

Summary and Prayer

As a body of believers
Lord bind us together in your love
Bless us as we worship You in joy, confession, thankfulness, and praise
Strengthen us as we daily seek your will through prayer and your Word
Inspire us to faithfully and courageously follow your son Jesus

Lord, it is *your* will and not ours that we seek
May each and every one of us welcome and take full ownership of
These, the revealed desires of *your* heart for our body

For today and our tomorrows
Lord, work mightily within each of us -

**Living Christ's Love for Our Family,
Community, and World**

For the next five years and beyond
may your Holy Spirit equip us all to -

Develop Greater Intimacy with God

Invest in and Care Deeply for Our Church Family

**Serve Generously, Know Personally, and Share the
Gospel Confidently with Those in Our Community**

Detail

Our Mission, adopted several years ago, is for the present and is ongoing.
Our Vision is for the next five years and beyond.

Scripture is listed, "so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom but on God's power."

1 Corinthians 2: 5 (NIV)

Our Mission

**Living Christ's Love
for Our Family,
Community,
and World**



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13: 34-35 (NIV)

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: 19-20 (NIV)

Our Mission embraces **those who live beyond our neighborhoods and community**. Evidence of our commitment to live Christ's love for these peoples include engaging in personal relationships, freely sharing the gospel, diligently praying and supporting, and unconditionally loving them, as well as celebrating and helping those whom the Holy Spirit calls to serve them.

Our Vision

**Develop Greater
Intimacy with God**

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2: 3-6 (NIV)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3: 12-15 (NIV)

Evidence of our owning and developing a greater intimacy with God includes an awareness of His movement in the world, our exhibiting the fruits of the Holy Spirit along with God-centered prayerful decision making, contentment, and gratefulness, and a firm knowledge of and experience with scripture that naturally and regularly leads each us to invite others to follow Jesus.

Develop Greater Intimacy with God (continued)

Growth begins by gathering together in **worship**, inviting the Holy Spirit to work within each of us while celebrating our joy in a living God through song, prayer, sacraments, creeds of faith, and authentic sharing. Our worship is an open invitation, approachable and understandable, to learn more about what it means to be in a deep relationship with God, and to imitate the life of Jesus, through applicable Biblical preaching and teaching that nourishes souls and summons' all to follow and declare Jesus as Lord and Savior.

As all of us grow in our relationship with God and embrace our place in His family, we recognize and accept the responsibilities that come with being part of a family and an apprentice at furthering His work.

There are **clear pathways for spiritual growth** that make it easy for all to engage, and that are tailored for individuals, families, and leaders within our body.

Our Vision

Invest in and Care Deeply for Our Church Family

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 23-25 (NIV)

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6: 2 (NIV)

Evidence of our jointly owning and investing in our church family is reflected in how we provide a safe harbor or environment for following Jesus and for nurturing one another. We willingly lay our sins before God either through personal or collective admission and accept His grace and forgiveness without constraint. As our relationship with God and others deepen, we openly extend grace to each other, earnestly praying together and individually for our family as we all hold one another accountable for our words and actions.

We recognize that every man, woman, and child has value, has spiritual gifts, and has a purpose within this body of believers. We celebrate each other's unique gifts and passions, and encourage one another to **discover their distinct identity in Christ** as we each learn and grow into the people God wants us to be. We value deep relationships with each other and **provide the time needed to listen to, care for, and shepherd** each other. We consider fellowship to be a natural extension of our worship, and we take time to simply enjoy one another. We are intentional in our efforts, as individuals and as a body, to **serve one another, support one another, and bear one another's burdens**.

Our staff and our leaders are a valued part of our family. Every one of us recognizes the sacrificial ways in which they serve our family, and is intentional in supporting and building them up.

Our Vision

**Serve Generously,
Know Personally,
and Share the
Gospel Confidently
with Those in
Our Community**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 16 (NIV)

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4: 8-11 (NIV)

Evidence of each of us owning the development of personal relationships that lead to our sharing the gospel confidently with our neighbors, community, loved ones, and friends is measured by our commitment to truly be Christ's disciples. Our attitudes have an unmistakable vibrancy and vitality. As the Holy Spirit leads, believers are multiplied. Within our community, by our serving people generously, and also serving alongside them, Christ may be seen and known and God may be honored through us.

We believe that Jesus’ life was a life worth imitating, and want all people to experience the same deep relationship with God that brings us joy. We strive to become more like Jesus, and **model that as we walk authentically in relationship** with the people God has put into each of our lives. We illustrate that best by knowing Jesus, by extending grace, and by loving others as He did. We live and love through our actions. We gladly share the gospel because it is part of our identity, and **encourage one another to do the same**. It is in these relationships that we **create space for the Holy Spirit to work** and make new followers of Jesus.

We recognize need right here in our community — from the spiritually poor in need of Christ to poverty to foster care to single parent families — and are called to love these neighbors as ourselves. We help individuals of all ages within our body identify their **unique spiritual gifts for service** and empower them to go out and serve. Each of us is resolute and unafraid to try new things. Where we succeed in meeting needs and making a difference in people’s lives, we **share that with each other**, and create clear pathways for others within our church family to become engaged in similar service.

We Value

Deep Relationships

Authentic Faith

We believe transformation occurs in relationships, and that programs should not exist simply to attract people to our building but instead to create an avenue for these relationships. We are convinced that authentic relationships create space for the Holy Spirit to work, and are our best hope for developing disciples within our own body and seeing new followers of Jesus.

We are called to live our faith, not just study it. In all things, we want to be a body of believers that are actively and transparently living our faith.

We Value

(continued)

**Unique Gifts
and Passions**

We believe God has given each of us a unique identity, unique gifts, and a unique calling to service. We value this diversity and the empowerment of our people to use their unique gifts to His glory.

Making Disciples

We believe Jesus' life is a life worth imitating, and we want that for ourselves and for all others around us. Making disciples is not an activity or a program. The development of disciples within our own body and the leading of others to become followers of Jesus is something that should be interwoven into everything we do.