood

NEWCOMER'S 15-MINUTE PARTIES

Hosted on the 2nd Sunday of each month after each gathering

A time hosted by Pastor Matt and the staff of Flood. Get acquainted with the story, vision, and values of Flood Church. Also, find out how you can get connected beyond Sundays!

www.DIVEintoFLOOD.com/NewToFlood

NEW TO FAITH GROUP

The New to Faith Group meets for three weeks and focuses on the foundational principles of the Christian faith. We explore what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and dialog about questions and doubts concerning faith.

NOTE: One segment is for those who are still exploring what Christianity is all about and the other is for those who are learning how to live out their faith in Jesus Christ.

www.DIVEintoFLOOD.com/NewToFaith

FLOOD MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Hosted on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 11am & 6pm

As a member of Flood Church it means that you are fully committed to Christ and fully connected to Flood Church. This is a time to learn more about the vision and values of Flood and share your personal journey of faith. If you are interested in checking out what that means we invite you to join us!

RSVP: KairaVerhoff@DIVEintoFLOOD.com

FLOOD LIFE GROUPS

This fall, our Community Groups + Growth Groups will become Life Groups. We are transitioning to life groups so that we can be aligned with a deeper understanding of transformation, both for our personal lives and for the world around us.

Within Life Groups, you grow within community by sharing life, applying Sunday's message, and being on mission together.

Life Groups are available for Middle School, High School, College, Post College/Career, and Marrieds.

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