



Board of Elders Meeting February 11, 2013

Roll Call-

- Elders Present: Tim Gibson, Dick Bickings, Jason Hoy, Mark Culton, Andy Brimer, Mike Capaldi, Scott Holwick, Shawn Van Doren, Wayne Batten
- Excused: Shawn Sommons

Devotion/Prayer-

- The elders continued their review and discussion of the Bible Fellowship Church Articles of Faith with Article 24 – Resurrection.
- The elders shared in a time of prayer and thanksgiving.

Approval of Minutes-

- **Motion** was made to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2013 Board of Elders Meeting, seconded and approved.

Financial Report-

- Treasurer Andy Brimer reviewed the January financial report. (Attachment 1)
- **Motion** was made to approve the report, seconded and approved.

Membership-

- The elders reviewed two applications for membership.
- **Motion** was made to approve Susan Marsh and Zac Roberts as new members, seconded and approved.

Pastor Mark's Ordination Process-

- As a result of Mark Culton's completion of the BFC ordination oral exam, he is eligible for an official call as a ministerial candidate.
- The BFC call form was issued and signed by all elders in attendance. (Attachment 2)
- Having received this official call, a **motion** was made to extend Mark the same pension benefit that is offered to the other pastors. The motion was seconded and approved.

Articles of Faith Revisions for BFC Annual Conference-

- For discussion and vote.
- The elders discussed the two articles and the proposed changes: Article 21 – The Lord's Day and Article 27 – The Kingdom of God
- The elders voted "yes" to approve the recommended changes by a count of 7-3 and 10-0 respectively. A response form will be submitted. (Attachment 3)
- It is important to note that delegates to the conference will also have the opportunity to vote individually.
- The delegates will communicate the outcome of the votes from conference to the Ebenezer congregation. Annual conference is the week of April 22nd.

Discussion Items-

- 1) College Ministry – Mark Culton shared his burden for developing a college ministry that would be intended for people 18-25 years of age. The elders were supportive of the preliminary concept as described by Mark.
- 2) Chairs in Sanctuary – Mike Capaldi reminded the elders that we had requested the chairs be placed in the Sanctuary to allow for ample seating, especially in first service.
- 3) People Issues – The elders discussed some people issues and one discipline matter. Additional follow-up was requested.

Pastoral Reports-

Because it was late, the elders agreed to read the Pastoral reports on their own time. Reports were submitted by:

- 1) Senior Pastor Tim Gibson (Attachment 4)
- 2) Pastor of Discipleship Dick Bickings (Attachment 5)
- 3) Pastor of Youth Mark Culton (Attachment 6)

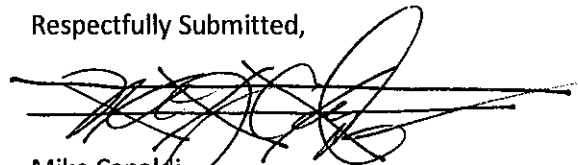
Committee Reports-

- 1) Missions – Chair Wayne Batten provided an update regarding the Messick family as they plan the next steps of their missionary journey. In addition, he shared a request from Robbin Hunsberger who will be taking a trip to Nepal. A request was made for additional missions-related vacation time to be granted. The elders agreed that we should maintain the current policy, which grants one week of missions-vacation, and that additional time required should be taken from the current vacation allotment.
- 2) Assimilation – There was a brief discussion about assimilation that included the possible transfer of leadership from Andy Brimer to Scott Holwick. There was also mention of taking a different approach towards assimilation called “GROW”. No decisions were made and the men agreed to keep this in prayer for the time being.

Adjournment-

Wayne Batten closed the meeting in prayer and we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Capaldi
Secretary to the Board of Elders

Attachment #1

February 11, 2013

To: Board of Elders
From: Andy Brimer, Treasurer
Subject: Financial Report for February 2013

Attached you will find the following documents as our submission for the January 2013 Financial Report:

- January Financial Statement

In reviewing the financial statements I would like to make the following comments:

- Giving for January was 85% of the budgeted forecast.
- Expenses for January were 113% of the budgeted forecast.

