

# PASTOR'S VISION 2010

***Children are as important to God as adults.***

***80% of those who come to Christ do so before they turn 18.***

***Youth are not the future of the church – they ARE the church!***

***In a fragmented society the church must defend and encourage family values.***

***Pray first. Pray always. Without prayer nothing of eternal consequence will happen. Work hard – Pray harder!***

***The church exists to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.***

1. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – will go beyond just Sunday School, with Awana Clubs, Super Saturdays – aggressive outdoor programs, high impact, high visibility, high energy programs that reach into the community. VBS will be a dynamic "knock-your-socks-off" program that yearly reaps a rich harvest of young lives. We will pursue reaching and winning children for Christ outside the church walls.
2. YOUTH MINISTRY – will impact on junior and senior high youth here and abroad - that is relevant, dynamic, action packed, exciting, that "draws" youth out of the world's clutches and into the hands of God. Highly evangelistic (go get 'em), and strongly "disciple making", that is, producing radically committed Christians. A youth ministry that trains teens to lead others to Christ and to serve Him faithfully.
3. COLLEGE MINISTRY – will deliberately reach out to Grove City College and Slippery Rock University campuses and ministers to the felt needs of college Christians equipping and enabling them to reach out to their peers with the Gospel of Christ. We will sponsor, plan, and promote guest lecture series with well-known Christian speakers such as Ravi Zacharius, Chuck Colson, etc. We will encourage a housing ministry for foreign students in homes of influential Christians. We foresee the hiring of a college ministry coordinator with a strong bent toward evangelism, discipleship and missions. We will sponsor life-changing missions trips every year as part of an ongoing college ministry. We envision being a training center college overseas ministries.
4. FAMILY MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP – We will be a loving, laughing, learning and growing fellowship in Christ. We will promote a program centered on the family, both traditional and single parent. Retreats, seminars, support groups, family home Bible studies, and care groups will be part of our ministry. We will become a "caring, burden-bearing fellowship" where hurting people can be helped and healed. A need-based ministry to a hurting society. An effective counseling ministry for families and individuals. We envision strong support groups for people facing lives in difficulties and problems.
5. JOYFUL WORSHIP - the church is the gathering of saints in the name of the Lord where he is worshipped, adored and loved with all that is within us. Worship is composed of music, singing, scripture reading, and prayers in such a way that every worshiper leaves knowing and experiencing the presence of God. Other means of worship will be through drama arts, musical-dramatic productions, children's theater and musical productions, kids worship with dramatic puppet ministry, etc.
6. PRAYER MINISTRY – We will promote everyone, everywhere, every way, every day praying in prayer teams, home prayer cells, prayer partners, prayer vigils, prayer rooms, prayer concerts, prayer retreats, prayer seminars, 24 hour prayer chains, and prayer hot lines. We will be a house of prayer where prayer is taught and caught through exercise and practice. Intercessory prayer teams will be trained in discernment, spiritual warfare, and prayer walking, prayer journey ministries. We envision teams of prayer warriors participating in overseas prayer journeys.
7. MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER – We will develop a genuine biblical and practical training program for lay leadership. Sunday School will become a powerful training tool and a springboard into life and ministry, offering training in every area of spiritual discipline and ministry. It begins with a deliberate discipleship program for every new believer, membership classes, and ministry training through TEE leadership series through six-book studies of Matthew.
8. EVANGELISTIC STRATEGY – We will employ an aggressive plan of saturation evangelism so to reach everyone within our reach with a clear presentation of the Gospel, and an invitation to receive Christ as Savior. It will be modeled after "Every Home for Christ" where we are not finished until every home in our reachable area has had a clear presentation of the Gospel. Our goal is to reach out to every person, by every available means, with a clear presentation of the Gospel.
9. MISSIONS MINISTRY – We are a missionary movement. We encourage direct involvement of every believer in missions related activities. We will support missions financially. We will pray, send, and go on yearly short-term missions teams in direct ministry efforts (such as VBS), building projects, literature distribution, and prayer journeys. We will promote the adoption of unreached peoples through study, prayer and personal commitment see them become a reached people with a church among them.
10. FACILITIES – We have plenty of room to grow for a multipurpose facility - room to develop, minister to the new generations of the 21st Century. We will expand our sanctuary, gymnasium, and education units to meet the needs of growth. We will provide adequate parking, a picnic area, with softball/volleyball fields, large and lovely fellowship hall, comfortable family rooms, full service library, day care center, and counseling center, and youth center.