

ANNUAL REPORT OF LEAD PASTOR

May 2019-APRIL 2020

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I bring you this report for my second year as Pastor and congregation, it certainly has been an interesting year for us. We began this year with a celebration of two new members to the church. We had an awesome time holding VBS for the first time in a few years with great connection and involvement from all of us. Fall brought us to our revival services with Rev. Jeremy McLaughlin. This past fall we also launched Rooted Ministries for our 4th-6th graders. Once again Kristin and Becky did a great job with our Children's Christmas program. We have had several changes in our church attendance over this past year, but we are seeing growth both in our Sunday numbers and midweek. We are seeing a commitment from our people to grow and to be challenged in the Word. Part of that commitment has come from Denise Russom's leadership over children's church and many others as we have engaged with some new Sunday School curriculums and ways to connect families with the Scriptures. As we move into this new church year, I want to remind us of our mission and vision as well as talk about how we as the church will take action to continue to be a church that is faithful to the mission of God in the world.

Our Mission: *To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations*

Matthew 28:19-20 is the Great Commission, the call to the church to continue the work that Jesus began. We want to share with others the transformational power of Jesus both here locally and around the world.

Our Vision: *Where Every Story Matters*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 1 Chronicles 16:12 tell us that God has written for us God's story and we know the value of it, it is the greatest story ever told. Every one of us has a story as well, both of the good and the bad in our lives, but also of God's work of redemption and love. We want to continue learning each other's stories, like reading our favorite books, but we also want to continue to find new stories and journey with each other as chapters are being written. Let us become good listeners to other stories but also become good story tellers ourselves.

Our Action: *To R.E.A.D. the Great Commission and Multiply the Kingdom*

Reach- Our action of Evangelism, finding those that need to hear the Gospel and sharing our stories and learning theirs. Allowing ourselves to be guided by prayer: Prayer walks, follow God's leading, and asking for the Luke 10:02 prayer-praying for workers for the harvest to become part of identity.

Equip- Our action of Discipleship, both in the church and homes, providing resources and classes to deepen our biblical understanding. Expanding our existing ministries and beginning new

outreaches like a youth group, bible studies, and home groups. Finding a way to connect every person and family with a discipleship group or area.

Adopt-Our action of support, welcoming in new families to the church, getting involved in areas and ministries that God has given you gifts and passions for. Becoming encouragers of one another and creating deeper fellowship.

Deploy-Our action of service and mission, serving our community, and making plans for mission trips. Empowering each other to go out and be the church in our homes, work, and wherever we go.

As we have begun talking about this vision God has given me for 200 people at the church, I want us to think about how to start to engage with this growth through action. In addition to what we have talked about for goals this year, here are a few ways I can see us expanding our ministries.

Bible Quizzing for children and teens

Explore a midweek discipleship program for our younger children.

Begin a monthly alternative Saturday service, this would be something with a different style than our traditional Sunday mornings.

Exploring launching a coffee shop ministry and Hispanic ministries.

Becoming a training facility for ministry students.

These are just a few ideas that God has placed on my heart. I want us to be faithful to what God is calling us to do and to hear from you as well as to where you see God leading us in these next few years. May we journey together in this, learning from each other's stories and lives and above all else let us be willing to follow the Spirit of God and His leading.

Respectfully Submitted-April 2020

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