EBENEZER BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH - JANUARY 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND - BUDGET vs. ACTUAL

ASSETS				Income			
Assets - Checking/Savings							
18000 · Checking (KNBT)	31-Jan-13	31-Dec-12	\$ Change	1100 · Offerings / Gifts	January	Budget	Variance
18001 · CDs (KNBT)	441,342.20	478,672.09	-37,329.89	1400 · Interest	63,118.35	74,583.33	-11,464.98
19000 · Savings (M&T Bank)	66,808.26	66,808.26	0.00	1700 · Memorials	33.21	100.00	-66.79
19001 · Checking (M&T Bank)	90,589.19	90,589.19	0.00	1900 · BCS & Other Bldg Use	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5,393.62	5,393.62	0.00		547.26	672.25	-124.99
Total Checking/Savings	604,133.27	641,463.16	-37,329.89	Total Income	63,698.82	75,355.58	-11,656.76
Other Assets							85%
Total Other Current Assets							
TOTAL ASSETS	604,133.27	641,463.16	-37,329.89	Expenses			
LIABILITIES				2000 · General Finance	1,266.07	1,873.34	-607.27
Short Term Liabilities				3000 · Discipleship	-1,679.50	3,173.75	-4,853.25
901 · Building Fund	15,901.99	14,881.99	1,020.00	5000 · Evangelism	0.00	125.00	-125.00
902 · Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	6000 · Missions	0.00	140.00	-140.00
903 · Transportation Fund	8.00	8.00	0.00	7000 · Deacon	6,259.34	7,791.66	-1,532.32
904 · Scholarship Fund	2,386.51	2,286.51	100.00	8000 · Worship	81.50	541.68	-460.18
905 · Faith Promise	8,332.54	49,488.54	-41,156.00	9000 · Office & Admin	1,264.38	1,331.66	-67.28
907 · Benevolence Fund	7,810.01	6,042.91	1,767.10	10000 · Congregational Care	0.00	230.00	-230.00
908 · Music Fund	28.20	28.20	0.00	11000 · Compensation	56,256.52	48,864.54	7,391.98
911 · Year End Accruals	8,598.59	5,990.99	2,607.60	Total Expense	72,698.31	64,071.63	-8,626.68
912 · Run For The Children	260.11	260.11	0.00				113%
914 · HRA	9,028.17	2,489.17	6,539.00	Net Ordinary Income			
915 · Youth Summer Missions	1,806.33	1,806.33	0.00		-8,999.49	11,283.95	-11,033.44
100 · Payroll Liabilities	7,571.07	6,779.17	791.90	Fund Transfers between Accounts			
Total Current Liabilities	61,731.52	90,061.92	-28,330.40		9,250.00	0.00	9,250.00
Long Term Liabilities				Net Income	-8,999.49	11,283.95	-20,283.44
810 · Mortgage	0.00	0.00	0.00	DESIGNATED FUNDS			
Total Long Term Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	Income			
Total Liabilities	61,731.52	90,061.92	-28,330.40	901 · Building Fund	1,020.00	0.00	1,020.00
EQUITY				903 · Transportation Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 · Retained Earnings	959,280.04	923,839.75	35,440.29	904 · Scholarship Fund	100.00	0.00	100.00
Net Income	-8,999.49	35,440.29	-44,439.78	905 · Faith Promise	1,864.00	43,020.00	-41,156.00
1000 · Opening Bal Equity	-407,878.80	-407,878.80	0.00	907 · Benevolence Fund	2,337.25	570.15	1,767.10
Total Equity	542,401.75	551,401.24	-8,999.49	908 · Music Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	604,133.27	641,463.16	-37,329.89	OTHER LIABILITY ACCOUNTS			
				902 · Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00
				911 · Year End Accruals	0.00	0.00	0.00
				912 · Run For The Children	0.00	0.00	0.00
				914 · HRA	9,250.00	103.40	9,146.60
				915 · Youth Summer Missions	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total Current Liabilities	14,571.25	43,693.55	-29,122.30


Treasurer

2/11/13
Date

Issuing the Call for Mark Culton

The Bible Fellowship Church Call Form for Mark Culton was issued and signed by all elders in attendance at the Elders Meeting held February 11, 2013.

This form is on file in the church office (Mark's personnel file).

