

CORNERSTONE CHURCH VISION

What drives this document are five rhythms of church life (gather in worship, learn in studies, serve on teams, grow in community and live on mission) which are infused with key ministry philosophy (expositional preaching, congregational governance, a plurality of pastors, authentic corporate worship, strategic multiplication, intentional evangelism, gospel-centered community, deliberate discipleship, and leadership development). These, we believe, will help us fulfill the future mission statement of Cornerstone Church...

We exist as a church to glorify God by making gospel-centered, grace-saturated disciples of Jesus Christ.

By God's grace, we desire to work toward implementing the following initiatives over the coming years, with priority given to existing and key ministries of the church.

DEVELOP PASTORAL LEADERSHIP — Since a plurality of pastors is Biblical and wise, we desire to pursue men who fulfill the biblical qualifications of a pastor. As soon as possible, we will begin working with potential lay-pastors assessing their character, ability, and fit, so that we can bring them before the church for affirmation.

GATHER IN WORSHIP — We will worship God through congregational singing, the public reading of Scripture, corporate prayer, confession of sin, and the exposition of Scripture with clear application to our lives.

Expositional Preaching

- Intentionally preach through books of the Bible with clear application for daily life.
- Implement sermon notes or journal Bibles to help people follow along with the sermon

Authentic Corporate worship

- Work with existing leaders to craft a vision for this ministry
- Integrate new members so they can use their gifts of music
- Select songs that help maximize congregational singing and help the word of Christ to dwell richly in us
- Train up new musicians through regular music team practices

LEARN IN STUDIES — We will study together to learn the Bible in a practical way and grow with others so we can become more like Jesus and be better equipped for the mission.

Children's Ministry

- Work with existing leaders and new leaders to evaluate and make a plan for this ministry
- Implement an electronic check-in system for stronger security
- Introduce children's ministry training for the purpose of developing new teachers/volunteers and equipping existing ones
- Implement a children's ministry policy and procedure manual
- Develop and work toward a mid-week children's program for increased discipleship

Youth Group

- Work with existing leaders and new leaders to develop a vision for this ministry
- Implement leader training
- Develop and work toward a mid-week youth group gathering for increased discipleship
- Determine which events at GGC we can join to encourage the teens at Cornerstone (camps, mission trips, retreats, etc)

Men's and Women's Ministry

- Establish a women's Bible study
- Establish a men's Bible study and work with the existing brotherhood ministry
- Develop a pathway for men to be raised up through study of theology, practical ministry, etc.

Young Adults

- Develop a leadership team for the young adults of Cornerstone
- Work with GGC events to foster relationships with other Christian young adults

SERVE IN TEAMS — God's work in His people includes a commission to engage in the greatest of all causes, namely, glorifying him by making disciples of Jesus Christ. With that commission come Spirit-empowered gifts so that each believer can fulfill their role in reaching the lost and serving the church. Consequently, we would desire to work toward the creation of multiple service teams that can help assist the church and its mission. These are some of those teams: host team, safety team, outreach, hospitality, and music.

GROW IN COMMUNITY — This is an essential place where we are known and cared for by one another while applying the gospel to everyday life. Community Groups also provide rest from the anxiety and pressure of life in the city and offer a place to form new and deeper relationships.

- Develop a mid-week community group gathering that digs into application from the Sunday sermon
- Establish groups that are a mix of age and church background

LIVE ON MISSION — These are the ways we will seek to live out our faith in the community, at home, at work, or on the mission field.

Intentional evangelism

- Work with existing leaders to continue to use VBS to engage kids with the gospel
- Work with Plant Camp students to make an impact in the community — Summer 2024
- Strategize a mercy ministry that could work with the concern center and/or help meet the needs of the the Rose Park community
- Implement a summer soccer camp outreach (potentially summer of 2025)
- Begin a Biblical Counseling center that will allow us to reach the hurting and struggling in our community with the gospel (potentially 2026 or later)

Strategic multiplication

- Intentionally work toward developing leaders so that we can be a church that plants churches and helps revitalize others
- Strategically partner with people involved in global missions
- Continue to develop and encourage the relationship with the other ethnic churches

SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS

- Create an updated website to help encourage spiritual growth in our church and reach the community
- Put together a history page on the new website as a way to remember the legacy of this church
- Live-streaming our service for public access (those who can't attend, those sick at home, and those exploring the church)
- Update signage to reflect the new name
- Strengthen our online presence for edification and outreach
- Free up time for Pastor James to work on the parking lot paving project to bring it to completion and invest in Cowboy's Rest and other ministries