

A Vision for CHURCH

We Have Adjusted Our Priorities

- Highest priority of winning souls locally & abroad, with a heightened sense of urgency
- Mobilized for community impact
- Practical training on apologetics, witnessing & servant leadership
- Targeted training; Coaching & mentoring of every member
- Everything geared toward young men
- A feedback-based quality program enabling continuous improvement in all areas

We are Balanced in the 5 Purposes

- Identified leaders and teams supporting each of the purposes
- Weekly corporate worship encourages daily personal worship
- A defined "church member life-cycle" includes assimilation, discipleship & leadership
- A balance in serving the needs within & without the church
- Participation in intra-church activities such as *One Worship* & local Pastors team
- Making a difference in the community & in the church at large

We Expect of Every Member

- Have an attitude of continual growth striving toward spiritual maturity
- Know, develop & use their spiritual gifts
- Prayerfully balance their time & attention among family, church and community
- As led, supporting & nurturing existing programs yet proposing & leading new initiatives
- Rigorously measure effectiveness and let go of worn out practices
- Keeping first things first: Loving God, loving each other & loving our enemies

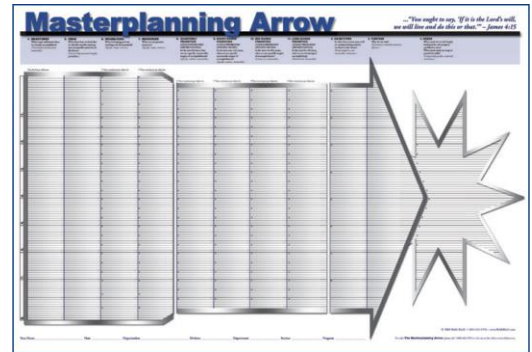
We Experience

- Outcasts welcomed; People being saved; Members witnessing & growing
- Members taking risks & rising to the challenge as the Spirit leads the church
- Deep & lasting relationships
- Budgets met; Numerical growth
- Neighborhood, community, national & overseas impact
- God's blessing

◀ *Exciting Times for CHURCH!* ▶

Ministry teams at CHURCH are planning their future using a standard, proactive approach. We are becoming more mature leaders and meeting needs more effectively.

- Every ministry team at CHURCH is seeking God's direction about what He would have them accomplish in the future...more effectively meeting the needs of those to whom they minister. Identifying and addressing future need will contribute to the overall planning process.
- Input from all teams will be displayed on a tool called the Master Planning Arrow. It will be a "work in progress" which will be shared with everyone at CHURCH. The arrow will reflect our plans and timeframe for completion. As a work in progress, everyone at CHURCH will be able to suggest ideas and see how we are progressing to fulfill God's calling to us.



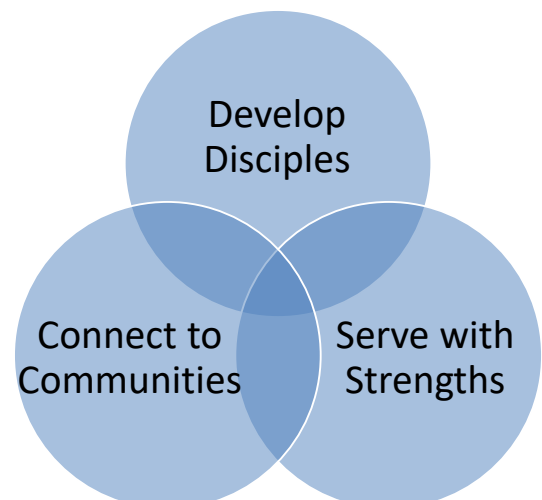
CHURCH is aligning all ministries to a common vision. We all know where we are headed and we continually assess our ministries to maximize their contribution.

- God's Word says "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverb 29:18) A clear vision for CHURCH will motivate us and help us all pull together, working toward common goals.
- Many in the CHURCH family have great ideas for our church, but haven't known how to propose them. Individuals long to use their particular gifts and passions because "greater things are yet to be done in this city." Individuals aligned with God's priorities will see great things accomplished. God also says "Hope deferred makes the heart sick." (Proverb 13:12) We desire to be a fulfilled people who see their hopes come to fruition.



We are following time-tested, Biblical methods to grow in our faith, to support and serve one another, and to make an impact in the communities around us.

- 3 Biblical and synergistic principles will form our foundation:
- **Developing Disciples.** Following Jesus' command and model of being not just followers but disciples committed to developing other disciples.
 - **Strengths-Based Service.** Obeying our call to serve one another and use our specific, God-given talents with great passion.
 - **Community Involvement.** Actively involved in making a significant difference and impacting our local communities, as well as around the world.



◀ ***Our Mission*** ▶

Our church is committed to:

- ▶ Developing mature disciples who develop other disciples
- ▶ Serving each other out of our unique strengths, passions and spiritual gifts
- ▶ Connecting with communities that we belong to, locally and around the world

So we will ...



