

Church Profile: Becoming Who We Are

Setting our sights on establishing C3's Gospel labors for years to come



Who are we?

We are a Gospel-centered Church that preaches and teaches the doctrines of the Reformed Tradition for the purpose of equipping our people to fulfill the Great Commission.

Location

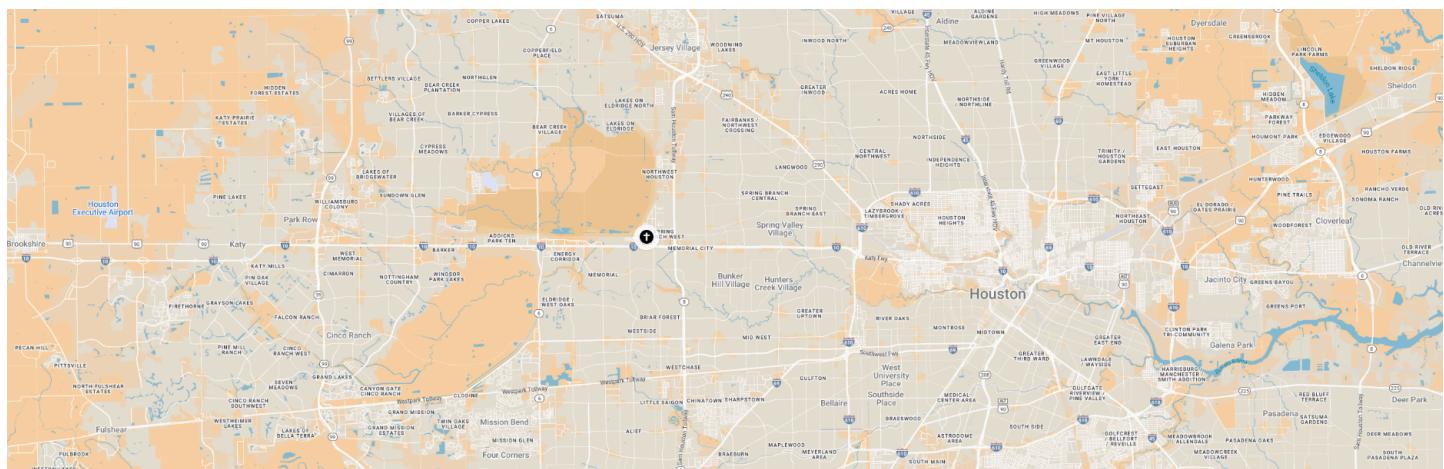
West Houston, Texas

Address

1303 Sherwood Forest St
Houston, TX 77043

Average Sunday Attendance

400-450



What are we committed to?

(The non-negotiables that we are calling a new Lead Pastor into.)

- Our doctrine as described in our C3 Members Affirmation of Faith and our C3 Teaching Statement of Faith.
- Expositional preaching and teaching. God's Word is our authority. We want our preaching and teaching to find their plain and clear rooting in any Biblical texts being taught or preached.
- Corporate Worship that is committed to forming our people in deep biblical truths and lifting their hearts to worship the living God in spirit and truth (John 4:24).
- Corporate and personal prayer as a continual and necessary part of the Body of Christ that is fully dependent upon the Holy Spirit's power, help and guidance.
- Intentional discipleship pathways that integrate both community (e.g., CG) and formal settings (e.g., Counseling, Equip) into a cohesive vision:
 - A kind of discipleship that aims to renew our minds and soften our hearts.
 - A kind of discipleship that keeps the lost world constantly in view. Remembering that we are Lights in Darkness, A City on a Hill and Blessed to be a Blessing.
 - A kind of discipleship that sees replication as essential (2 Tim 2:2).
 - A kind of discipleship that joyfully teaches and embraces God's complementary design for men and women.

What do we want to grow in?

(The “soft clay” desires of the current elders to be presented to the next Lead Pastor of C3 to help C3 “become who we are”.)

- More explicit and thorough in equipping our people into our teaching statement. We want to see more of our people have a deeper grasp of our core doctrines and distinctives. With the Spirit’s power, we desire this deeper grasp to grow our people’s joy in God and compel them to holy living that fulfills the Great Commission.
- More thorough and consistent to teach and exhort our people to see how our doctrine is fundamentally connected to personal holiness and obedience to the Great Commission.
- More strategic and organized in how we raise up, train and equip leaders across our ministries, beginning with elders.
- Continue to cultivate a stronger culture of prayer in our corporate & individual life as a church. We want to believe and live out the truth that “apart from [Him] we can do nothing” (John 15:5).
- A clear recognition of, care for and training for a consistent demographic at C3: Marriages & Families.
- Better understand and implement sustainable and integrated discipleship pathways for all age groups at C3. Historical data suggests that we have a high turnover rate of people that we are discipling. We’d like to better understand the reasons for this as we believe that meaningful church engagement should be possible for all age demographics at C3.
- Regarding church planting, we want to, first, set our focus on the establishment of health and strength for C3. We want to plant churches out of the overflow of fruitfulness at C3 with the same level of intentional planning and preparation that we are seeking to establish in our own discipleship efforts. This likely means the establishment of a more thorough and formal church planting residency that deeply equips and cares for those who will labor in this new work.