

Vision Statement:

Women Together

Value Statements:

Together in the Word

- We value the Scriptures, a Law/Gospel distinctive, and studying His Word together.

Here at WMCLB God's Word is the foundational truth that we stand on. The Bible tells us in **2 Timothy 3:16** that *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness*. We believe that this is true for all who study the Word, whether they are old, young, new to the faith or have walked with the Lord for a long time. This promise holds if you are studying the Word by yourself, or if you do it in a group, as women together. While we encourage women to have personal time of devotion, we are excited about getting together in groups to be trained by what God has for us in the Bible. It is also important to us that we know how to read God's Word well. We value encouraging and equipping our Women in the Word. That they may have assurance of faith, know of God's deep love for them and His enduring promises. We value interpreting Scripture accurately, and this means that we lean into a Law/Gospel distinctive, that we might not only see how God desires us to obey him, but that we might see how Jesus has already obeyed perfectly on our behalf. As a part of the CLBA we share the Statement of Faith of the CLBA.

* CLBA Statement of Faith here: <https://www.clba.org/statement-of-faith/>

Together in Life

- We value authenticity, doing life together in the everyday, and the relationships that are built across generations.

Here at the WMCLB we value relationship and doing life together. As we see with Jesus and his disciples in the gospels, as well as in the early church (Acts 2:44-47) faith is best lived in community. We encourage sharing and a safe place for our women. We value creating a safe place to authentically share the struggles, difficulties and victories that are unique to us as women. Our desire is that our gatherings be a place of prayer, support, accountability and a reminder of God's forgiveness as women relate to each other through shared hardships and joys. While words will often fail us, we value the opportunity to shed tears together as we wrap each other in love and point each other to Christ. It is our desire that these times of sharing life together would include meals, service projects, bible studies, retreats and fun activities that are not necessarily church related. We value women sharing life together, that we might know each other and support each other better, but also that we might be blessed by the gifts God has given us as women. We believe that God has intention for the gifts that he has given us, and

we want to provide space for them to be used to the glory of God and to the benefit of the world. It is our prayer that women would gather, blessing each other with the gifts God has given, and covering each other with support, prayer and forgiveness as they are together in life.

Together in Mission

- We value mission in our own homes and communities, in North America, and around the world.

Here at WMCLB we value God's mission. We believe that the mission is God's and that he has called us to join him in it. We find this call to mission in Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* For many of us, mission starts in our churches and our communities. We believe that God has given each of us gifts that he will use in his mission to bring about his kingdom, and he has called each of us to use these gifts for his glory. Our gifts will vary, God's mission does not. It is our desire that we actively pray and seek for the places that God has called us into his mission in the places that he has brought us. Though we recognize that each of us is called to mission, we recognize that for some that call will take us farther from home than others. We seek to be a special encouragement to those who have been called away from their support networks, and are planting churches throughout North America, or serving as missionaries overseas. Mission can be hard and lonely work. We seek to be intentional in loving well and supporting, both financially and emotionally, those that have answered the call to be church planters and missionaries. May God grow his church as we join him in his mission.