# IT'S POSSIBLE!

"Our Mission for the Master...People"

MARK 9:23

"Everything is possible for one who believes."

## **Vision Statement**

We envision a divinely inspired (life breathed into) community of Christ disciples in which all God's people are well in mind, body, soul and spirit.

#### **Mission Statement:**

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To serve all people in the way that Christ is glorified, souls are saved, individuals are spiritually empowered, communities are vibrant, and general well being is realized

### **Church Motto**

"Be Kingdom Builders"

Ephesians 4:11-16 (GNT)

11 It was he who "gave gifts to people"; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers.

12 He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to <u>build</u> up the body of Christ.

13 And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.

14 Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent.

15 Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head.

16 Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

Our Right Hand of Christian Fellowship



#### **JESUS CHRIST**

Christ is our source of life!

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23 NKJV

"The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. I come that they may have abundant life."

John 10:10

#### **LOVE**

Our Love is the expression of Christ to all mankind.

"This is My commandment that you love one another as I have Loved you."

1 John 15:12 NKJV

#### **SERVICE**

#### We are honored to serve others

"And whoever of you desires to become first shall be slave to all"

Mark 10:44 NKJV

# **UNITY**We strive for unity in the faith

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" Psalm 133:1 NKJV

#### DISCIPLESHIP

## We are inspired to be and make disciples

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28: 18-20

## Our Mission for the Master...PEOPLE

### SNAPSHOT VIEW OF VISION



# Vision Inspired Scripture Acts 2:40-47

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**

Beyond the Walls Ministry

- 1. Individual Evangelism (family and abroad)
- 2. Church Evangelism (especially those gifted)
  - a. Street Ministry (beginning in Jerusalem)
    - i. House-to-House (i.e. Prayer Walks, Good Deeds Days)
    - ii. Special Pop-up Sites
    - iii. Special Events/Venues
      - 1. Community Events

- a. 5k walks
- b. Downtown events
- c. Pancakes in the Park or Dogs in the Park
- 2. Onsite Events
  - a. Meet Your Neighbor Events (Parking Lots)
    - i. Resource Fairs & Clean Fun Festivals

- b. Facility Outreach
  - i. Prison
  - ii. Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
  - iii. Shelters, Group Homes, Half-way Houses
- 3. Mission Office Evangelism
- 4. Mission Trips

# 5. Community Disaster & Crisis/Tragedies Response

- a. Hurricane Assistance (Financial and in Deed)
- b. Killings / Accidents
- c. General Loss

#### 6. School Campuses

- a. Grade School & College
  - i. Christian Clubs (FCA)
  - ii. Pizza -N-Prayer
  - iii. Hall Monitoring
  - iv. Chapelin Services or Spiritual support
    - v. College Move-In/Out Days
      - 1. Watch Care
      - 2. Baptist Center Services
      - 3. Cook-outs (Food 4 A Dollar)

#### 7. Christian Sport League and Events



# BIBLICAL PROCLAMATION

Devoted to Teaching...

# 1. Sound, Creative, Pragmatic, Multi-Approach Teaching

- a. Note: Auditory, Visual, Kinaesthetic, Read/Write
- b. Intentional in Application & Accountability
- c. Text Driven Preaching/Teaching
- 2. Salvation through Christ is continually Proclaimed complimented by righteous living.

- 3. Children: VBS type environment
  - a. Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- 4. Implement Modern Discipleship Models
  - a. Small Groups w/ Personal Discipleship Plans
  - b. Sunday School w/ Small Group Breakouts

- c. Personal Discipleship Assessment & Goal Planning
- d. Personal Practice & Sharing Experiences
- e. Coaching/Mentoring
- 5. Training/Seminars/Conferences/Workshops

# PRAYER DEVOTION

Enhance the Culture of Prayer

# 1. Prayer Incorporated in All Services

- a. Special Request in Services (Altar Prayer, Chapel, Meet/Greet Room)
- 2. Prayer Ministry for Members & Community
  - a. Community Request
  - b. Member Request
  - c. Fellowships

- d. Events
- e. Community Prayer Booths
- f. Prayer warriors constantly praying for the church
- 3. Chapel-Prayer Room (War Room)
  - a. Personal prayer space during week & Sundays
- 4. Take Advantage Prayer Request Options
  - a. Church App/Website
  - b. Prayer Request Box

### SERVICE/SERVANTHOOD

"And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had."

