

Core Values:

In our work to equip congregations to engage intergenerational and artistic worship practices that glorify God, honor Christ, and join the transformative work of the Spirit in the world, we prayerfully commit to:

- Celebrate the work of God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit in intergenerational worshipping communities where worshipers of all ages, especially teenagers, are valued and encouraged to use their unique gifts. (*Ephesians 3:16-20*)
- Orient every activity, resource, and program to the grand narrative of scripture, our standard for worship, ministry, and life. (*Colossians 3:16-17*)
- Engage congregations in ecclesial imagination through worship practices that value and embody the arts. (*Exodus 35:30-35*)
- Employ high-impact pedagogies that encourage collaboration and experiential learning through projects that can be completed successfully over manageable periods of time and contribute to the worship life of congregations locally and globally. (*Psalms 78:1-7*)
- Leverage worship practices into resources that can be disseminated to a broader audience, especially those that create agency, develop responsibility, foster intergenerational mentoring, and encourage long-term relationships. (*Nehemiah 8:1-10*)
- Offer students multiple opportunities to learn, lead, and reflect in a safe-risk environment where faithful mentoring offers biblical, theological, sociological, and artistic perspectives. (*1 Timothy 4:12*)
- Ground our work in the best models and practices of traditioned-innovation that uphold the history of Christian worship and the relevance of the Gospel message that worship proclaims. (*Colossians 1:3-6*)
- Strive for excellence while acknowledging failure, celebrating success, and adapting our trajectory accordingly. (*Philippians 4:8*)
- Retain current partnerships and forge new partnerships, especially those that reflect the diverse body of Christ. (*Philippians 1:3-8*)
- Advance the mission, vision, and values of Samford University and its historical commitment to Baptists. (*Acts 20:28*)