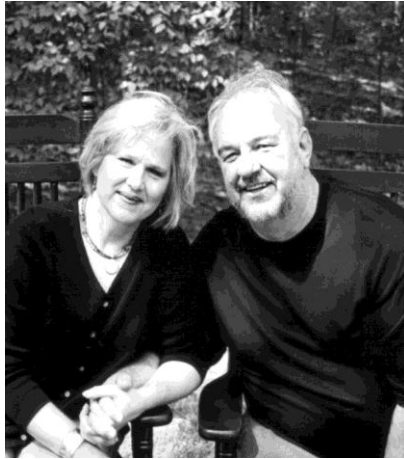


# The Culture of



Everything we do at NBCF centers around our vision to see people walk/live in the *fullness of the power of Christ*—in all that He intended. (Colossians 2:9-10)

We believe that Christ's fullness for His people is to be seen and experienced! To accomplish our God-given vision, we center our life together around what we call our **7 Pillars of Culture**.

**A Word Culture:** The Word of God (the Bible) is the power of Christ in our lives. Jesus is the Word (John 1:1). We put great importance on the truth and power of the Word of God to transform/change and heal lives. (Hebrews 4:12). In an untraditional manner, the Word at NBCF is brought forth through a team of leaders.

**A Worship Culture:** Praise and worship is to God and for our spiritual strengthening. We are here to minister to the LORD for we know that it's only in His presence—through closeness and intimacy, His Word and His Spirit—that we are truly changed. We place special emphases, therefore, on worship—believing that God's people should pursue a lifestyle of worship—individually and corporately.

**A Prayer Culture:** Jesus said, "*My house will be called a house of prayer,*" (Mark 11:17). At NBCF we believe that prayer should be our first response—not our last resort. Everything we do is birthed in prayer as we seek His face, both corporately and individually. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 6:9-13; Isaiah 56:7).

**A Healing Culture:** We are committed to ministering the healing power of God to the sick, hurting, distressed and broken. Jesus was moved with compassion to see people saved, healed and delivered. He promised as we walk in faith and fullness, we would to greater works than He did—with signs and wonders following. (Mark 16:17-18; John 14:12). ". . . *By His wounds you have been healed,*" (1 Peter 2:24).

**A Transformation Culture:** Transformation involves the changing of one's life to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. Therefore, real transformation, first and foremost, comes as a result of an encounter with Jesus through His Holy Spirit. Transformation is further aided through relationships and discipleship. As we walk out personal transformed lives, serving and honoring Christ and others, our city can be transformed by the power and presence of God. (Matthew 28:18-20)

**An Equipping Culture:** NBCF is an equipping center—preparing God's people—both young and old—for the work/service of the ministry they were meant for. We believe that equipping happens most through authentic relationship in the context of discipleship and small groups. (Ephesians 4:11-12; Acts 20:20).

**A Prophetic Culture:** A prophetic culture is one that hears from God and speaks to men—one that follows His voice and His heart. A prophetic culture is one that partners with the Holy Spirit—where the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit can operate in and through the church to reach the lost, heal the sick, help the needy, set free the captives and speak life to the hurting. A prophetic culture is one that speaks over and encourages lives and destinies from God's perspective. We at NBCF are seriously pursuing this kind of culture in order to bring His Kingdom to earth. (Matthew 6:10)

# Get Connected at NBCF . . .

**Meeting our Leadership Team.** Every Sunday members of our leadership team are available to meet you and your family, answer any questions you may have and just get to know you better.

**Coffee House Ministry.** This is a time of fellowship. Over a cup of Java, we mingle and get to know one another. This time of fellowship takes place 20 minutes before each service.

**Receiving Prayer Ministry.** We encourage everyone who's new to NBCF to schedule a personal ministry appointment with the Freedom Ministry team so we can walk with you through life's most difficult situations. We're also available for prayer at the end of every worship service.

**Other Fellowship Times.** Getting to know people just on Sunday mornings can be difficult. Therefore, we encourage you to attend other meetings, such as our Mid-week service-InDEPTH, women's and men's meetings and discipleship group meetings. Another great time of fellowship is our fellowship dinners—(5<sup>th</sup> Sundays) where we pay special attention to our visitors and new attenders.

## Frequently Asked Questions . . .

**How long is the Worship Service on Sunday?** Sunday morning is our main weekly gathering. Our service typically last about 1-1/2 to 2 hours and includes praise and worship, a message from one of the team leaders and opportunities for personal ministry.

**What is the music like?** Our music is provided by our worship band which is led by our worship leader. The band consists of other vocalists and instruments such as guitar (acoustic, electric and bass), keyboard, percussion, horn and the like. We have a contemporary sound mixed with *spontaneous worship*. Common expressions of worship include raising hands, closing eyes, singing, clapping, dancing and the use of banners or flags.

**How is the offering received?** Because we have an interesting mix of tables and chairs with some rows of chairs, our offerings are received spontaneously during the worship service. Members and visitors can place their tithes and offerings in the offering containers located at the front and either side of the stage area.

**What happens for children on Sunday?** We ask that the children (of all ages) participate in the praise and worship part of the service. Then, we take a brief break and invite them to participate in our children's church ministry. Once the service is over, parents are free to pick up their children at their classroom. Parents are free to visit with the classroom teacher and ask questions before or after services. Mother's with baby's or nursing may be in the nursery as needed—a nursing area is provided.