#### **Hospitality Services:**

- 1. Hospitality is ESSENTIAL
  - a. Parking Lot Ministry
  - b. Greeters and Escorters
    - i. Ministers
    - ii. Leaders (Diaconate)
    - iii. Young People
    - iv. Note: Intentional, warm welcome of all esp. by leadership

- c. Meet and Greet Room (All Guests)
  - i. Meet Pastor, Diaconate on Duty, New Members Reps., young people.
  - ii. Learn more about the church
  - iii. Prayer
  - iv. Have gifts and to go snacks
    - v. Ministry video clips
  - vi. Prompt Follow-up (36 Hours max)

# **Body Building Services:**

- 1. 99% of Members offer their gifts, talents, abilities, skills, resources and knowledge in church related service.
- 2. Coordinated Ministries United in Mission and Purpose
  - a. Work compliments each other not working in isolation

- b. Ministries frequently evaluated for effectiveness and alignment with mission or current goal.
- 3. Resource Sharing
  - a. Meeting each others need
- 4. Member Care Service (Esp. by Pastor, Diaconate, Ministers, etc.)
  - a. Spiritual guidance/support
  - b. Prayer

- c. Home/hospital visits
- d. Phone calls/texts/zoom
- e. Grocery Store, Dr. Appts, etc. (esp. Seniors)
- f. Application Services/Support
- 5. Community Services
  - a. Mission Homes (i.e. Transitional Houses for Families & others)
  - b. Guide Communities (mini homes, affordable housing, etc.)

- c. Community Advocacy Services (Non-Profit)
  - i. Community Policy and Services
- d. Other service items mentioned earlier (i.e. Crisis Resp.)

# FELLOWSHIP/BREADBREAKING

Devoted to Fellowship (Relationship Building)

# 1. Church Fellowships

- a. Church Picnics
- b. Retreats
- c. Sunday School / Spiritual Life Groups
  - i. Various settings (i.e. in homes)
- d. Community Activities/Recreational Events
- e. CAFE' (Creates Natural Fellowship Opportunities)

- f. Youth Fellowship / Leisure & Recreational Area
- g. Men, Women, Singles, Married Couples, Young adults

# 2. "Pastor's Table" Breakfast/Lunch for New Members

# Frequently Asked Questions



#### **What About the Culture?**

#### A Christ-Centered, Intergenerational Fellowship

- 1. All generations are nourished well in the word of God
  - a. Sound and practical teaching
  - b. Developmentally appropriate biblical curriculums
  - c. Creative teaching methods

- 2. All generations are represented during church services
  - 3. All generations serve together in various ministries (As appropriate)
  - 4. Shares testimonies among the generations
  - 5. Mentoring/Coaching opportunities among the age groups (Career and Spiritual)

- 6. Integrated Bible Study fellowships (Bible Trivia, lesson reviews, etc.)
- 7. Integrated discussion panels on key topics
- 8. A warm, loving & responsive fellowship
- 9. Fiscally Sound, Transparent Operation (Well managed)
- 10. An empowered, vibrant community & congregation

- 11. Spirit-filled, Joyful and Intimate Worship of God
- 12. A healthy, balanced lifestyle among members
- 13. Best work environment for all employees

#### WHAT ABOUT OUR YOUNG ADULTS?

- 1. Support a Young Adult Fellowship ministry & Sponsors/Leaders
- 2. Institute a young adult church council
- 3. Host seminars, worship, conferences, Bible studies within context of young adults

- 4. Perform ministry/mission activities together
- 5. Allow to lead certain services
- 6. Incorporate previous mentioned activities

# **What About Our Singles & Widows?**

- 1. Same as previous slide
- 2. Support Group

#### WHAT ABOUT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH?

- 1. Young adults naturally bring their children/youth
- 2. Institute a Children & Youth Council who will lead their ministry under adult sponsorship
  - a. Plan and lead church and community ministry activities

- 3. Select leaders/sponsors to be trained in youth ministry
- 4. Train Youth to Lead their Peers in Ministry
- 5. Host seminars, worship, conferences, Bible studies within context of children & Youth
- 6. Perform ministry/mission activities
- 7. Allow to lead certain services

- 11. Engage youth in various ministries and those they see are needed
- 12. Identify a youth minister who can better relate to youth
  - a. Minister the Word
  - b. Provide pastoral care

- 8. Incorporate previous mentioned activities
- 9. Create children/youth friendly environment/atmosphere for learning and ministry.
  - a. Vibrant, age appropriate rooms/spaces
- 10. Offer different service formats (i.e. small group models, etc.)

