



# *Laurelwood Baptist Church*

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**Mission, Vision  
Discipleship Process  
With Guiding Principles  
for Ministry**

## *Guide To Reading This Booklet...*

**MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES, AND STRATEGY** – these are important terms, but it seems every organization uses them differently. The definitions below will help you understand what we mean by each term and how they relate to one another...

**The *MISSION* Statement describes our purpose as a church.**

This is a description of our present capabilities, focus and activities as a church.

**The *VISION* Statement describes our preferred future as a church.**

This is a description of where we want to go as a church, what we believe God is calling us to be that we aren't right now.

**Our *CORE VALUES* describe the "purposes" of this local church**

There are many good Bible-teaching churches, but each is unique, each has its own "flavor". Our Core Values describe the unique flavor of this church. They summarize attitudes we seek to express toward God and the culture in which He has called us. We believe these attitudes set the tone for authentic ministry in our world.

**Our *STRATEGY* illustrates how we plan to accomplish our mission**

Having an exciting mission is one thing. Getting it accomplished is another! This requires breaking down the big picture into bite-size components. In this way, we are able to set measurable objectives that guide us toward success.

**Our *GUIDING PRINCIPLES* share the manner in which we will perform our ministry.**

How we accomplish ministry together is as important as what we do. Our guiding principles share the pattern we choose to follow in order to complete our tasks and goals.



**Our Mission:**  
***Loving God,  
Loving People,  
Making Disciples.***



**Our Vision:**  
***Disciples of Christ making  
disciples for Christ.***

***ELABORATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT:***

Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commission mandate with a Great Commandment Passion.

***GREAT COMMISSION:*** *Matthew 28:19 & 20*

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

***GREAT COMMANDMENT:*** *Matthew 22:37-40*

And He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

***ELABORATION OF OUR VISION STATEMENT:***

We will glorify God through equipping our Biblical Community to reach the unchurched community in culturally relevant ways for Christ.

Parts of the whole: Each part helps us to filter or sift through what we will do and what we won't do as a church.

- Our vision is to be God honoring in all we do. (Is the ministry / opportunity God honoring?)
- Our vision is to equip disciples to be a Biblical community. (Will the ministry/opportunity help us make disciples? Will it build Biblical community?)
- Our vision is to reach the unchurched locally and globally for Christ through the body of Christ. (Will this ministry/opportunity help us reach others for Christ?)
- Our vision is to be both Biblically as well as culturally relevant. (Is this ministry/opportunity Biblically sound? Is it culturally relevant?)

# Our Core Values...

**WORSHIP** - Magnify, Exalting Christ, Glorifying God in all we do. Includes Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ, Sharing Christ, Exalting Christ.

~Glorifying God with everything we've got~

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

**FELLOWSHIP** - Membership, Knowing Christ, Fellowship with God and with Each Other. Includes Prayer and The Ordinances (Baptism and Communion), and Membership.

~Sharing truth in context of loving relationships~

"Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another." Ephesians 4:25

**DISCIPLESHIP** - Maturing, Growing in Christ. Includes Bible reading and teaching.

~Pursuing Christ-likeness as evidenced by a changing life~

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me." Colossians 1:28 & 29

**MINISTRY** - Serving Christ, Equipping. Includes SHAPE, serving/ministry in the body of Christ.

~Serving our church according to spiritual gifts and passions~

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others" I Peter 4:10

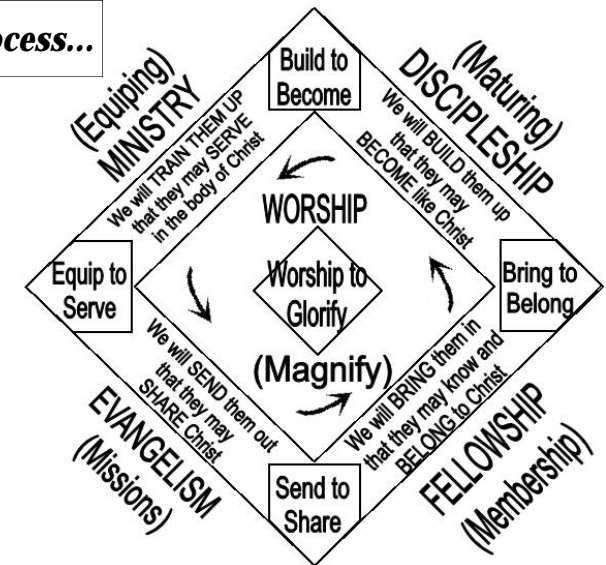
**EVANGELISM** - Missions, Sharing Christ. Includes locally (witnessing) and globally (missions).

