

Strategic Plan — 2015-2016

VISION

A Church led by God's Holy Spirit, joined and knit together by what every member supplies, with all doing their share and growing in love to fulfill God's great purpose for humanity to bring many children to glory (Ephesians 4:16; Hebrews 2:10).

MISSION

The mission of the Church of God is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in all the world, make disciples in all nations and care for those disciples.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We believe our Father has called us into a relationship with Him and one another through Jesus Christ. *We believe* the immutable Word of God shows how to build loving relationships (1 John 1:3) and to become more like Jesus Christ.

- *Therefore* we will strive to live by every Word of God, led by His Holy Spirit in humility, enabling these relationships to grow and flourish.

We believe God the Father, through Jesus Christ, is building His Church, which is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, and we, also, as living stones are being built into a spiritual house (Matthew 16:18, 1 Corinthians 3:9, 1 Peter 2:5).

- *Therefore* as members of the household of God, we grow together into a holy temple for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22).

We believe God's plan of salvation includes every individual who yields to Him and Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:4). His plan includes the calling and perfecting of those who are being converted now as well as those to be converted in the ages to come.

- *Therefore* it is the duty of the Church to proclaim a message of hope and a call to repentance, to observe all things Christ has commanded, and to prepare members of the Body of Christ for service.

We believe all humanity will ultimately have the opportunity to learn of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection and the good news of the Kingdom of God. *We believe* the gospel provides every individual an opportunity to become part of God's family (Acts 10:34-35).

- *Therefore*, in order to maximize the effectiveness of the gospel message, we endeavor to reach all people in a way they can understand with a balanced mix of doctrine, prophecy and Christian living—recognizing that any lasting fruit is produced by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe humanity is in urgent need of the gospel message in advance of the events surrounding Christ's return. *We believe* Jesus commissioned His Church to declare what is to come, to warn of the consequences of sin, to preach repentance and to proclaim the hope of eternal salvation (Matthew 24:13-14, 21; 28:18-20).

- *Therefore*, we take very seriously the Church's responsibility to boldly preach the gospel to this world with zeal and a sense of urgency (John 9:4).

POSITIONING STATEMENTS

We believe building meaningful, godly relationships is taught in Scripture. *Therefore* we must:

- Become one in God and Christ through the Holy Spirit.
- Love God and keep His commandments.
- Love one another as Christ loves us.
- Teach and live Christ-like service.
- Speak the truth openly in godly love.
- Foster godly relationships among all.
- Be a ministry of reconciliation.

We believe we are to strive to attain the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, to develop leadership for the Church and to prepare a people for works of service. *Therefore* we must:

- Provide in-depth biblical teaching.
- Answer the great questions of life—does God exist, who is God, what is God, what is His purpose, who is man, what is man, what is our purpose, and what is our relationship with God?
- Develop training and educational programs for ministry, members and youth.
- Provide the necessary facilities for our local congregations, and for training and education purposes.
- Implement the best training and education programs.

We believe Christ commissions us to preach the gospel in all the world. *Therefore* we must:

- Energize the entire Church in fulfilling its mission to preach the gospel.
- Motivate members to be like Christ and be lights in the world.
- Use the most appropriate methods to reach various audiences.
- Use the most effective media technology to deliver a relevant, inspiring, transforming message to the world.
- Use media to engage with our audience.
- Apply the principles of the Media Guiding Principles (see appendix).

GOALS

Public Proclamation

Proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God, that continually increases and improves in effectiveness, impact and global reach.

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Congregational Care

A spiritual body that grows in love, righteousness, unity, Christ-like service, grace and peace.

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Organizational Administration

Communication channels and administrative policies and practices that enhance effectiveness, unity and godly relationships among employees, elders and volunteers.