

MISSION | VISION | PATH | VALUES



MISSION **Why do we exist?**

*The **mission** is the day-to-day operations of the church to accomplish the vision*

To lead people from where they are to where God wants them to be

VISION **What will the future look like if we accomplish our mission?**

*The **vision** is the future result of carrying out the day-to-day mission of the church*

To see EVERY man, woman, and child in our community become fully surrendered followers of Jesus Christ

PATH **How will the mission and vision be accomplished?**

*The **path** is working the day-to-day mission of the church with the goal of fulfilling the vision at a certain point in the future*

People follow a path of identification, transformation, and multiplication to become fully surrendered followers of Jesus Christ

“Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them...**teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you.” – Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20)

Becoming a fully surrendered follower of Jesus Christ (disciple) is our vision for every man, woman, and child in our community.

Followers of Jesus Christ are made through – 1) **identifying** with Christ, 2) being **transformed** by Christ, and 3) **multiplying** disciples for Christ.

STEP 1: IDENTIFICATION

“So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven...” (Matthew 10:32-33)

Faith (Identifying with God)

“...one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself as a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

Baptism (Identifying with Jesus Christ)

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...” (Acts 2:38)

Membership (Identifying with the Church)

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.” (Acts 2:41)

Church Membership Commitment -

- 1) I commit to be on a path of living my life as an obedient follower of Jesus Christ
- 2) I commit to be on a path of attending worship services and “programs” that support my spiritual wellbeing
- 3) I commit to be on a path of serving others by volunteering at least once a month
- 4) I commit to investing in the lives of others so I can invite them to church
- 5) I commit to be on a path of generosity by financially supporting my church

STEP 2: TRANSFORMATION

“...be transformed by the renewal of your mind...” (Romans 12:1-2)

Reading (Be transformed through consistent time of reading God’s written word)

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Praying (Be transformed in prayer by praising, repenting, asking, and surrendering)

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Giving (Be transformed through giving financially in faith and obedience)

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Learning (Be transformed through hearing mature followers teach the Bible)

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...” (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Relating (Be transformed through developing meaningful relationships with others)

“Two are better than one...For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Serving (Be transformed through using your abilities to serve others)

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Worshipping (Be transformed through gatherings of the church to give God praise)

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:24)

STEP 3: MULTIPLICATION

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Invitation (Multiply through seeing relationships as an opportunity to invite others into a relationship with God)

“...we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Discipleship (Multiply through relationships which lead to disciples making disciples)

“...what you have heard from me...entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others....” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

“Older women...are to teach what is good, and so train the young women...” (Titus 2:3-5)

Missions (Multiply through being involved in local and global missions through giving, praying, and going)

“...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Revival Prayers (Multiply through intense praying for a move of God in our community)

“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?” (Psalm 85)

VALUES What principles guide us in accomplishing the mission, vision, path?

The values are the principles which determine decisions and behavior throughout our church

Value 1: The Holy Spirit of God and Word of God Enable Us to Do the Will of God

We value listening to and spending time reading/studying the Word of God and praying so that the Holy Spirit of God can help us accomplish His plans for our lives and church.

- Collective Growth - Preaching the Word of God and allowing the Holy Spirit to apply it in the heart of those listening
“Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:2, NLT)
- Personal Growth - Provide free resources and support for spiritual growth “at home”
“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6-7, NLT)

Value 2: Every Member a Minister of the Gospel

We value the responsibility to demonstrate and speak the gospel in the sphere of influence God has already given to us – workplace, neighborhood, church, school, family, friends.

- Demonstration – The Gospel is demonstrated as I love others the way God has loved me
“No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. (1 John 4:12, NLT)
- Proclamation – We’ll share the Gospel with others because God has entrusted us with this responsibility
“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” (2 Corinthians 5:19-20, NLT)

Value 3: Together We Can Do More

We value the responsibility to demonstrate and speak the gospel in the sphere of influence God has already given to us – workplace, neighborhood, church, school, family, and friends.

- Internal Responsibility – 100% of members and attenders volunteering 1 Sunday a month
“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, NLT)
- External Responsibility – 100% of members/attenders serving in the natural rhythm of life as led by the Holy Spirit

Value 4: Do For One What We Wish We Could Do For All

We value playing a part in the local and global spread of the Gospel by giving, praying, and going. Although we can’t effectively reach everyone, we will be involved as God gives us opportunity.

- Financial Support – 100% of members and attenders participating financially to support our church; our church commits to give away 11% of all undesignated gifts to support local and global efforts for the gospel
“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” (2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT)
- Prayer Support – We will pray for our supported missions’ efforts, other churches, and the gospel to go further
Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need...” (Philippians 4:6, NLT)
- Work Support – We schedule regular trips and opportunities to work alongside local and global missions’ efforts
“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.” (Galatians 6:10, NLT)

Value 5: The Larger We Grow, the Smaller We Must Grow

We value relationships. An individual may not have a relationship with everyone, but we desire everyone to have a meaningful, spiritual relationship with someone.

- Groups - Create smaller gatherings for learning, relationships, serving others, and reaching into our community
“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NLT)
- Friendly Culture - People will reach outside their current circle to show love and kindness to new people
... clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:12, NLT)