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*Our vision is a prayer that God is answering and a dream that is coming true.*

**We are Loving God, Loving People, and Loving Life**

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## PEOPLE WITH A PURPOSE

*Purpose answers the questions: Why are we here? What are we called to do? Our primary purposes are:*

- **Exalting the Lord.** This means putting Him first in our lives and celebrating our love for Him together in Scriptural ways. Since we each exist to worship Him (Ephesians 3:21, Revelation 4:8-11), joyful praise and whole-hearted worship are at the heart of our purpose as a church.
- **Empowering Believers.** If the church is to impact the world, believers must be continually changed from their former patterns of life to new lives that please Him. The church is a place where people are empowered, inspired and trained to live in the newness of the Christian life (Ephesians 4:7-17).
- **Extending the Kingdom of God.** Apart from Christ, people are lost in the darkness of sin. They need the clear light of the Gospel message and the saving, healing and delivering love of God. The church exists to bring this Good News to people everywhere (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47-48, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)

## AN UNSTOPPABLE MISSION

*Mission is the task we focus on every day. Our mission is:*

*“To build an unstoppable church that will transform families, nations and generations with the love of Jesus Christ in our city and around the world.” (Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)*

## A BIBLICAL PATTERN

*Our pattern for ministry is the New Testament church at Antioch, the most successful force for Christian ministry in the early church. The church at Antioch was...*

- A Word-Centered Church (Acts 11:26; 13:1). Paul and Barnabas taught the church, strengthening the believers in the Word of God.
- A Spirit-Filled Church (Acts 13:1-2). The Holy Spirit was freely moving and speaking in the church at Antioch, especially through prophetic ministry.
- A Worshiping Church (Acts 13:2). When the Christians at Antioch gathered together, their first activity was to minister to the Lord.
- A Praying Church (Acts 13:2). The people prayed and fasted until they heard from God. Their missionary activity was born in a prayer meeting.
- A Discipling Church (Acts 11:29). The believers there were known as disciples, meaning that they were disciplined followers of Jesus Christ.

- A Compassionate Church (Acts 11:29-30). When Jerusalem was hit by famine, Antioch responded with practical help.
- A Multicultural Church (Acts 13:1). Jews, Nigerians, Gentiles and aristocrats were all counted among one group of prophets and teachers.
- An Apostolic Church (Acts 13:3). Antioch was a “base church.” The life and power of God was sent out in wave after wave of ministry teams mobilized according to the prophetic promptings of the Holy Spirit.

## A SIMPLE FOCUS: TRANSFORMED LIVES

*In a busy world, we want to keep it simple. It all boils down to TRANSFORMED LIVES. So we give our time and energy to the things that bring the most change to people’s lives:*

### 1. ENCOUNTERING GOD

The Holy Spirit is moving today. As we participate in prayer, worship and ministry, we are restored and renewed inside. This prepares us to reach those around us with the love of God.

### 2. GROWING RELATIONSHIPS

The church is a spiritual family. To be healthy, we need a right relationship with God (the vertical dimension), and right relationships with each other (the horizontal dimension). The power of the cross is revealed when both dimensions come together (1John 2:9-11).

### 3. EQUIPPING DISCIPLES

We train children, young people and adults to be successful in every aspect of life. This includes those who have a calling to vocational as well as marketplace ministry. We aim to send those we train to the places God calls them (Proverbs 24:27, Acts 13:1-3) and to encourage them as they fulfill this calling.

### 4. REACHING OUT

Evangelism and kingdom growth are the ultimate goal of all of our efforts. Because we are called to fulfill the Great Commission we place top priority on world missions city-reaching strategies and personal outreach. We aim to continually reach out and win people of all ages to Jesus Christ.

## OUR DREAMS FOR YOU

*We have five goals for every man, woman, student and child we serve:*

1. To be saved by receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
2. To be healed and set free within through the power of the Holy Spirit
3. To discover personal identity, gifting and calling
4. To be trained to serve God and experience true success in life
5. To be sent (or placed) into a place of service that makes a difference