~Testifying to the saving work of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to the Heavenly Father~

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8

# Our Strategy...

## The Discipleship Process...



**Our GOAL is to help people reach HOME plate, and to Glorify God with everything we've got in the ongoing growth process!**

### 1st Base:

**FELLOWSHIP:** Sharing truth in context of loving relationships.

### 2nd Base:

**DISCIPLESHIP:** Pursuing Christlikeness evidenced by a changing life.

### 3rd Base:

**MINISTRY:** Serving our church according to spiritual gifts and passion.

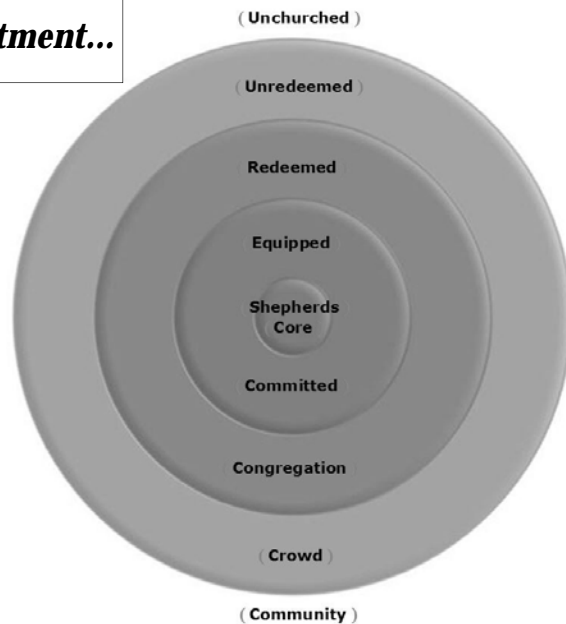
### Home Plate

**EVANGELISM:** Testifying to the saving work of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to our Heavenly Father.

### Ongoing Process

This is an **ongoing growth process** of spiritual formation that includes the dynamic of mentoring relationships.

## Levels Of Commitment...



## Guiding Principles...

1. **PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE UPON GOD:** We need to precede, do, and conclude everything in an attitude of prayerful dependence upon the Lord. This is God's work and needs His leading, His anointing, and His blessing in order for us to accomplish what He wants.
2. **WORD BASED FAITH AND PRACTICE:** We are a people identified by the Word of God, and we want to base all matters of faith and practice on what the Bible has revealed without taking away or adding anything to it.
3. **FAMILY FOCUSED MULTI-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY:** We are a church that comprises all generations and sees that both biblically and historically, the family of God has always included every generation as disciples of Christ. Our ministry should assist families and members of all generations to become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
4. **JOYFUL TEAM BASED SERVICE:** We value the way we build relationships while we do things together. As part of a church community we appreciate laughing together and enjoying

the humor and fun of being a Christian and the life God gives us to live. As such, it is the responsibility of every member to know and use their spiritual gifts, passions, and resources, and learn how to work well together.

5. **THE PROCESS IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE PRODUCT:** How we get there is as important as our destination. Towards that end, there is the need to promote unity through sharing the truth in love, having a clearly defined decision-making process, and doing God's will His way as quickly and efficiently as we can with both excellence and a sense of urgency.
6. **CULTURALLY RELEVANT MINISTRY:** Just as a missionary must understand the culture and seek ways to adapt his ministry and manners to reach people for Christ so we must do the same. The message of the Gospel does not change but methods and ministries must be constantly evaluated and adjusted to have the greatest impact on the people we are seeking to reach for Christ.



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