

# SUMMIT

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Never climb a mountain you have not researched! We want you to know about us: what we believe, who we are, and where we are going.

## OUR STORY

In 2007, after revitalizing and reinventing a quickly declining church, 7 Hills Church was born with a vision to reach the metro Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area. Starting with 600 people, we have seen God move beyond our wildest dreams. The church has seen thousands of people receive Christ. Weekly, over 5,000 people experience a “Better Life with Christ” at 7 Hills Church!

## OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

Commit to the climb! Summit is more than a program or class; it’s a spiritual journey. Following Summit, our prayer is that you would take a next step. Don’t settle. Continue the journey. In the weeks to come we will discuss what this looks like for each person individually. But, in the meantime, open your heart to what God might be saying to you personally during these next few weeks!

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“Then the Lord answered me and said, ‘Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. The vision is yet for an appointed time because it will surely come, it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it: because it will surely come, it will not tarry.’”

*Habakkuk 2:2-3*

SUMMIT LEADER MOMENT

Never climb alone.  
What is your story?  
How did you come to 7 Hills?  
Why did you keep coming?

# CORE VALUES

## 7 CORE VALUES OF 7 HILLS

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### **1 COME AS YOU ARE, BUT DON'T STAY AS YOU ARE**

As long as there are people in our community who are unchurched, we want to find ways to reach them. We want people who do not know Christ to come to church and experience God's love. We do not judge people when they come, we allow them time to experience God's life changing grace. We will let the unchurched population determine our growth. We are relentless about seeing Heaven multiplied and Christ-followers disciplined.

### **2 WE ARE FLUID IN OUR METHODS**

We are not religious about our methods. While our message never changes, we know that based upon the times and the current emphasis God has given us as a church, we may need to shift and change our methods to reach people.

### **3 WE PROTECT, GUARD, AND DEFEND THE VISION**

We know God has called us to lead people into a better life with Jesus, together, and for others. With that in mind, we ask people to stop "dating" the church. Jesus gave His life for her, so we should be committed to the House of God and "put a ring on it." We act in unwavering commitment to protect, guard, and defend the vision.

### **4 WE PROCLAIM THE SOLUTION**

We want to be known for what we are for and not what we are against. We know there is sin and we do not put our morals in neutral. But, at the end of the day, unity is more important than the problem and we are going to proclaim the solution and the answer.

### **5 WE PURSUE EXCELLENCE**

We pursue excellence as a church and do everything we can to avoid average by providing 5-star service. We strive for excellence, the way we minister to children, the way we minister to young people, our technology, the way we present the church, the cleanliness of our building. We want to be excellent in everything we do.

### **6 WE LIVE TO LEAVE A LEGACY**

When you are a part of 7 Hills Church, you may never preach a sermon, but you do have a platform. You have a gift. You have a calling. We want people to have a revelation that life is short and that the church is always one generation from extinction. We are living to set up the next generation for a better opportunity, to use our platforms as a launching pad to reach others for Christ and leave a legacy for the next generation.

### **7 WE GET TO GIVE**

We believe that we are most like Christ when we give with a generous spirit. We never look at giving as a task, chore, or religious exercise. It is a joy to give. Our generosity advances God's Kingdom on the earth.

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

## 7 HILLS CHURCH CONSIDERS THESE TRUTHS AS BEING FUNDAMENTAL FOR UNDERSTANDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

### 1 ONLY ONE LIVING AND TRUE GOD.

There is only one living and true God. There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is totally and completely Holy. (Genesis 1:2-27; Matthew 28:19; I John 5:7).

### 2 INSPIRED \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD.

We believe that the Bible is God's Word. It is accurate, authoritative and applicable to our everyday lives. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21).

### 3 JESUS CHRIST.

We believe Jesus Christ, conceived of the Virgin Mary, is the only begotten Son of the Father. Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor. (Luke 1:26-33; Hebrews 7:25).

### 4 BAPTISM OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

With the Baptism in the Holy Spirit comes the power for life and service. The gifts given by the Holy Spirit are for ministry to the body of Christ. (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6; I Corinthians 12:4-11).

### 5 SALVATION.

We believe every person is disobedient to God's desires and plans in varying degrees. Any disobedience to God, regardless of how large or small, is characterized as sin. Sin literally separates each person from God, which is spiritual death. Spiritual death is not God's desire. People can be united with God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and through Him alone. Jesus died for sinners. Anyone who accepts and believes in Jesus' death for his or her personal sins, and desires to have Him as King of their life, is forgiven for every sin. Upon this personal decision, God re-establishes a personal relationship with that person and promises eternal life. (Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-10; John 14:6).

### 6 \_\_\_\_\_ BY IMMERSION.

We believe in water baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:11; Matthew 28:18-19; John 14:6).

### 7 HEALING.

We believe that God wants to heal and transform us so we can live healthy and prosperous lives in order to help others more effectively. (Acts 3:2-12; Acts 5:15-16; James 5:14-15).

### 8 \_\_\_\_\_ COMING OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back again as He promised. (Acts 1:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:7).

### 9 THOSE WHO DIED OUTSIDE OF CHRIST.

We believe that our eternal destination of either Heaven or Hell is determined by our response to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; John 5:29; Jude 1:7).

### 10 SACREDNESS OF \_\_\_\_\_.

We believe in the sacredness of marriage and family commitment. We promote strong family values. (Ephesians 5:31-33; Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 13:4).

These are beliefs on which we will not compromise. They are the compass that points us in the right direction up the mountain. The methods we use to climb may change, but our message will remain constant.



