

VISION STATEMENT

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God has given me a vision of a church with Jesus Christ as its leader, its center, and its Lord; a church that praises the Father for the gift of His Son in the power of the Spirit.

A church that is truly a house of worship. Where prayer is priority, praise is paramount and worship is more than a service or song. A church with a burning desire to know God's word and to live it out.

A church unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; one that shouts God's word from the rooftops, and whispers grace in the ear of a world in need. Where love is real, and everyone is invited to experience it.

A church for all people, where racial differences fade in the light of brotherhood; where the rich worship beside the poor; where the aged join hands with the young; where the skeptic finds reason to believe, and the believer finds reason to rejoice.

A church where families grow strong; where couples find each other and fulness of life in Christ; where children are treated as blessings, not bothers; where youth are disciplined in a manner befitting future kingdom leaders; where marriages are mended, and victims of broken homes find a forever-family; where older people find new purpose.

A church that stands up for the cast down; whose mission takes it outside the four walls of comfort, taking Jesus to its community, its region, the dark corners, and the ends of the earth.

A church that communicates the old, old story, in bold, creative ways. Where spiritual gifts are engaged, and buried talents are employed in the King's service; where the Body of Christ is made visible.

I have a vision of a church in this world, that reaches the lost, grows in faith, and serves God and others together; a beautiful foreshadowing of the eternal, redeemed community who will live forever with Christ and each other in the world to come.

I have a vision of a church. I can see it. Question is: do you see it, too?