**RESPONSE FORM
AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF FAITH
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH CONFERENCE**

Date 2/11/13Name of person completing form Michael Capaldi, Secretary to BoardThe Board of Elders of Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church ofBethlehem, PA have reviewed and voted on the proposed changes in the Articles of Faith in accordance with §801-3 of the *Faith and Order*. The results of the voting are:Article 21 The Lord's Day Yes ☒ No ☐Article 27 The Kingdom of God Yes ☒ No ☐

Signature of Pastor



Signature of Delegate



This form is to be returned to the Secretary of BFC Conference by March 1, 2013

Ronald L. Kohl, Secretary of BFC Conference
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Pastor Tim's Ministry Report
February 11, 2013

Attachment #4

Preaching: I am coming to the end of the book of Philippians. I have only the fourth chapter left to exposit. My prayer is that this last section of the book will truly help our people be living with a steadfast firmness until Christ returns. I am beginning to pray about the direction that the Lord would have me go for the summer. My goal at this point is to finish Philippians along with a short diversion for the Easter holiday. Then I would like to do a short series during the summer and pick up a longer study for the Fall of 2013.

Prayer & Fasting: I believe that many in the Church are participating with us as Elders in fasting and praying in the month of February asking God to help us. Overall, I believe the Church embraced my challenge from Nehemiah 1, which was to seek God's favor and direction for our ministry. My prayer is that the Elders and Church body will continue to seek God's direction for our ministry.

Counseling: I continue to meet with one man for discipleship on a regular basis. Also I am continually meeting with congregants for spiritual guidance and prayer.

New Member Class: Pastor Dick and I began a new member class three weeks ago with an attendance of 26. The class participation has been maintained. It is exciting to see people come to understand our doctrine and join our church. It has been a joy to work alongside Dick in teaching this class.

New Class: Currently we have over 20 signed up for our new class on Christian basic beliefs. I am very excited to teach this basic theology class in hopes that many of our church family will come to know Christ more in depth and His Word. I believe this class will become a regularly scheduled event.

YACS Retreat: I am currently studying to teach at the YACS retreat scheduled for February 15-17. I will be teaching three lessons from Romans 12 with the theme of Making Your Life Count. 1) Making your life count requires giving your life fully to God (v. 1-2). 2) Making your life count requires Serving Others with Humility (v. 3-8), 3) Making your life count requires loving others and being others-centered (v. 9-21).

Worship Committee: Jennie Flicker continues to do a great job of organizing and leading. She is able to take the talent we have and help them use their talents for the glory of God. I'm thankful for Jennie and all the leaders and servants who lead us each week in praise and worship.

Staff: We continue to work our way through "Ashamed of the Gospel" by John MacArthur. MacArthur's insight can be very polarizing. At times his frank insight is sharp and to the point. However, I believe that his wisdom and exegetical work has given us a great book in which to examine our church philosophy. I believe that our staff is hearing and thinking through what it means to have a Word centered, Word driven ministry. Overall, the staff is doing a wonderful job serving the Lord! I'm thankful for each and every one of them!

Serving Christ,
Pastor Tim Gibson

POD (Pastor of Discipleship) Report – Jan 2013/Feb 2013

As I continue to study the gospels on my own, I was touched with the reality of how the highest times of great joy and happiness, can be immediately followed by the lowest valleys of trails and despair. This seems to be the way life is for those who are followers of Jesus Christ, after, wasn't that what happen to Jesus in the following passages?

"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."'" (Mark 1:9-11, ESV)

Followed by...

"The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." (Mark 1:12-13, ESV)

There it is, the great proclamation of the Father at Jesus' baptism, followed the Spirits leading in the wildness to be tempted by Satan. But wait, did you catch the hope, God's presence was there through His angelic beings. Kind of reminds me of David's 23rd Psalm...

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4, ESV)

Thus, though we may be lead into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, there, He dwells with us and will provide the comfort and wisdom to endure...hallelujah!

