

VISION STATEMENT

God has an incredible vision for our church, to be a vibrant, welcoming, and enthusiastic body of believers. Led by the Holy Spirit with perseverance we will journey through the Christian life seeking to deepen our relationship with God, our church family and our communities. Endeavoring to fulfill our **Purpose** to Glorify God in these relationships, we will bring a message of hope to people as they encounter the challenges and questions of life.

MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus Christ, the source of our hope, has called us in the power of the Holy Spirit to follow him on a **Mission** to - **Reach, Teach, Send.**

Focus

As we respond to this call, our core values of **Worship, Praying, Caring, Growing and Reaching** will motivate us to accomplish this mission and guide us in its attainment.

We highly value our current membership with its diversity in age. Such diversity gives us the strength and maturity that will enable us to pursue our God given vision. While continuing to care for one another, we intend to focus our efforts within our communities and with our neighbor. The principle of mission focus appears throughout the scriptures:

Moses' God given vision focus was to free the Hebrews (*Ex. 3:10*)

Jesus' God given vision focus was to our neighbor (*Luke 10:25-37*)

Jesus' God given vision focus was to call Israel (*Matt 15:24*)

Peter's God given vision focus was to reach the Jews (*Gal. 2:7*)

Paul's God given vision focus was to reach the Gentiles (*Rom. 11:13*)

Although Jesus ministered to a Canaanite, Peter reached Gentiles and Paul won Jews, their God given focus was on a specific group.

We believe that God is calling us to focus our efforts on reaching people within our own communities to help them deepen in their desire to know who God is and experience God's love.

Greene Road Church Core Values

We value:

Worshipping, which allows us to express our gratitude and love to God.

"For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise....

....Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness" (1 Chronicles 16:25-29)

Praying, which allows us to communicate with God.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

(Ephesians 6:18a)

Growing, which equips, empowers and motivates us to be a part of the life and ministry of the church.

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." (1 Peter 2:2)

Caring, which allows us to share God's love with others.

"A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(John 13: 34, 35)

Reaching, which allows us to participate with God in His plan of salvation.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28: 19)

Our Vision:

Envision a Worshiping community where:

- everyone present feels welcome and included.
- there is a heartfelt desire to joyfully praise and glorify God in spirit and truth.
- services based in the infallible, inspired word of God are creative, stirring and culturally relevant.
- we celebrate our relationship with God and each other through a mix of contemporary and traditional musical styles, the use of the arts and the celebration of the Sacraments.
- preaching is uplifting, challenging and applicable to our daily lives.
- the presence of God is evident in our midst.

Envision a Praying community where:

- every aspect of our lives and ministry will be bathed in prayer.
- our faith in and commitment to Christ is strengthened through prayer.
- individual and corporate prayer enables us to experience forgiveness and healing.
- prayer is so fervent and passionate that it transforms our relationship with God, our church family, and our community.
- each member is taught to pray powerfully and expectantly.
- formal and informal times are set aside for God's people to join in prayer.
- prayer warriors lead the congregation into battle against the principalities and powers that seek to defeat us.

Our Vision continued:

Envision a Caring community where:

- the love and care of Christ is experienced by church and community members alike.
- concern is shown for people both here and abroad.
- Christians stand alongside of those who are suffering and endeavor to show them compassion and seek their healing.
- safety and support is offered to those who struggle with the temptations and addictions of life.
- God works through His people to bring healing, forgiveness and restoration.
- believers acknowledge their weakness and their need as they seek to show the love of Christ.

Envision a Growing community where:

- lives are continually being transformed by the power of the gospel.
- each person is met where they are in their spiritual walk and encouraged to experience a deeper personal and passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.
- each believer discovers their God given spiritual gifts and joyfully uses them to bless God, the church and our community.
- we grow in grace and in the wisdom and knowledge of God's Word as we anticipate a rich outpouring of his blessings.
- the Christian life begins with surrender at the cross and goes on to a life filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Envision a Reaching community where:

- each member reflects in word and deed a desire to "Go and make disciples".
- to engage our neighbor in a culturally relevant and sensitive manner.
- we seek to be creative in our approach as we share the unchangeable gospel.
- the lost experience God's transforming grace.
- each believer strives to be fully trained and equipped.
- our highest priority is to reach the lost.
- gratitude to God is demonstrated as we take Christ into all areas of our community.

In order to accomplish this vision we will forge:

Core Identity:

At Greene Road Church, we want to continue to focus our efforts to reach out to our own neighbors as we continue to serve God and our community. We want to be identified as a church where people are cared for and find hope.

Core Structure:

In order to reflect the importance of our values and to focus our efforts the Council will be assisted by the Ministry Planning Group (MPG) who will oversee the work of the 6 Ministry Teams: Worship, Prayer, Caring, Growing, Reaching, and Facilities. An updated list of all church members' skills and abilities needs to be obtained in order to utilize their gifts in this area to assist MPG.

Core Staff:

All Members, divinely called and spiritually gifted to do the work of ministry. To realize our vision every member must know their position in the body and be actively involved in the *ministry*.

A senior Pastor, divinely called, spiritually, gifted, and uniquely equipped to provide the leadership necessary to assist us in reaching out effectively and accomplishing our mission.

A Worship Director, divinely called, spiritually gifted and uniquely equipped to assist us in creating worship that glorifies God and inspires his people.

A Youth Leader, divinely called, spiritually gifted and uniquely equipped to lead us in ministering to the youth of our church and community.

Core Objectives:

We will evaluate all programs and worship services, revitalize strategic programs, and add new programs that will enable us to minister more effectively to our members and our community.

Programs & Classes that train and equip members in ministry. (such as: Leadership Training, Evangelism, Prayer, Spiritual Gifts, Bible Studies....)

Programs for Children and Youth that provide a safe, spiritually uplifting, loving, affirming environment. (Such as: Gems, Cadets, Youth Groups, Sports Camps, Children's Worship....)

Programs for Adults that minister to their needs. (Such as: Finances, parenting, stress, family pressures, time management, crime prevention, salvation and Sr. Coffee....)

Programs that promote fellowship. (Such as: gym nights, sports teams, regular dinners, game nights, parents night out, special entertainment events....)

Programs that encourage caring. (Small Groups, Kids Hope, Service projects, mission trips....)

Will continue to maintain the inside of the church as well as the grounds outside, including the prayer garden.

Impact:

As we work to fulfill our God given vision we eagerly anticipate God's outpouring of blessings upon us. Families will be supported and strengthened , children will be cared for, individuals will be spiritually nourished and lives will be transformed by the love of Jesus Christ. As we journey on the vision path our relationships with God, our church family and our community will be deepened. It is our firm belief that as we journey to fulfill our vision the power of God will enable us to stretch far beyond our human limitations and allow us to be part of a God-event in this place and throughout our communities. We believe that we will see fulfilled the rich promises of God's salvation come to lost and hopeless people. Christ's call to his church in this time and place is to forsake all else and follow Him. Therefore, we take up the vision with great anticipation that our church and communities will be transformed!.