

VISION PURPOSE VALUES

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KNOWN



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OUTREACH
COMMUNITY CHURCH



Our VISION

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We are part of a worldwide movement to make disciples for Jesus. We will make new disciples in our community, in our region and around the world. Those disciples will then be encouraged to plant new churches in their communities. Outreach Church desires to be a model for those disciples to follow.

Our disciples are on fire to fulfill the most important vision ever given to mankind which is to make disciples who love and fully follow the risen Lord Jesus. He asks us to create fruit that will last for all eternity, which is saved souls. This is our primary vision.



Our PURPOSE & How We Accomplish the VISION

MAGNIFY

Our first purpose at Outreach Church will be to express our love for God through worship. Everyone is invited to join us during our Sunday morning worship services. Our worship services will be high-quality, simple and authentic so that it honors God. We will seek to minimize investments in expensive lighting, audio/visual and related production equipment. We want to be worshippers of the Most High God, not consumers of an entertaining show.

In addition, we highly encourage disciples to develop the daily worship habits of bible study, prayer and service to others. We will take up our cross daily and worship Him.



MEMBERSHIP

Jesus requires his disciples to be gathered in worship as a baptized body of believers. The local church is the representation of Jesus in every community. We believe that through authentic worship, biblical teaching and a serving body, we will serve our communities well with the Gospel of Jesus.

We also continuously desire to seek out those that have never experienced the love of Jesus and to welcome them into the body of Christ, the church.

Our **PURPOSE**

MATURITY

One of the highest priorities of Outreach Church is to make disciples, baptize them and train them in righteousness. We will encourage and lead our members in their growth as mature and fruitful disciples, so they experience the full joy of Jesus.

In addition, we will encourage seekers and members to look at the church from a servant's heart, not as one to be served. In other words, "ask not what Outreach Church can do for you, but what can you do for Outreach Church".

We pray we are not evaluated for our preaching styles, worship music, physical locations or other non-essential criteria. Our aim is to create a loving environment where everyone can joyfully serve our Lord and grow as his disciples.

MINISTRY

If we look deeply at the physical and spiritual needs of our communities, we will find untold areas in which we can be the salt and light of Jesus and serve those in need. We will be a church in which every member will be encouraged to "find their ministry" that serves others regularly.

MISSION

We will encourage, train and model personal evangelism for our members so that they are effective witnesses for the good news of Jesus. We will especially encourage our home groups to be trained in evangelism so that they regularly engage in outreach to their neighborhoods and the community.





Our VALUES & Guiding PRINCIPLES

FOUNDATIONAL BELIEFS

Our biblical foundation is the guide for our values so we live out the will of God. We believe the bible is the very word of God and is the Truth upon which we build our lives. God's Truth, found in his word, is the non-negotiable faith of our hearts.

GROWTH ORIENTED

In Acts 2:47, we learn of many disciples being added to the church daily. In Acts 16:5, we also learn the church was strengthened in faith and grew daily in numbers. Certainly, the early Christian church was expecting growth regularly. We will have the same expectation of daily growth.

To that end, we will focus on the best use of our financial, human and spiritual resources to accomplish Jesus' vision of worldwide growth to make new disciples. For example, this means we will not invest in real estate and capital building programs. We will utilize readily available auditoriums and meeting spaces for Sunday worship facilities. We believe the church's identity is not in a physical location but is found in the passionate hearts of our people who love Jesus.

Following this growth model, we will consistently seek out qualified ministry leaders and assist them in planting new churches where the Holy Spirit leads us.

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

Acts 2:47

FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY

Fellowship and community building will primarily be done in home groups where lifelong, personal relationships can be formed. Home groups will focus on discipleship maturity, neighborhood evangelism and community service.

Home groups will be highly encouraged to consistently plant new home groups, so they are regularly reaching new neighborhoods.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

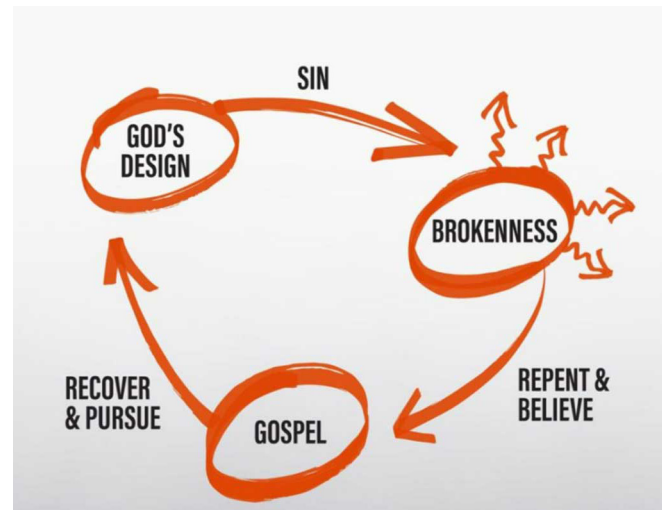
We will empower every member for service and leadership in the church. Also, we will seek to develop qualified ministry leaders from within our members whenever possible. Those leaders can then fulfill various leadership roles as volunteers, paid staff members or bi-vocational leaders.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Outreach Church seeks to be accountable to the Lord for the charge he has given us to be faithful in developing mature disciples. Ephesians 4:12-14 speaks of the requirement for church leadership to equip our disciples for works of service, with a goal of reaching unity in the faith and so disciples are becoming mature. Our goal is to encourage all disciples not to be fans of Jesus, but dedicated followers of Jesus fully engaged in living out their faith.

In Colossians 1:28 Paul sought to present everyone fully mature in Christ. Yet, in Hebrews 5:12-13 the church was also admonished for not growing in maturity, as they had not raised up many teachers. Jesus expects spiritual growth in his disciples, and the church should be overseeing those efforts.

We will seek to develop the proper methods, programs and measurements for progressing toward the biblical mandates for spiritual growth.



Our **VALUES**

ACCOUNTABILITY

Every leader (Pastors, staff, deacons, etc.) at Outreach Church will be accountable for their behavior and performance. Every leader at Outreach Church will be accountable for their actions. In addition, all leaders should be a model for servant leadership and must be above reproach in their behavior.

As leaders, we will focus on John the Baptist's teaching, in John 3:30, "He (Jesus) must become greater and greater, I must become less and less."

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GOVERNANCE

The church will elect a qualified board of deacons to oversee all church management. Details can be found in the Bylaws of Outreach Community Church. Our desire is that this elected committee will represent the will of the church body in managing the plans and resources of OCC so that we accomplish the vision as stated in this document.

TRANSPARENCY

We will employ an open management style, while being prudent with confidentiality. We will make transparent financial decisions and will focus on selecting our Executive Committee who are qualified by biblical standards, not worldly standards. We will regularly share our decisions and plans with our congregation seeking their insights and approval when necessary.



MINISTRY PARTNERS

We will develop deep partnerships with established ministry organizations that support the accomplishment of our vision. Those organizations will align with our stated purposes to accelerate the accomplishment of the vision. We will seek out partners that share the vision and heart of Jesus, that have deep expertise and relationships, and have the willingness to partner with Christ-centered churches.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

If Outreach Church pastoral staff and leaders choose to develop content (books, videos, etc.), it will be made available at cost, or free of charge, to the members of Outreach Church so we abide by the command not to personally profit from the Gospel.