With that in mind, here is a quick summary of some of the ministry opportunities from January 2013/February 2013:

Kids Crossing

- **Cross Time Sunday School:**
 - Praise the Lord we have a full complement of teachers for the time being!
 - **Curriculum change:** We met with the KC Leadership Team on January 21, and agreed to move forward with the "The Discipleship Project" curriculum change by Fall 2013. We will be meeting with the teachers on February 18 to hear from them concerning the sample material given to them at our last meeting in December 2012. We are still looking at what would replace our Wednesday night program. Currenty the options are, AWANA, or back to CSB/EG. Just received an email on a new CSB update, which we are investigating.
- **Early Childhood (2&3 year-olds):** 2nd service update: we have at least one head teacher candidate who is not a member but is currently in the membership class. Lord willing, by this time next month, this class will be reinstated!
- **Children's Church:** No change.
- **Wednesday Evening Programs:** Dave Lissy and his team, along with Carol Burress and her team are doing an outstanding job instilling into our children the Bible theme of the week, though they continue to fight discouragement for lack of volunteers and attendance. We are currently evaluating what will replace this program for next year.

Student Ministry

- See Pastor Mark's report.

Adult Ministry

- Adult Electives: Spring Adult Elective classes, continue as follows:
 - Revelation (Part 2 of 2) – Scott Holwick
 - Old Testament Survey – Joe Maddock

- How People Change – Pastor Jason Hoy
- Romans (Part 2 of 2 maybe 3) – Pastor Dick Bickings
- Men's Ministry:
 - **Bethel Series:** We continue to provide this amazing program and have had great discussion and cooperation between the men's and women's groups as most are now posted online for all to view.
 - **Men's Bible Studies:**
 - Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, (The Bethel Series)
 - Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, (The Bethel Series)
 - Thursday mornings from 6:15 AM – 7:30 AM, This early morning group is currently studying I Thessalonians.
- Women's Ministry: Here is an update from Laura...

"Missing Pieces bible study has begun on Monday's and Thursdays. We currently have just about 35 women in this study. Childcare is provided on Thursday mornings for the moms who attend.

Getting ready to have our first WM gathering at my house next Monday evening for a time of fellowship and reconnection.

WM team met on the 16th of January and has the entire year planned for, which include 3 conferences. One of these is the SHE LEADS held here at church. The two others are simulcast at other churches.

We plan on having a Mother/Daughter Breakfast (which Pastor Dick volunteered then men to cook and serve).

Unfortunately, I have had Doris Lynch step off the WM team. This was very disappointing. I also have a team member who will be having a baby in June (Amy Hardy). This will affect her involvement as well. I am praying over 3 different women that I have contacted to join WM.

I have had the privilege of leading devotions as MOPS and will soon start to meet one on one with a new lady."

Discipleship Support

- **Kinship:** The Bob Gill/Neil Cowley group has split into two groups, the original group location will now be led by Otis Powell, and Bob Gill will be leading the new group with those from the original group that live closer to him. This arrangement seems to be working well. We are working on providing a leadership training class from which we hope to develop several new Kinship leaders.
- **Membership Class:** Praise the Lord for the privilege to team-teach with Pastor Tim at this will attended (22-26) class. We've had great lively discussions and if all desire to become members, we may need to call on you brothers to help with the interview process.

Other:

- Continued to meet with one man to counsel and encourage.
- Headed up the 1^{1/2}-2^{1/2} year-olds' MOPPETS group on Thursday mornings, twice a month.
- Facilitated Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings.
- Team-taught membership classes on Wednesday evenings with Pastor Tim
- Continued teaching The Epistle of Romans
- Continued teaching the Bethel Series NT on Saturday mornings.
- Continued course work for my AP410 Apologetics class as time permits.

- Completed my ordination steps by meeting with the Ministerial Credentials Committee on January 31.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Bickings,

Pastor of Discipleship

Student Ministries Report - January 2013

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:11-15 ESV

In the beginning of this new year, we are making a concerted effort to focus on evangelism. We want our students (and youth staff) to be prepared and excited to share our faith. The other week we looked at 2 Corinthians 5, which gives several motivations for sharing the gospel with those who are lost. Two of those motivations are - the fear of the Lord (vs. 11) and the love of God (vs. 14). It is so neat how God calls us to meditate on two different sides of His character, and yet it all causes us to speak about Him and the wonderful work He is doing in our lives.

I ask you to join us in prayer as we seek to share our faith and become better equipped to do so!

