



On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left an indelible heart-print on the window of human history. He did so by simultaneously casting and defending a vision that was founded upon divinely inspired freedom. Dr. King's eloquence and passion stirred the soul of a nation when he delivered his famous, "I Have A Dream" speech.

Today, we too have a divinely inspired vision that is rooted in faith and enveloped by biblical *"truth in love"* (Ephesians 4:14-16). Like Dr. King, we will share our vision in parallel expressions of optimism and high-calling. We will be a church that serves the world, from our neighbors to the nations, as a BRIDGE, intentionally connecting Christ's "real-deal" to everyday living. Therein, **we are committed to BE-ing an Acts 1:8 church:** *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

We Will "BE" His Witnesses

We will be a church within which everyone feels welcome.

- * Within which sinners sit beside saints & feel no condemnation, but rather Christ's love
- * Within which one's social standing, race, or other demographics simply do not matter

We will be a church that celebrates the presence of God.

- * Within which people not only feel His presence, but encounter Him in life-changing ways
- * Within which worship is not a Sunday morning "form," but an all-the-time lifestyle

We will be a church that is committed to prayer.

- * Not as part of an order of service or as some sort of religious "duty" but as a spiritual lifeline for daily living
- * Within which fervent, intercessory prayer is consistently lifted individually & corporately
- * Within which the week's highlight is often an intimate time of prayer

We will be a church that is Spirit led with biblical authority & refining truth (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We will be a church that has the world at heart.

- * Within which committed lives “*on-mission*” will replace mere, *moralistic good deeds*.
- * Within which people are passionate about taking the gospel to all the world... so passionate that they feel compelled to get involved in the process personally - via heartfelt prayer, sacrificial giving, and hands-on participation... in local outreach efforts, as well as missions’ trips across North America and around the world.

We will be a church where people can find true, biblical, Church-defining “community” including

- * Friends that last a lifetime
- * Support and affirmation
- * A family in which the unity of the Spirit is a priority *and* is zealously protected
- * An atmosphere in which people out-do each other in being servants – not as some form of legalistic behavior, but because they are so deeply committed to living like Jesus

We will be a church in which children feel loved & safe; young believers are built up; & every Christian is disciplined to make disciples, who make disciples... all by God’s grace & for His glory.

We will be a church that consistently reflects the love of God to our community.

- * A saved people who are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to share their faith
- * Our aim is not to “*get in someone’s face*” but rather, to *touch someone’s heart*
- * Within which people intentionally search for ways to serve those outside of the faith, as a practical demonstration of God’s love – with no strings attached!
- * By double-fisted seed-sowers becoming comfortable working behind the spiritual plow
- * A people within which new believers are warmly welcomed into the family of God *and* intentionally nurtured (a.k.a. “discipled”) in their new life in-Christ... as His Church.

We will be a church that’s a little slice of heaven here on earth. *Miracle. Messiah. Mission.*

We will be a church that honors and obeys the Word of God.

- * Within which biblical truth is presented in accurate, creative, and applicable ways
- * Whose people live with a healthy fear of God and take faithful obedience seriously
- * A church whose doctrine reflects the Truth of God’s fully inspired and perfect Word
- * A people intentionally led through a process of spiritual growth that develops and deploys them as servants of the living God. A church in which all who “believe and receive,” embrace their “right-where-you-are” missionary-calling
- * A church whose attitude is always, “*God said it. I believe it. That settles it.*”

It is our prayer that you will catch & commit to this command & commission of Christ.

“Find the Lost, Grow the Found”

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Together, in-Christ, we will BE-the-Church!