



## Part 3: Our Convictions

At the Mandarin Church of Christ, what fuels us, what drives us, what motivates us is not a philosophy, not a creed, not an idea, but a person, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He is our focus!

### Our passion:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. Matthew 6:33
  - a. That's why we provide \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities. Not to just know more \_\_\_\_\_ but to know \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. John 12:26
  - a. Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ me," \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Gospels.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. John 13:15
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. Mark 16:15
5. That's why our mission is to work together to guide people into a growing relationship with \_\_\_\_\_. Everything we do is about \_\_\_\_\_.

### Because our passion is \_\_\_\_\_...

1. We place a high priority on the \_\_\_\_\_. I Corinthians 15:1-4
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is paramount.
  - b. We remember this every week as we participate in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We place a high priority on \_\_\_\_\_. John 17:20-23
  - a. *There is one \_\_\_\_\_, and one \_\_\_\_\_, just as you were called to one \_\_\_\_\_ when you were called; one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of us all, who is over all and in all.* Ephesians 4:4-6
  - b. The priority of unity is why we are not a \_\_\_\_\_ church.

- i. The Bible knows nothing of \_\_\_\_\_ names. In fact, there is no specific \_\_\_\_\_ for the church, just \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
  - c. The Mandarin Church of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, which means that no one outside our congregation has any \_\_\_\_\_ over our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. We believe that the best way to have the unity for which Jesus prayed is to stick to what we find in the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. Our desire is that everything we believe, everything we practice, everything we do and say, is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. There are other churches who share this conviction with us, and sometimes we are called part of a \_\_\_\_\_ movement.
    - i. We believe the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ must continue in each generation. Otherwise, we run the risk of elevating \_\_\_\_\_ to the same authority as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. We want to be the church Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ about.
  - g. To maintain this unity, we refuse to get caught up in \_\_\_\_\_ matters. Romans 14:1,4,12-13,22
    - i. Principle: The more important the truth, the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it is taught in Scripture.
- 3. We place the highest priority on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Jesus says nothing is more important than \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 22:37-39.
  - b. Paul says nothing is more important than \_\_\_\_\_. I Corinthians 13.
  - c. Our heart's desire is that the Mandarin Church of Christ will always be a place to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.

**If these things matter to you, come grow with us!**