

# REFINING OUR VISION

TO BE GOD'S HEART TO THIS  
COMMUNITY:

HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?



# 2006

- A group of leaders and members was formed to formulate a Vision, Mission, and Values statement for the church.
- Composed of elders, ministers, and involved members from different ministries and demographic groups.
- The journey would take about 10 months to discover ourselves, the community and God's will.



# 2007–STATEMENTS PRESENTED

## OUR VISION

We will be God's heart to this community. Connected to God, we will live beyond our abilities, fears, and imaginations. With God's power flowing through us, we commit to:

- Deepen biblical understanding that produces greater spiritual maturity.
- Honor God as the center of our worship and invite others into His presence.
- Make the most of our unique location for local and far-reaching spiritual impact.
- Provide a home for people seeking unconditional love, peace, belonging, and rest.
- Reach out to diverse communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

# OUR MISSION

To boldly show Jesus, to love God, and to love others because God first loved us.



## OUR VALUES

The following values express our most passionate and unyielding priorities.

### ***Connecting with God***

...By honoring Jesus Christ as the head of His church, yielding to the Bible as the Inspired Word of God, and faithfully worshipping God.

### ***Connecting with Christians***

...By welcoming each other into a home for people seeking unconditional love, peace, belonging, and rest.

### ***Connecting with Others***

...By sharing Christ's truth as a welcome into authentic Christian community.



# WHAT IMPACT HAS OUR VMV HAD ON US?

- We discovered that we were primarily attracting other Christians and were struggling with differences with certain practices.
  - We needed to prepare ourselves for Outreach to others.
  - Our current ministries have been developed and aligned with VMV in mind and new ministries have emerged.
  - Each year our activities have been tested against the VMV statements and reset budget priorities.
  - We have continued to explore opportunities of service and developed our hearts for others in need and struggling. Each one has taught us something or prepared us in some way
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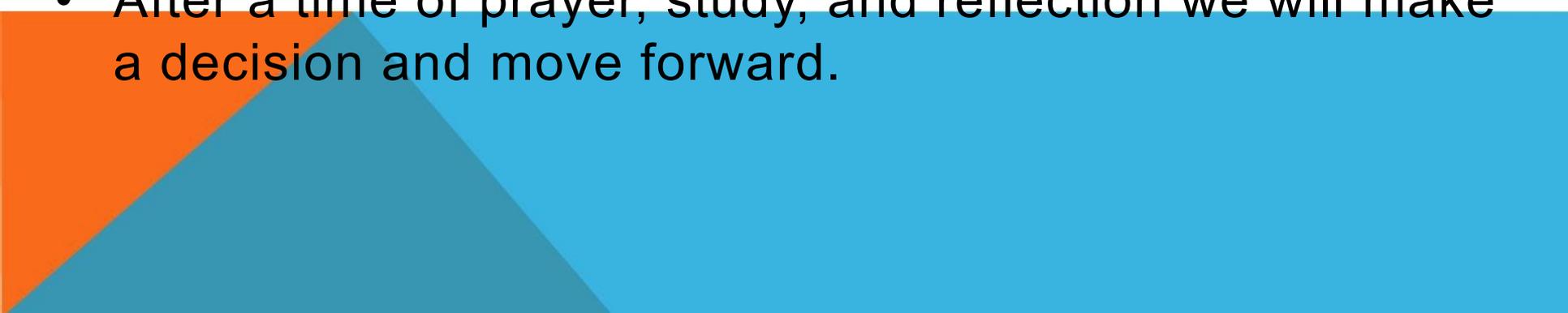
## EXPLORING VISION

Over the next few weeks, we will be presenting information that we have learned or validated so far.

- Re-examining the community to discover who they are and there are the current needs.
- Finding a pathway beyond a connection to us into God's family.
- Freeing ourselves of uncertainty and fear to action.



## WE HAVE LEARNED

- While many are turning away from God, others have been brought to us searching to know him.
  - Even though our facility has demonstrated many challenging needs, it is located in a great place, we have no encumbering debt, and are eager to use it more fully in God's service.
  - Even though we are excited to do God's will, we are still unsure and afraid of what we might need to do and sacrifice.
  - After a time of prayer, study, and reflection we will make a decision and move forward.
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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

- We need you to continue to pray for God's will be known.
  - No decisions have been made.
  - We want to be wise and careful in our discernment.
  - We want to walk together.
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