

Vision - 10 Year Outlook

Faith at work – Matthew 19:23-30; Mark 9:23

Fulfilling our Purpose

- VISIBLY LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE – We are giving visible form
 - Politicians, educators, business owners, the outcast, and local churches
 - They are seeing Jesus in us;
 - we are examples, mentors, and
 - friends of one another
- ❖ (TRUST, COMMITMENT, AND CONFIDENCE) – to that faith and
 - Sickness and death still invades our ranks
 - But by grace and through the prayers of faith we keep elevating and feeling God’s presence.
- (FRIENDSHIPS, SUPPORT GROUPS) – fellowship to which God has called his people;
 - We have grief support groups
 - Caretaker support
 - Emergency child care/baby sitting
 - Divorce support groups
 - Marriage retreats
 - Singles Ministry
 - Missionary Support (10 % of total revenue). We have regular visitations to the sick and shut-in members.
 - Deacons are captains over fifties; promoting phone trees, prayer and study partners.
- corporate worship services (EXCITING),
 - people are coming 15 minutes early and staying 30-60 minutes late sharing God’s goodness and mingling as friends.
 - People are shouting phrases of praise, lifting their hands in total surrender.
 - People are testifying to how God has been and answered their prayers.
- through a program of Christian nurture (RELEVANT AND INFORMATIONAL) by which our members may be *built up in their faith and love*,
 - We are declaring the whole counsel of God.
 - We have teaching relevant to life experiences in each stage of human development
- through proclamation of the gospel (WITNESSES) by *word and deed*, and
 - Every member is seeking to lead at least one person to Christ each month (12 per year)
 - We have a welcome committee making contact with new people in the city and/or neighborhood
 - We are knocking on doors and sweeping the streets with the Word of God.
- to minister to human needs in the name of Christ (WHOLISTIC).
 - Mentally – We are tutoring for improved educational levels and helping college students stay in/get in college
 - Emotionally – we have support groups for help and influence during hard times.
 - Physically – We are providing nurse level checkups, we are providing medical resources for those who are sick or injured. We have food for the hungry, we are providing clothes for the naked (burned out victims, etc.)

People = 500 members with 400 active. Ten deacons, 20 Sunday school classes, 30 teachers, 4 choirs, 5 mission groups, and 1 youth minister (pastor). Our leaders are attending at least 2 advanced training sessions per year, above the local level and the church is paying at least 85% of the expenses for them to go. Of the 500 members we have 260 people tithing on the average of \$2,500 per annual; totaling more than a ½ million dollars at \$650,000 income per year for the church.

HOW: The principles of the GREAT COMMISSION – we are reaching out (GO), persuading (TEACH), connecting (BAPTIZING), and training (OBSERVE ALL THINGS).

1. The church is growing at a rate of six people per month, the Sunday School is booming, the SEED curriculum has 180 people enrolled and is covering one series per quarter (sometime by utilizing the first and third Sunday with two flexible days to complete the series; other times by having weeklong sessions with an all-day activity on Saturday. Bible study has 400 participants.

Property – Church is at full capacity and we are planning for a new sanctuary, Multi-purpose building, and short term emergency housing for a family.

2. Multi-purpose building designated as an emergency shelter
3. Youth Lounge/Men sport's bar like setting
 1. Entertainment Center Setting
 2. Large screen for Christian movies/sport events/videos with snacks, popcorn, etc.
 3. Gospel Music
 4. Relaxing and socializing
4. Exercise room
 1. Safe and Comfortable indoor environment for exercise
5. Conference Room
 2. Executive meetings
 3. Special small group meetings
6. Library – Cataloged books for checkout and tracing
 1. Quiet time study, homework, and tutoring
 2. A network of computers
7. Kitchen and connecting pantry
 1. Kitchen
 2. Pantry – Food stocked for the purposes of:
 - 1)Funerals
 - 2)Special events
 - 3)Emergencies
 - 4)Give a ways
8. Fellowship Hall with a Theatre stage
 1. Vision: Versatile events
 - 1)Fellowship Hall – Large fellowships
 1. Banquets
 2. Large group dining, etc.
 - 2)Theatre
 1. Plays/skits
 2. Open mic/karaoke night (fun/showcase talent)
 3. Youth church – twice per month they have a separate service
9. Nurse's Office – equipped with a bed and a toilet
 2. Promote health issues of interest
 3. Nursing level screening, test, and checks

Promotions

- 1) The multiple purpose building is promoting family friendly positive socialization and entertainment.
- 2) We are influencing Christian growth, people are more concerned with community planning and needs, We are offering classes and counseling to develop parenting skills. We are building and promoting the family structure and teaching Christian values and standards within the home.
- 3) With adequate space and equipment; we are making the will of God regnant in all aspects of society through spiritual, social, educational, and recreational means.