Teaching

- **Middle School**

We are taking a small break from our CoreTruth curriculum, which we have nearly finished. We are now together each week - MS and HS - focusing on Evangelism. We begin a brand new series which will last a couple months called "Gospel Journey Maui".

- **High School**

As mentioned, we are getting ready to start the new series "Gospel Journey Maui." We will launch this right after the coffeehouse, and we will advertise it at the coffeehouse, with the hope of gaining some unchurched teens who are interested in learning more about various faiths and the gospel.

- **Sunday School**

We are still teaching through Faithweaver, and are currently going through the life of Jesus. Pastor Dick and I are reviewing another curriculum possibility that is called "The Gospel Project". My wife continues to teach the middle school girls, while Pat Barry and Shawn S. have the middle school boys. Tom Galloway has volunteered again to

help me teach the high school students. We will probably rotate on a monthly basis.

Shepherding

- Met with a youth dad and talked about ministry to teenagers, as well as ministry to our own families.
- Met with student who is really struggling and realizing he needs to turn back to God.
- Doing pre-marital counseling with two couples who will be married this year.
- Regularly discipling a youth dad who is really growing in his faith.
- Had breakfast with a teen guy who I have been mentoring over the years.
- Met with a student to discuss baptism (he was baptized!)

Staff

- Had separate MS and HS meetings this past month.

Campus Ministry

- Still praying about an opportunity that has arisen for a chaplaincy to Lehigh University's wrestling team. Pray that God gives direction, and opens the door if it is His will. I am in the process of organizing a meeting with FCA and the head coach of Lehigh's wrestling team.
- Met with a former student who is serving with Navigators to hear about the ministry God has called him to.

Activities

- **Sno Glo** - Both middle school and high school weekends, we had one of the best years I can remember. There was solid teaching from the book of Ephesians, and excellent God-focused worship. There was some good time to just hang with our kids and get to know them a bit more.

Other

- Had the opportunity to take a week long seminary class. Still finishing up the work from that.
- Praise God I had my oral exam for ordination and I passed! :-)
- Met with BFC youth pastors.
- Still meeting with an area youth pastor for encouragement and mentoring
- Attended and participated in Annual Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Culton

Student Ministries Report - February 2013

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:2-3, ESV

As Pastor Tim preached this passage yesterday, one particular compound word caught my attention - "fellow-workers". This comes from the Greek word *συνεργία* (*synergōn*), from which we get the word **synergy**. This is the idea of working together, in sync with one another - accomplishing far more than we could individually. Some of you know that we have a blog for youth parents and youth volunteers in our church called "synergy" - and it can be found here: <http://ebenezersynergy.blogspot.com/>

We highly value the idea of working together for the gospel and for the discipleship of Ebenezer students. Parents and youth workers *can* disciple students separately, while never communicating with one another. But *how much more* can we do together?! We desire Ebenezer to be a place where parents and youth volunteers get to know each other, investing in each other's lives, and working "in sync" with one another. We are **fellow workers after all!**

Thank you to all of the youth parents and youth staff who I labor side by side with! Let's continue to carry the burden together, and pray for an ever-increasing synergy just like Paul had with his fellow-workers!

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Shepherding

- Met with Ian T. to discuss Young Adult Ministry and College Ministry
- Regularly meeting with a male student for discipleship and mentoring.
- Doing pre-marital counseling with two couples who will be married this year.
- Regularly discipling a youth dad who is really growing in his faith.
- Had breakfast with a teen guy who has really been struggling in his faith.
- Met with a parent of a child who is brand new and wants to fit in.
- Had the blessing of baptizing one of our students!
- Ministering to a family of one of our students who is really struggling.
- Met with a student who wanted to trust Christ as Savior and he fully understood what it mean to be a follower of Jesus - and he committed to follow Him!!

Staff

- Had a joint MS and HS Staff Meeting at our house. Good time together, mostly focused on where we as a youth staff are sharing our faith. If we want our students to do it we must model this as well.
- Met with one of our male youth staff leaders to discuss growth groups.

Campus Ministry

- Had the opportunity to teach at Easton High School in their Bible Club.
- Still praying about an opportunity that has arisen for a chaplaincy to Lehigh University's wrestling team. Pray that God gives direction, and opens the door if it is His will. I am in the process of organizing a meeting with FCA and the head coach of Lehigh's wrestling team.

