

Undivided

**Part 1-Local church (BCF)**

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*I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. (John 17:20, New Living Translation)*

*I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. (John 17:21, NLT)*

*There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28, NLT)*

## **What unites BCF Church?**

### **1. We are united by a common purpose.**

#### **Purpose Statement:**

*We exist to invite those who don't usually go to church and to help them become fully transformed followers of Christ.*

#### **The Great Commandment:**

*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.*

*(Matthew 22:37–39, NLT)*

#### **The Great Commission:**

*Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19–20, NLT)*

**1.) Connect with God's family.**

**2.) Grow to become like Christ.**

**3.) Serve in God's church.**

**4.) Introduce our world to Jesus.**

**5.) Worship God with our lives.**

## **2. We are united in our core beliefs.**

### **1) God is Three in One.**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. (Deuteronomy 6:4, English Standard Version)*

*After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." (Matthew 3:16–17, NLT)*

*God is love. (1 John 4:8, NLT)*

### **2) Jesus is fully God and fully human.**

*Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. (Hebrews 2:14, NLT)*

### **3) The Holy Spirit lives in us.**

*The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. (Romans 8:11, NLT)*

### **4) The Bible is the Word of God.**

*No prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. (2 Peter 1:20–21, NLT)*

## **3. We are united by a compelling vision.**

*You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden . . . let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:14–16, NLT)*

#### **Vision statement:**

*BCF Church is a "city on a hill," a light to the city of Brownsville. We are safe place to come for healing, freedom, and a new beginning. Shine your light!*

*The people are united . . . nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! (Genesis 11:6, NLT)*