OUR PURPOSE | the seed

Just as the inherent purpose of a seed is to produce the mature plant it was designed to be, Stockton Covenant Church exists to provide an environment where together we meet Jesus, journey with him, and serve as the hope and light in our world.

OUR VALUES | the soil

Plants need healthy soil to develop strong roots and sustain growth. Our roots are nourished through these kingdom values:

NURTURING & MULTIPLYING disciples

We value personal spiritual growth for every person at every stage of discipleship. We develop authentic relationships for equipping, nurturing, and edifying disciples through caring, encouraging, praying, studying scripture and sharing fellowship.

GATHERING to worship

We intentionally cherish God and regard Him above all else. Worship is responding to God with joy, awe and delight. We recognize that worship happens in a variety of manners and contexts, and we encourage freedom in worship.

DEVELOPING servant leaders

We develop servant leaders who reflect the love of God with true humility. They offer their talents, resources, time, treasure, and expertise for the care, protection, justice, and nurture of others in our church, our city, and our world.

GROWING vibrant children and youth

We desire to plant a love for Jesus, his word, and his purposes in children and youth, both in and beyond our congregation. We provide a safe and nurturing environment where kids can be themselves and work out the relevance of Scripture in their lives. We strive to make our outreach to young people influence entire families.

REACHING our world

We long to see our neighbors joyfully reconciled to God in and through Jesus Christ. We strive to be both the instruments and evidence of God's justice, compassion, grace and love in the wider world and here at home where we live, work and play.

CONNECTING as a family

We value the sense of family that connects us as a congregation as we get to know each other, form friendships and enjoy fellowship. We welcome the opportunity to include visitors in our growing family.

OUR MINISTRIES|the foliage

A healthy, mature plant is visible confirmation the seed has fulfilled its purpose. Vibrant ministry growth in SCC indicates that our roots in God's kingdom values are sprouting new life and sustaining healthy growth.

Small Groups: We encourage every individual to be part of a smaller faith community because spiritual growth and pastoral care occur best in the context of small groups. It is here where seekers can encounter Jesus and explore what it means to follow him, where new believers can ask questions and sink down roots, and where mature believers can go even deeper with Jesus. We provide training for small group leaders and a variety of opportunities and times for these groups to occur.

Worship: We respond to God in unified worship by purposefully developing the gifts and talents of our congregation. We foster freedom in worship styles by teaching about and incorporating different elements of worship that involve people of different backgrounds, age groups and talents.

Servant Leaders: We help each other identify and apply our spiritual gifts for the benefit of our church and the greater Stockton community. The leadership of the church intentionally and prayerfully encourages individuals to serve in their areas of giftedness and provides those servant leaders with shepherding and mentoring to help them excel in their service.

Children & Youth: We are committed to nurturing our children and youth through age-appropriate ministries that include instruction in basic Bible knowledge and Scripture memorization, confirmation classes, mentoring relationships, and short-term mission projects. In addition, we equip our young people with skills and confidence to share their faith and reach out to others in Christian service. Because consistency is important in training children, our ministry extends year rounds and involves the entire church. We place great emphasis on training leaders who minister to our children.

Outreach: We actively develop genuine relationships within our neighborhoods and across the globe. Through these relationships, we seek to identify and understand the unmet needs of individuals and groups, and we strive to meet those needs in practical, Christ-like ways. We send our own into the mission field and support our missionaries abroad both prayerfully and financially.

Sense of Family: We cultivate a family atmosphere by regularly gathering in both small and whole-church groups to enjoy fellowship, meals and fun. We communicate and meet each other's needs through prayer and sharing our resources and time.