

**Mission, Vision, Values, Priorities**

**Mission Statement**

Our purpose and passion is to bring God pleasure by believing His Word and doing His will in the power that He provides for the praise of His glory, on earth and in heaven.

**Vision Statement**

*\*Our Vision is Jesus.* We are disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge, faith, grace and obedience, who are committed to making disciples, who go into all the world and make disciples, for the advancement of the glory of God and for the joy of all people.

**Core Values**

The *sovereignty* of God. (Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:4-10)

The *supremacy* of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Peter 1:18-21)

The *sufficiency* of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:25; 16:5-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8; Galatians 3)

The *standard* of the Holy Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

The *sanctity* of God's creation and the value of every person made in God's image. (Matthew 22:38-40; John 3:16; Galatians 5:14)

The *salvation* and *sanctification* of mankind by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3; Galatians 3; Ephesians 2)

The *sacrifice* and *service* of God's people to advance His fame in word and deed. (Acts 20:24; Philippians 1:20-26; 1 Peter 4:19)

**Corporate \*Commitments**

1. *\*The Word.*
  - a. Preaching, Teaching, Christian Education
  - b. Bible Reading, Bible Study
2. *\*The Fellowship.*
  - a. Hospitality, Edification
  - b. Caring for Members
3. *\*The Ordinances.*
  - a. Baptism, The Lord's Table
  - b. Corporate Worship
  - c. Good Works
4. *\*Prayer.*
  - a. Prayer, Praise, Petition
  - b. Spiritual disciplines
5. *\*Making Disciples.*
  - a. Evangelism, Missions
  - b. Discipleship
  - c. Spiritual growth
  - d. Walking by faith in step with the Holy Spirit

\*RE-Vision

The main gathering of the church is the prime occasion for learning Christ, embodying our convictions, exercising our commitments, and growing together. Arguably, more than any other single activity, the regular Sunday gathering forms and shapes the culture of the entire congregation. If the main gathering isn't aligned with our mission, vision, values and commitments, then there is little hope they will be meaningful elsewhere.

Consider our Sunday AM liturgy (our customary order of observances):

- Opening: Welcome, Scripture, Prayer
- Singing: 3 to 4 songs, hymns and spiritual songs
- Choir:
- Children dismissal to children's ministry
- Message: Prayer, Preaching
- Announcements:
- Benediction: Closing Prayer
- Fellowship:
- Note: The Lord's Table is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Baptism is scheduled twice a year.

1. What elements of our liturgy are:

- a. Necessary: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Beneficial and helpful: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- c. Not necessary but not problematic: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Unnecessary and unhelpful: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What changes to our community gathering do you think need consideration?

- a. What should we consider incorporating into our main gatherings?  
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- b. What practices should we consider moving away from?  
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- c. What consideration should be given concerning *the order* of our liturgy?  
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- d. Other helpful comments/recommendations:  
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3. What would help us move toward better practices in the current elements of our congregational gathering?

a. Opening: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Music: \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Choir: \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Dismissal: \_\_\_\_\_

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e. Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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f. Announcements: \_\_\_\_\_

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g. Benediction: \_\_\_\_\_

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h. Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_

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i. Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

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j. The Lord's Table: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The gathering together of the Church is for the Church...and for her guest (see 1 Cor. 14).  
a. In what ways are we being good hosts?

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In what ways can we be better hosts?

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Are we well prepared and ready for guests (greeting, friendliness, cleanliness, signage, etc.)? How might we improve?

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5. There are advantages and disadvantages to hosting multiple main gathering times (presently 9:00 and 10:30). As you consider the advantages and disadvantages, what would you deem best for IBC as it moves forward with its expanded facility regarding a single main gathering or continuing with multiple?

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6. Is the fellowship time after the gathered times helpful to your faith and spiritual growth? How?

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How might our after-service fellowship be improved? (An expanded facility will be helpful.)

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Do you have regular connection with IBC members beyond the gathering times? How so?

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