Activities

- **Unite Service** - This is a joint-church youth group that we do once a quarter. The turnout from Ebenezer was dismal, and so we are discussing as a staff what we can do to try to encourage unity between our students and the other believers in our area.

Other

- Had the opportunity to speak at Cedar Crest BFC's super bowl party. It was neat to get to know some of their teens just a little bit since we will be partnering with them at Light in the Park this summer.
- Had the opportunity to speak at BCS (Calvary Campus) for their Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Had the opportunity to go with the other pastors to a Paul Tripp Seminar which was very challenging. I grew spiritually in that short session.
- Had a BOYYA (Board of Youth and Young Adults) Meeting.
- We had our first introductory meeting for the LIP (Light in the Park) Missions Trip this Summer.
- Had a meeting of Ebenezer individuals who are passionate about reaching college students in our area. This was more of an idea-sharing meeting, but some good

things were discussed about college ministry and our current YACS ministry. We are really praying about next steps, asking God for specific direction and vision.

- Had a debriefing meeting with some individuals who are an integral part of our Operation Christmas Child ministry every year. We talked about last year and how we can prepare for next year - trying to be even more inter-generational in our approach!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Culton

Purpose Statement Wording

BFC Article 18-2

The purpose of the Church is to worship God, to edify the saints and to evangelize the world.

Our purpose is 3-Fold

- Worship God
- Edify the Saints
- Evangelize the World

Other ways to express this:

- Glorify God
- Grow the Body
- Reach the Lost

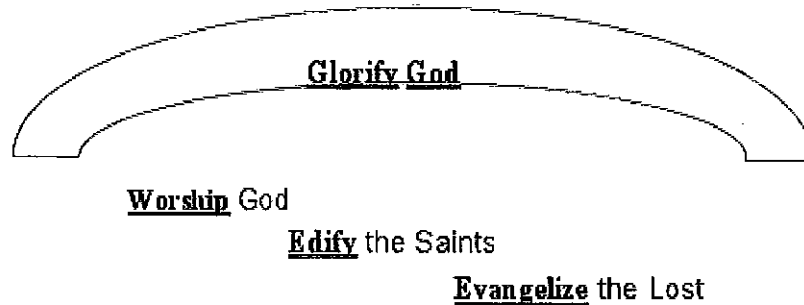
- Worship Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Proclaim Christ

- Worship God
- Grow in Grace
- Share God's Love

- Love Jesus
- Love others
- Lead others to Love Jesus.

- With JOY we worship our risen Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.
 - With PEACE we gather together to grow.
 - With LOVE we share our faith in our community and around the world.
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- GLORIFY God in all things (Worship)
 - GROW together as disciples of Jesus Christ (Edification)
 - GO and share the gospel (Evangelism)

Our Purpose is to . . .



"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23–24, ESV)

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," (Ephesians 4:11–13, ESV)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19–20, ESV)

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31, ESV)

Notes from Elder Meeting

9.24.12

Vision:

Andy - something we can't attain on our own, we need the Holy Spirit; byproducts of setting goals and specific plans, we know what to fund.

Scott - disciples were called to preach the Word, not "try different stuff", and if it didn't work recalibrate

Wayne - more of the same, maybe another church - building? church plant?

Tim - families that are lost and within a mile of this church, their kids out of control, they have no future, they come and hear the gospel, families restored; have a counseling ministry - free Biblical counseling

We all agree on the Main purposes of the church, we can wordsmith it later -

The purpose of the Church is to worship God, to edify the saints and to evangelize the world.

This comes from **BFC Article 18-2**

The purpose of the Church is to worship God, to edify the saints and to evangelize the world.

2013 Priorities: Pour money into evangelism - **Counseling**, Evangelism Plan (7 Project, the Kinship), Prayer Challenge (2 months of specific prayer for our neighbors); a semester of adult electives that are only focused on Evangelism, flexibility in worship service for corporate prayer??

Assignment:

1. refine the purpose statement/wordsmith
2. Figure out how the purpose plays out in our respective ministries
3. Examine if these 4 purposes really are our heartbeat, and then determine how we emphasize these and what has to go?

Priorities/Imperatives: developing the next level of leaders because of numeric growth; leaders for another church plant?