Develop Disciples

- Know and love Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior
- Be transformed by renewing of our minds
- Be hearers & doers of the Word of God
- Entrust the message to others who pass it on



Serve with Strengths

- Be devoted to one another in love
- Serve others with the talents God has given us
- Grow in grace and encourage one another
- Worship the Lord in Spirit & in Truth, together



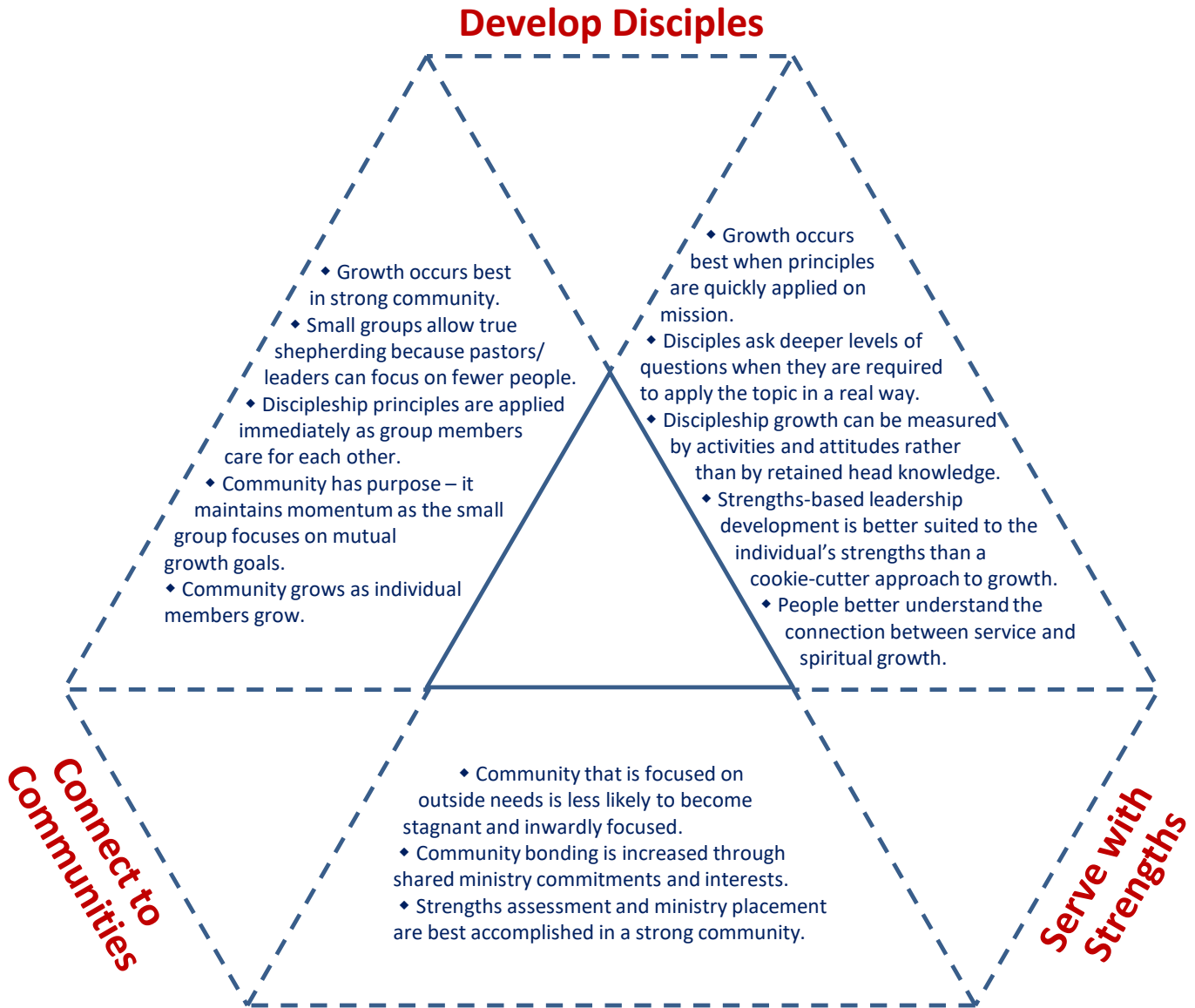
Connect to Communities

- Love our neighbors & love our enemies
- Be salt and light to the community around us
- Go into all the world & preach the gospel
- Teach all things that Christ has commanded us

All of our ministries and efforts at CHURCH are aligned around these 3 Biblical mandates.

We measure our success by how well we are accomplishing these items.

Powerful Synergy



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Note: “Synergies” are benefits that occur when 2 things interact with each other that would not have occurred from either one alone. For example, in the above diagram:

By simultaneously Developing Disciples and Serving with Strengths, we obtain the synergy that

- ♦ **Growth occurs best when principles are quickly applied on mission.**

This benefit would not occur if we were Developing Disciples who were not Serving with Strengths, or we were Serving with Strengths but not Developing Disciples.

Our Church

**Develops
Disciples**



**Serves with
Strengths**



**Connects to
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It's what we do