

# **Draft of Discovery Report**

## **Connect Authentically**

**We take care of each other. We connect our church family by loving one another, respecting our differences, and nurturing relationships.**

Goal 1: Every person is a part of at least one relational group (SS, small group, choir, etc.) within the church.

Initiative 1. Include our homebound in those gatherings/groups by coordinating transportation with family/caregivers.

Initiative 2. We encourage those relational groups to have more regular fellowship and to get to know each other in more authentic and deep ways.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 2: Use technology to develop relationships.

Initiative 1. Have everyone use the membership/database app.

Initiative 2. Contact each member by various means on a periodic and ongoing basis.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 3: Support each other and our community in all phases and challenges of life.

Initiative 1. We offer support groups based on regular needs assessments of the church membership.

Initiative 2. Develop a program where members are organized to reach out to those who have been away.

Initiative 3. Have a well-developed, articulated plan for welcoming guests and fostering long-term relationships with them.

Initiative 4. Educate ourselves on best practices for helping those with special needs as they discover God's plan for their lives.

Initiative 5. Actively pray with and for each other

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 4: Evaluate church campus for highest and best use as well as accessibility and future needs.

Initiative 1. Cooperate with community partners in our neighborhood for shared campus utilization.

Initiative 2. Build accessibility for those who are experiencing life in different ways.

Additional Initiatives...

## **Disciple Faithfully**

**We seek the Heart of Christ. We grow as passionate life-long followers of Jesus through intentional faith development.**

Goal 1: Each person will have a transformational relationship with Christ.

Initiative 1. We provide varied opportunities to develop deeper relationships with other Christians who share similar interests and needs.

Initiative 2. We begin new small groups to reach out to those inside and outside of church who are not currently in a group.

Initiative 3. Nurture a culture of prayer within our church family.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 2: Children, youth, and adults understand discipleship and ways to live and grow as a Christian.

Initiative 1. Develop a common understanding for “disciple” and “discipleship.”

Initiative 2. Create a curriculum of Bible studies that focuses on issues facing society as well as the needs of the church.

Initiative 3: Members will use assessment tools to understand their God-given gifts.

Initiative 4. Members will set goals towards growing as a life-long disciple.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 3: Provide effective, dynamic Christian education to meet the needs of the person in all ages and phases of life.

Initiative 1. Provide a broad array of resources for individuals, groups, and Bible study leaders to enhance learning and study.

Initiative 2. Deliberately engage in intergenerational opportunities so that we can learn from each other.

Initiative 3. Provide opportunities for intentional discipleship both as a mentor and a mentee.

Initiative 4. Expand our community offerings with a regular (monthly/quarterly/etc.) discipleship focus—think “theology in the professions” in our community (teaching, business, law, healthcare, service industry, hospitality, etc.).

Additional Initiatives...

## Serve Passionately

**Jesus changes lives. We serve as His Hands by offering our gifts and talents to transform the lives of all people.**

Goal 1: We challenge and equip our congregation to participate in service to the local, regional and/or global community.

Initiative 1. Encourage members to integrate their God-given gifts with service opportunities.

Initiative 2. Create a dynamic list of mission opportunities for all members and encourage each member to be a part of at least one project per year.

Initiative 3. Develop a common understanding of “asset-based” approaches to ministry, and integrate that approach into all mission service.

Initiative 4. Commit to understanding the causes and consequences of systemic issues such as poverty, addiction, etc.

Initiative 5. Train our members how to effectively serve as they work with non-profit boards and organizations.

Initiative 6. Encourage and provide mentoring to create a new generation of committed community partners.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 2: Build mutually transformative relationships and partnerships with those who live in our local community.

Initiative 1. Implement a congregational model for supporting sustainable and long-term community transformation through broad collaboration between individuals, agencies, and institutions that addresses the immediate needs of at-risk individuals and families, i.e., foster family support, systemic poverty, grief counseling.

Initiative 2. Gather a coalition of our community partners to share information, ideas, and best practices.

Initiative 3. Offer opportunities for all members to encourage and develop abiding friendships with someone outside their social, political, vocational, and cultural experience.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 3: Build mutually transformative relationships with regional and global partners.

Initiative 1. Develop a missional partnership with *Together for Hope* among the rural poor in Georgia.

Initiative 2. Nurture current long-term relationships with global mission partners and ask mission committee to pursue future opportunities for global ministry. This would include *CBF-Encourager Church* partnerships, mission trip opportunities, etc.

Initiative 3. Ensure that all our partnerships are regularly evaluated and committed to dynamic and effective ministry that is transformational and sustainable.

Additional Initiatives...

## Share Boldly

**We love our neighbor. We share the Good News of God's love for the world and invite others to a saving relationship with Christ.**

Goal 1: We share our faith by welcoming, serving, and building relationships with all including the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

Initiative 1. Share our faith intentionally with our Weekday Preschool families.

Initiative 2. Build deeper, long-term relationships to the marginalized in our community to welcome them to new life in Christ.

Initiative 3. Cultivate a relationship between our church and each of the three colleges in our local area by offering specific opportunities for Bible study on and off campus.

Initiative 4. Explore ways of using our TV broadcast, streaming, and web service to engage the spiritual needs of those in our community.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 2: We follow the Great Commission in our community, our region, our country, and our world.

Initiative 1. We welcome our neighbors and share the gospel.

Initiative 2. We equip our members with the tools to share their faith story and the Christian story in ways that invite them to new life in Christ.

Initiative 3. Every member has an opportunity to assess their personal strengths and spiritual gifts in order to develop a Christ-centered relationship with fellow believers.

Initiative 4. We support evangelism in global missions through our prayers, and we seek opportunities to share the gospel with immigrants from around the world.

Initiative 5. Study the most effective ways to seek out, engage, and share the message of Christ in our community.

Additional Initiatives...

# Worship Vibrantly

**God deserves our best. We worship to glorify God, experience the Living Christ, and respond to the Holy Spirit.**

Goal 1: We are faithful to our worship tradition and will foster creativity, diversity, inspiration, and inclusivity in our services.

Initiative 1. Members of every age lead in worship through prayer, readings, music, and testimony.

Initiative 2. Provide weekly worship previews to encourage and prepare for worship.

Initiative 3. Worshippers are trained to lead and participate in the worship service.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 2: Provide worship opportunities through multiple forums.

Initiative 1. Partner with other local congregations to promote diverse worship experiences.

Initiative 2. Explore opportunities for worship services at alternate times/locations.

Initiative 3. Pursue dynamic approaches to the live broadcast as well as our webcast and other online connection opportunities. New lead-ins, promotions, apps, etc.

Additional Initiatives...

Goal 3: Equip and inspire members to worship God individually in their daily lives through devotion and prayer.

Initiative 1. Provide tangible ways to continue connecting with the worship service experience throughout the week.

Additional Initiatives...

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