

Elders' Vision 2010 (approved 5/25/05; revised 9/08)

The Downtown family will equip God's people to join with God as he searches for the lost, brings back the strays, binds up the injured and strengthens the weak. (Ezekiel 34:16)

- I. *We will be a church that is outwardly focused at its spiritual core.*
 - a. We will raise the level of prayer and fasting on behalf of those who are lost.
 - b. Each member will be active in outreach.
 - c. Every ministry will be focused on support of our outreach goals.
 - d. A substantial part of our budget will finance missionary training and support.

- II. *We will be recognized in the community as a place where all are welcome, regardless of one's spiritual, emotional or physical needs.*
 - a. We will practice hospitality both in our homes and as a church.
 - b. We will place greater emphasis on benevolence for the church and our community.
 - c. We will place greater emphasis on help for the hurting in the church and our community.
 - d. Each ministry will focus on ultimately addressing the spiritual need of salvation in Christ.

- III. *We will be a united church.*
 - a. Each member will support our mission and vision.
 - b. Unity will be reflected in our Sunday morning assemblies and fellowship activities.
 - c. We will promote Christian unity while respecting diversity, treating each other with love and respect.
 - d. We will promote healthy unity in our families and among our leaders.

- IV. *We will equip every member as a disciple of Christ.*
 - a. Each member will be assimilated into the body and connected to others.
 - b. Each member will be aware of his/her spiritual gifts and equipped and empowered to use them in the service of the Lord.
 - c. At every age level, our educational system will be intentional in promoting spiritual maturity and knowledge.
 - d. Elders, staff and ministry leaders will develop and mentor future spiritual leaders.

- V. *We will surrender our resources to carry out the goals of God's mission.*
 - a. We will dedicate and use our own lives & families in service to the Lord.
 - b. We will dedicate our personal finances and homes in service to the Lord.
 - c. Our church resources—staff and facilities—will be used to serve church and community.