

# **THE MEANS OF GRACE**

**They Are Not:**

**Ways in which we earn Gods love, forgiveness, or acceptance.**

**They Are:**

**The practices or disciplines that prepare us to engage and tune into the bounty of Gods grace.**

**Three Fundamental Practices of the Means of Grace Are:**

**Prayer**

**The Study of  
Scripture**

**The Lord's  
Supper**

# CLARIFYING OUR CENTER

- Although we spend a lot of time in our local churches clarifying the work we do, we often do not spend enough time clarifying our center — focusing on Christ, who defines our work and our service to the world.

- “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

— *Joshua 24:15*

- “Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least.”

— *Goethe*

# A VALUES-BASED COMMUNITY:

- Embodies values such as love, hope, charity, justice, mercy, and honesty.
- Celebrates diversity, welcomes challenges, and opens its arms to receive everyone.
- Grows through prayer, the study of Scripture, celebrating Communion, and relationships of integrity and honesty.

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