- c. Attend youth secular events
- d. Build relationships in schools and community
- 13. Incorporate previous mentioned activities
- 14. Children's & Youth Worship Service

#### **WHAT ABOUT OUR SENIORS?**

- 1. Reactivate Seniors Ministry
- 2. Seminars, workshops, conferences
- 3. Perform outreach activities (i.e. Sr. Homes)
- 4. "Host Council on Aging" type activities onsite.
- 5. Mentor/share faith and experiences with younger generations & vice versa.

- 6. Fellowship and build support among themselves
- 7. Institute Sr. Council to help plan and lead ministry activities.
- 8. Incorporate previously mentioned activities
- 9. Assign a minister to assist in pastoral care
- 10. Create a computer lab and provide training.
- 11. Minister and care for seniors in our local community.

#### WHAT ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTERS?

- 1. Spiritually lead & support ministry departments
  - a. Lead devotions
  - b. Share messages/teachings during meeting/events/activities
  - c. Provide spiritual training in reference to ministry

- d. Help ensure ministries are spiritually grounded
- e. Assist in providing spiritual/pastoral care to departmental personnel.
- f. Assist the pastor in facilitating the vision and initiatives throughout the ministry departments

- 2. Assist pastor in Facilitating Christian Education
- 3. Facilitate Worship Services
- 4. Assist Pastor in Preaching/Funerals/Etc.

#### WHAT ABOUT WORSHIP SERVICES?

- 1. Spirit-filled, Joyful and Intimate Worship of God
- 2. Spirit-led worship
- 3. Musical worship that utilizes various instruments and relates to ALL generations Contemporary to Traditional Gospel and Hymns

- 4. Text Driven, straightforward and practical preaching that helps you to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and provide a solid biblical foundation for your entire life.
- 5. Intergenerational worship that offers words of encouragement, testimonials, spoken word, skits, liturgical dance, community choirs, etc.

- 6. Diverse worship population
- 7. Main Component of Typical/Streamline Worship
  - a. Praise, Prayer, Preach & Giving (3PG) & Sacraments/Ordinances
  - b. Other:
    - i. Covenant
    - ii. Responsive Reading
    - iii. Welcome

#### 8. Attire:

a. Primarily interested in your soul and thrilled you desire to join The Guide in worship. We want you to be more focused on the God than what you're wearing. Some People dress up and some choose to dress down. Wear what you believe is acceptable in God's eyesight.

# **WHAT ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL?**

- 1. Goal is to return to smaller intimate settings as desired.
- 2. Young Adult, Youth and Children will be modeling such.
- 3. Groups that desire shall return once rooms are made available.

- 4. Teaching methods/approaches/strategies mentioned previously to be tested
  - a. Teaching w/accountability, support, praying, testimonials, fellowship, sharing, coaching, personal goal setting, etc.
- 5. Current Setting?

## **WHAT ABOUT MID-WEEK SERVICE?**

- 1. Bible Driven Teaching & Some Practical/Life Education
- 2. Various Elements Introduced
  - a. Team Teaching (i.e. ministers)
  - b. Panel discussions
  - c. Testimonials
  - d. Video/Movie Analysis

- e. Worship and Word Wednesdays
  - i. Worship with Teaching & Preaching
  - ii. Ministers Preaching Rotation Increase
- f. Prayer sessions/periods

## **WHAT ABOUT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER?**

Envision it as a prominent community outreach center.

- 1. Christian and Family Education seminars
  - a. Community Lunch and Learns
    - i. Various topics based on community need/dynamics (Health and more)
  - b. Christian Educations Seminars

- 2. Christian counseling ministry
- 3. Host various support groups
- 4. Community resources & events
- 5. Food Pantry & Clothes/Goods Center
- 6. Senior Activities (i.e. Council on Aging Type)

## 7. Christian Summer Camp for Children/Youth

- a. Biblical teaching
- b. Mentoring
- c. Experiential learning
- d. Exposure to opportunities outside of the local community.
- e. Mission/community work

#### 8. Tutoring

- 9. Exercise venue w/ equipment
- 10. Video set (Podcast)
- 11. Music studio to promote Christian and positive music opportunities
- 12. Non-Profit Rental
- 13. Church Businesses for Training

#### 14. ENTER MY REST area and services

- a. Offer resources
- b. Quiet place
- c. Recreation
- d. Job search and other supports

- e. Life educational sessions
- f. Peer counseling
- g. Prayer
- h. Food

### **Final Focal Points**

- 1. Core Values
- 2. We Believe
- 3. What to Expect
- 4. Website



# WE NEED LABORERS. THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL!



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