

# Cedar Grove Community Church

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VISION2020

The **Vision2020** Strategic Plan is intended to be a guide. CGCC leadership continues to prayerfully consider God's direction for our church family as we move purposefully together toward our vision, mission and values. As disciples our call is to advance the Gospel, increase in unity, and care for our resources, as we grow in Christ Jesus. **Vision2020** is a continuation of what God is already doing in our midst as we commit to answer a very important question: *what will our church look like in 2020?*

In faith we move forward, realizing that we hold this plan loosely as we prayerfully allow the Holy Spirit to direct our course. As a church, we step toward these initiatives while continuing to strengthen current ministries. It is crucial that we **equip, empower, and encourage** people to make forward progress in their faith journey with Jesus. (Ephesians 4:11-16) In order to accomplish this we build from our core values.

## CGCC Values

### **Worship** - Disciples seek to worship God...always

- *Mathew 22:37 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...mind."*
  - Worship in our devotion to prayer
  - Worship with our time in and commitment to Scripture
  - Worship by making decisions and choices that glorify God
  - Worship by surrendering our control to God's

### **Community** - Disciples seek to ensure healthy community

- *Matthew 22:39 "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*
  - Community in relationships built on Godly love
  - Community in discipleship-based gatherings
  - Community strengthened in support and care for others
  - Community seeks unity through grace and truth

### **Freedom** - Disciples seek to live free in grace, peace and love

- *Galatians 5:1 "For freedom we have been set free.."*
  - Freedom to do what is right
  - Freedom to be generous and gracious in stewardship
  - Freedom to be grounded in Scriptural living
  - Freedom to form our identity in Christ's redemptive work

### **Mission** - Disciples seek to live as imitators of Jesus' mission

- *Matthew 28:29 "Go Therefore and make disciples of all nations..."*
  - Mission seeks to connect our story with God's Story
  - Mission shares the hope found in Christ...the Gospel of salvation
  - Mission reflects the Gospel in both attitude and action
  - Mission is about *being* the church and not just going to church

We build upon these values by focusing on these strategic initiatives.

## Strategic Initiatives: Vision2020

### Expand: Two New Gatherings

**One Here:** add a third service to our weekly schedule

- Provide another attendance option for teaching and worship

**One There:** plant a church

- Form a small gathering with the intention of launching a new church body

### Engage: Missions Investment

- Increase our partnership with Mike Silva International (MSI)
  - Invest in an international festival every other year
  - Support and send teams regularly to MSI festivals
- Expand number of *Faith in Action* weekends, seeking opportunities to serve our community
- Increase partnership with like-minded agencies and churches in our community

### Empower: Leadership Mentoring

- Internship: create a program to reach, teach, release ministry interns
- Mentoring: establish a one-on-one mentoring program
- Antioch School: utilize to equip/empower/encourage leaders

### Eliminate: Debt Free

- Create an intentional plan to eliminate our debt of \$800,000

### Explore: Site Master Plan

- Feasibility study: Continue to improve and expand property in alignment with our purpose

## Looking back...looking forward

- In 2012, we were challenged to go “Above and Beyond”; we trusted the Lord to provide and were stretched by faith. We raised about \$60,000 over our budget without compromising our 2012 budget. In fact, donations exceeded our need to meet expenses. We sent teams to Japan, Portland, and El Salvador. We put clean water wells in El Salvador and were a part of a national movement where the Gospel was proclaimed and thousands responded.
- In 2013, we have been challenged to “Let Love Out.” We planned a couple of ways to serve our community as we desire to reflect the love of Christ and other opportunities have organically grown from our congregation. We have been serving together at schools, senior centers, and on our front lawn. We are increasingly finding ways to love our neighbors. Serving is increasing beyond our plans. In short, this love of Christ that we have received is being given away.
- Cedar Grove will continue to be a place where we are challenged to go deeper with Christ, in Christ and for Christ. We are a multi-generational family of faith, and we desire to make sure ministry reaches all ages.
- It is imperative that we do not lose sight. This is not about how many buildings we have or how many people attend but that we are being who God called us to be; that we are doing what God has called us to do; and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is central in all.
- Looking back we celebrate and learn realizing the Lord never left us alone. Looking forward to step in faith with that same realization: He will never leave us alone.
- This plan should and does include steps of faith. We do not yet have the answer to how we are going to do all of this, and we desire to be open to God’s leading us to alter our plans for the sake of His plans.