

Message From The Pastor

Welcome to:

Valley Shore Assembly of God!

In our efforts towards revival for our city, state, and region; and in our desire to fulfill our destiny as a church of power and glory, our pastoral leadership, governing board, staff, volunteers, ministry leaders, and all members of our church family are committed to the mission, purpose, and core values listed on this poster.

May the Lord bless you richly as you apply these core values to your life!

*With Joy in Jesus,
Marios Ellinas
Lead Pastor*



Mission And Purpose

Mission:

We exist to direct men, women and children to have an intimate relationship with God.
We are here to serve our generation through a lifestyle of worship, sound teaching and a demonstration of the love and power of Jesus Christ

Purpose:

We as a church want to be a conduit for the blessings of God, which includes personal transformation through a relationship with Christ, wholeness in marriages and families, financial prosperity through biblical steward-ship, physical and inner healing. Having a personal relationship affects all aspects of a believer's life, which includes inner healing, freedom from all weights, bondages, fellowship, influence in our community, our state, our country and ultimately the nations of the world.

We are also committed to help people discover and pursue their calling and destiny.

Valley Shore Core Values

1 - Committed to unconditional love

- We are committed to and deliberate about growing in and pursuing Christ's unconditional love within the Body. Our desire is for the love we share within the Valley Shore church family to emanate from us to all realms of society, ultimately granting us access, favor and influence everywhere.

2 - Freedom of worship

3 - Proper alignment of priorities

- We strongly believe in and practice freedom of worship during all our gatherings. Worshipers are encouraged to express their devotion, love and adoration for our Lord Jesus through song, raising and clapping of hands, dancing, waiving of flags or banners, painting or drawing, kneeling or lying prostrate, shouts of joy, etc.
- A personal relationship with God is paramount; family obligations/responsibilities follow, and then the ministry. No amount of work or success in ministry can compensate for a solid relationship with the Lord and healthy family relationships.

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4 - Respect for the calling and anointing of every individual

- We respect the call of God, the anointing, and spiritual gifting of every individual from the youngest to the oldest. God is not a respecter of persons, therefore we treat every member of our leadership as well as the congregation at large as sons and daughters of the King, created in His image - a chosen generation, a royal priesthood.

5 - Respect for other ministries 6 - Biblical conflict resolution

- We respect every ministry beyond our denominational affiliation and realm of influence. We have a zero tolerance policy for criticism, negativity, judgment, accusation or derision of any Christian ministry. We honor the calling the labors and the testimony of any God-loving, Bible-believing ministry. We have no appetite for gossip, bad reports, rumors or scandals. We respect the traditions and beliefs of other denominations and faith movements.
- We follow biblical principles for conflict resolution, according to Matthew 18:15-17.

7 - Christian unity

- We have a strong commitment to Christian unity and cooperation within the Body. We maintain a zero tolerance policy in regards to murmuring, complaining, bad attitudes and all forms of gossip. The culture we aspire to establish is one based on love, forgiveness, grace and mercy. We diffuse grumbling, complaining, accusations, and gossip by not speaking to those issues, lovingly changing the subject, or directly confronting the erroneous behavior. We do not speak negatively of anyone who is not present at the time and neither do we judge or criticize another ministry within the church.

8 - Structuring for growth

- We continually strategize and structure for growth and advancement, not just maintenance. At any given time various aspects of our vision bring us face to face with impossibilities, which can only be overcome by the grace and power of God. In other words, we live on the edge of the front lines - the safest place on the battlefield!
- For more information please call Valley Shore at: **860-388-0662** or visit: www.valleyshore.com

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