

*** The Savior's Chapel Vision Statement**
2010

God's vision - Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost.

Our vision can be no less

Jesus stood and looked out over Jerusalem and wept - His heart was broken for all those that rejected Him.

When was the last time we wept over people.

*** Vision Prayer**

Go ahead, God, and break my heart for the people around me. Help me see what You see. Help me see, love, and care about others as You care about them. Amen.

Today, look at the Vision for The Savior's Chapel

Pr 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish"

Includes:

- God's Mission for us
- Our vision - what we'd like to see our church become to accomplish God's Mission
- Our objectives - how are we going accomplish the vision

*** *OUR MISSION***

ATo go, making disciples as we go in God=s strength and with God=s message.@

Mt. 28:19-20

We must be committed to conversion growth (includes effective evangelism)

We must "go and make disciples"

We must go in God's strength and with God's message

John 15:16 *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last.*

In your going...as you go...whenever you go...wherever you go...as often as you go...however you go...for whatever reasons you go...no matter with whom you go...make disciples. The church of Jesus Christ is in the disciple-making business.@

*** *OUR VISION***

(What do we want The Savior's Chapel to look like?)

* To Raise up and Establish a strong local church which will *challenge, influence and impact* the people of the Greece community and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ;

* To Train up a people who are skillful in the Word of God and who will embrace who they are in Christ, reaching their fullest potential in Him and therefore making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

* To Present the Word of God as the only relevant and practical guide which, when followed, enhances marriages, family relationships, careers and every facet of life.

* To Build a community of loving, forgiving and caring believers who share their lives with each other and who are committed to serving God by serving others.

* To Engage in International Ministries both here and abroad to do our part in completing the Great Commission.

*** OUR OBJECTIVES**
(How are we going to get there?)

*** 1. To search our hearts and become broken before God - leading to love and obedience.**
(*AI*nwards@)

- a. Emphasis in preaching
- b. Teaching in small groups
- c. Christian Growth classes

2 Chronicles 7:14 *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

Psalm 32 (Ps. 32:1) *Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*

* Psalm 51:16-17 *You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

*** 2. To bring restoration and build fellowship one with the other.** (*ASid*wards@)

Hebrews 10:24-25 *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

* 1 John 1:7 *If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

If we accomplish Objective #1 (hearts broken before God), *Objective #2 is fulfilled (fellowship)*

- * a. Love each other deeply 1 Peter 4:8 *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*
- * b. Offer hospitality to one another 1 Peter 4:9 *Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*
- * c. Restoring broken relationships Colossians 3:13 *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*
- * d. Reach out to hurting people and families with the love of Christ
1 John 4:21 *Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*
Romans 12:13 *Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*
Galatians 6:1-2 *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore*

him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Hebrews 10:25 *Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another.*

* e. Organize community building/fellowship activities

- Movie nights
- Joy Riders activities
- Service in the Park

*** 3. To develop a life of personal and corporate prayer. (AUpwards@)**

* Proverbs 15:8 *"The prayer of the upright pleases the Lord."*

What makes you upright?

- Relationship with God (#1)
- Relationship with others (#2)
- Greatest command - Love God w/heart, soul, mind strength & neighbor as self

* Proverbs 15:29 *"The Lord hears the prayer of the righteous."*

If we're not righteous, we're not on praying grounds.

We need to go back to objective #1 and #2

* Isaiah 56:7 *"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."*

* Acts 1:14 *"They all joined together constantly in prayer."*

* 1 Peter 3:12 *"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayers."*

a. Emphasis in teaching and preaching

b. Modeled by:

- Small group prayer
- Corporate prayer meeting

*** 4. To grow spiritually and develop in discipleship. (AOnwards@)**

* a. To emphasize love for God which manifests itself in obedience and total commitment

Mark 12:30,31 *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.*

1 John 5:3 *This is love for God: to obey his commands.*

* b. To develop committed Christian disciples at every age level and train them for ministry.

