

VISION STATEMENTS

A vision is what we should look like if we have accomplished or are busy with everything we believe God wants of us. It is a picture of the future, and end of ministry before it begins. It states what can and should be and has enough detail to guide the present efforts and planning. According to George Barna Vision is a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God. At Heritage our Visioning process has resulted in five vision statements. The following is our vision for what we intend our future to look like. We do not do these perfectly, but this will be our goal for:

Worship
Fellowship
Outreach
Discipleship
Service

Our Vision for Heritage is to Serve such an appealing slice of heaven that all who experience it will want more.



We envision this slice of heaven consists of a healthy, balanced diet and exercise of:

- Celebrative Worship
- Compassionate Fellowship
- Comprehensive Outreach
- Compelling Spiritual Growth
- Caring Service

Each component of our life together is bathed in prayer which is the life blood of the church.

Worship Vision

We intend our worship to be Christ centered and God honoring through sincere, diverse, educational, and creative celebration of our intimate relationship with Him. Our worship will magnify God and be centered on his Word. We highly value communication with God through continual prayer where we praise God's name, thank the Lord for his abundant blessing, confess our sin, intercede for others, and pour out the cares of our heart. We celebrate our salvation and listen to God's direction for our lives. Our worship will be inclusive of the old as well as the young, and sensitive to the needs of those new to Christ as well as established Christ centered saints. As God is the creator of all we will be tolerant and accepting of all sincere means of praise and worship. We will encourage widespread participation in public worship through use of God given skills of music, media, current technology, drama, dance, writing and the arts. Because of God's grace, we daily use our gifts in grateful service to the Lord for the building up of His Kingdom; therefore each day of our lives becomes one of worship and praise to God.

Fellowship Vision

We intend Heritage become an authentic community. We reach out to others in hospitality and accountability, nurturing and establishing each person with the loving support of a group of devoted followers of Jesus. Our dream is to make Heritage an appealing slice of heaven that encourages, supports and sustains all those who attend. To attain this we will worship, pray and play together so that we may warmly know and care for each other. We share God's love to ALL who enter by intentionally welcoming and connecting, providing safe activities to encourage diverse, intergenerational relationships.

Outreach Vision

We intend to reach out to our community and our world by providing humble service as we follow the servant leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will treat our neighbors with honor and respect, and always be prepared and ready to share the hope that is within us. We believe we need to earn from our neighbors the right to be heard by first showing them the love of Christ through sincere care, compassion, comfort and service. We see members living out their faith wherever God has called them; confidently sharing Christ and their own testimonies of what God has done in their lives. Our prayer is to assist others to a personal knowledge, relationship and faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. We highly value lives transformed by God's grace leading to a personal knowledge, relationship, and faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. While only the Holy Spirit can transform a life, we are privileged to be used by the Lord to advance His Kingdom.

Discipleship Vision

We intend Heritage members to be so passionately in love with God that this love shows itself in all aspects of their lives. Our goal is for all Heritage members to become more like Christ. Though God is infinitely greater than us, He wants us to know as much about Him as we can. If we do not know Him, we cannot love Him. If we do not love Him, we will not joyfully serve Him and if we do not serve Him we will never know the wonderful blessing of living in fellowship, with Him and enjoying the riches of His mercy and grace.

We expect members practice discipleship by helping, teaching, leading and mentoring others to a greater knowledge of God as well as being open to the same. Each of us will bring others along on their own faith journey. We provide relevant explanation and application of God's unchanging Biblical truth to our ever-changing contemporary world, in innovative and stimulating opportunities to equip people to mature in Christ through prayer, personal devotions, meditation, and continued education. We see the church as highly involved and influential in the Christian's early development. However, as each member matures in their faith each person also takes on added responsibility for developing their faith. The church always remains influential, but it becomes just as important to provide opportunities to exercise a person's faith as to learn it.

Ministry/Service Vision

We intend all members of Heritage be the body of Christ. Just as Jesus came not to be served, but rather to serve, we see each member as divinely gifted by God for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom. We uphold Jesus as the ultimate example of the humble servant and wish to model our lives after Him. We desire to serve Christ in ways that use the spiritual gifts of all members of God's family. We believe that every member is uniquely gifted and encourage every member to use their time, their talent and their resources to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus. We envision Heritage continually challenging, encouraging and providing opportunities for Christ honoring service to other members as well as our community.