

CPC VISION 2010

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37,38

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

Who are we? What are our core values?

We are a people who, having been made alive in Christ, long to obey the Great Commandment yet daily recognize our shortcomings. Our only hope is in His gracious Gospel provision for us. Our efforts to further the Great Commission are only fruitful as we humbly realize His promise to be with us. We rejoice in His promise that “whoever believes in me will ...do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)

We intend to be 1) Christ-centered; 2) Gospel-saturated; 3) Scripture-directed; 4) Spirit-empowered. Our corporate life is centered on reformed and evangelical teaching and proclamation; vibrant worship; Gospel community; a strong family focus, yet with the warm incorporation of all believers. Our corporate “personality” lends itself to outreach through education and well-run missional and attractorial programs. We are led by session including a multi-member paid staff, seeking the Lord in prayer and the Word. We have a committed core membership involved in gospel-based community (Home Fellowship Groups), diaconal ministry, administration (trustees), overseas and domestic missions, ministry to children and youth, local mercy ministries, young professionals, men’s and women’s ministries, counseling, Christian education, and a vibrant sports-outreach program.

We are dedicated to compassionate care for the disadvantaged, justice for all people, loving concern for one another, the diversity of God’s people, and being salt and light through faithful living in the world around us. We work to see every member grow both in knowledge of the Lord Jesus and in learning to serve one another in the body with the gifts He gives us.

What is our vision?

Our vision is to be faithful in discharging the great commission. In all aspects of daily life, through evangelism and teaching, we seek to make disciples from among the lost in our area and, through our mission-sending from throughout the world, baptizing them (bringing them into the visible church) and teaching them all that Christ has taught us. Specifically, we hope to see God’s blessing in both remarkable growth in number through conversions including but not limited to our covenant children, and in growth of every member in Christian maturity. We look to organize our efforts through an integrated team approach to ministry.

In order to accomplish our vision, we intend to 1) encourage and equip every member to be an active part of this missionary enterprise; 2) focus and coordinate all of our corporate activities toward our common goal; 3) facilitate church extension through both strategic partnership with sister churches and through church planting with the aim to cooperate as a cluster of interrelated worshipping communities (including church plants) in the greater central Maryland region; and 4) seek to grow in our ethnic and demographic diversity through targeted outreach, mercy ministry, and leadership team expansion.