- Help people to know where their spiritual gifts lie
- Empower each believer to use those gifts in ministry *1 Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

- Discipleship classes

* c. Put in place a Leadership Training program

- Leader in Training
- Classes and instruction
- Ministry experience

* d. Emphasize the importance of baptism *Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized, everyone of you.*

* e. Develop small groups - Bible study, prayer and fellowship

(Young adults; young couples; Married with kids, Silver liners, etc.)

- * f. Emphasize the importance of Christian Growth Classes
 - Continual evaluation of our Christian Growth curriculum to keep it Vision focused.
 - Make our teachings heart knowledge, not just head knowledge
 - Jas 1:22 *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it*

says.

- Develop and expand adult Christian Growth classes
 - perhaps a more systematic approach - lay out what we'd like teach
- VBS
- * g. Children's Ministry Luke 18:16 *But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

Our goal is to help all of our children grow to know, love, and serve God.

We must plan for it, pray for it, work for it, and measure the degree to which we achieve it

- Make our children's ministry a top priority
- Recruit and train teachers (Child evangelism)
- Develop a children's program to meet the needs of growth
 - so exciting that the kids will beg parents to bring them back
- * h. Youth Group
- * i. Alliance Men
- * j. Alliance Women

*** 5. To have an *active* passion for reaching those, both in our community and around the world. (Outwards@)**

A healthy church emphasizes both an inward focus and an outward focus.

Outward - (about the people who are not here yet)

(unbelieving, unchurched, de-churched and under-churched)

Intentionally doing things to attract new people.

Prioritize activities and ministries that reach out to new people, touching them where they live/work/play.

Must be a matter of priority (Inward is easier)

- * Mark 5:19 *Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.* (The man who had been demon possessed.)

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*

- * a. Emphasize in our teaching and preaching the reality of the lostness of man without Christ.
- * b. Introduce evangelism training in various settings
 - 1 Peter 3:15 *But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*
- * c. Encourage the regular members of our congregation to pro-actively establish relationships with those outside the church.
- * d. Become an exceptionally warm and friendly church
 - Guest welcome center
 - Guest greeters
 - Guest follow-up
 - Develop habit of everyone getting to know new people
 - introduce yourselves,

- show interest
- call the office and get a phone number
- * e. To develop outward focused Small Group Bible studies
- * f. Organize and implement outreach ministries into the community Isaiah 1:17 *Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.*
 - Pray and look for Open Doors
 - Outreach to international students (AMissions In My Backyard@)
 - Adopt-A-Cop
 - Life Line Screening
 - Utilize the Community Center (*movies, seminars, kids activities, etc*)

Our strategy: Penetration

Going to them, meeting them on their turf, their terms and their schedule

- People are more responsive

Mt. 5:13 *"You are the salt of the earth."* A salt shaker is no good until it's turned upside down and shaken out on something (someone)

Effective penetration strategies require broad participation.

GOAL: To activate every person in the church to "take it to them."

- * g. Emphasize the importance of world missions *Matthew 28:19 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.*
 - Mission conventions
 - Pray, Give, and Go
 - Monthly missions highlights
 - Mission trips
 - International Student ministry

* OUR GOALS

- * 1. Train 100 % of attendees in evangelism
- * 2. One conversion per 10 worship attendees
- * 3. 8 Small Groups in the next year (new groups outward focused)
- * 4. Develop and implement a Guest Retention/Assimilation plan
- * 5. Develop our Christian Growth classes and focus on building and equipping
- * 6. Develop a vibrant and exciting children=s program where kids beg their parents to bring them.
- * 7. Develop and implement a vibrant youth ministry and have a group of 25 in the next 2 years.
- * 8. Have 80% of our attendees involved in ministry (in and/or out of church)
- * 9. Increase attendance by 50% in the next year
- * 10. Begin plans for adding more classrooms.

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