

# SETTING THE COURSE WITH A FRESH VISION

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(Proverbs 29:18)*

## INTRODUCTION

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*“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,”  
(Galatians 4:19)*

## 1. IDENTIFY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF YOUR CHURCH

A. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ temperature?

*“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” (Revelation 2:4)*

B. How are you \_\_\_\_\_ as pastor?

*“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”  
(1 Timothy 4:16)*

C. How is the church \_\_\_\_\_ in the community?

D. Is your church \_\_\_\_\_ focused?

*“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” (John 4:35)*

E. What are your \_\_\_\_\_ needs?

**Quote:** “Get better before bigger.”—**Truett Cathy**

F. Is your church \_\_\_\_\_ overloaded?

**Quote:** “Opportunity does not equal obligation.”

G. What are the \_\_\_\_\_ values of the church?

*“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.” (Acts 8:4)*

#### LANCASTER BAPTIST CORE VALUES

1. We center all we do on Christ.  
Colossians 1:18, Revelation 4:11, 1 Corinthians 10:31
2. We submit to God’s Word.  
2 Timothy 3:14–17, Acts 5:29, 2 Timothy 1:13
3. We engage with the gospel.  
Matthew 28:18–20, 1 Timothy 2:3–6
4. We enjoy serving Jesus.  
Psalm 100:2, Nehemiah 8:10
5. We live by faith.  
Ecclesiastes 9:10, Philippians 3:13–14, Daniel 6:3

H. Do you have a clear \_\_\_\_\_ path?

**Quote:** “With every problem, there is a breakthrough opportunity.”

## 2. PRAY FOR GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTION IN THE CHURCH

A. Prayed with a \_\_\_\_\_

*“But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.” (Psalm 69:13)*

B. Prayed with \_\_\_\_\_

*“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)*

## 3. CLARIFY THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE CHURCH

**Quote:** “Every leader needs a clear mental picture of a preferred future.”

**Quote:** “When you declare your vision, it becomes a matter of record. Your vision affects the goals you want to reach, the records you want to break, and

the finish lines you want to cross.”

A. Derived from \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Christian vision is not human idealism.”

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” (Proverbs 29:18)*

B. Motivated by \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “A godly vision is right for the times, right for the family, right for the church, and right for the people. A godly vision promotes faith rather than fear. A godly vision motivates people to action. A godly vision requires risk-taking. A godly vision glorifies God, not people.”

*“Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.” (Nehemiah 2:20)*

**Quote:** “Courage is rightly considered the foremost of the virtues, for upon it, all other virtues depend.”—**Winston Churchill**

**Quote:** “Today’s churches are either risk taking, care taking, or undertaking.”

C. Reflected in our \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “A purpose statement explains your church’s reason for existence, a vision statement explains the desired impact, and core values shape the culture of the church.”

CLEAR PURPOSE

*“When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.” (Nehemiah 2:10)*

GOD HONORING PURPOSE

*“This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.” (Psalm 118:23)*

D. Communicated \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Disciplined believers deployed with the gospel to see lives transformed locally and internationally for the glory of God.”

## 4. ESTABLISH THE \_\_\_\_\_ PATH

*“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:41–42)*

A. \_\_\_\_\_

*“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” (Psalm 29:2)*

B. \_\_\_\_\_

*“For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;”  
(Philippians 1:5)*

C. \_\_\_\_\_

*“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)*

D. \_\_\_\_\_

*“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

E. \_\_\_\_\_

*“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;”  
(2 Corinthians 5:18)*

## 5. \_\_\_\_\_ **THE CONGREGATION**

A. Determine the \_\_\_\_\_ for change

B. Communicate with key \_\_\_\_\_

*“Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king’s words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.”  
(Nehemiah 2:17-18)*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ the vision

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## 6. \_\_\_\_\_ **THE STRATEGY**

*“Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” (Acts 14:22)*

**Quote:** “A dream without a plan is a wish.”

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Laborers

**Quote:** “They systems we use are not as important as the people we choose.”

B. \_\_\_\_\_ clarity regarding responsibilities

*“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” (1 Corinthians 14:8)*

C. Provide \_\_\_\_\_ and encouragement

#### 5 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR TEAM

1. Acceptance
2. Admonition
3. Admiration
4. Approval
5. Attention

#### EVALUATE PROGRESS

**Quote:** “Inspect what you expect.”

#### ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION

## 7. MOTIVATE \_\_\_\_\_

A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

*“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.” (Ephesians 1:6)*

B. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” (Philippians 1:6)*

## CONCLUSION

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# 1. LANCASTER BAPTIST PURPOSE

- A. Loving God
- B. Growing Together
- C. Serving Others

# 2. LANCASTER BAPTIST VISION

Discipled believers deployed with the gospel to see lives transformed locally and internationally for the glory of God.

# 3. LANCASTER BAPTIST CORE VALUES

- A. We center all we do on Christ.

In all things, we seek to give Christ the preeminence.

*“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”  
(Colossians 1:18)*

- B. We submit to God’s Word.

Above all, we want to please God and stay true to His Word. We would rather be biblical than be popular.

*“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”  
(2 Timothy 3:14-15)*

- C. We engage with the gospel.

The truths of God’s Word apply equally to every generation and every background. Sharing the life-changing truth of the gospel is the most compassionate and important endeavor in which we can be involved.

*“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)*

- D. We enjoy serving Jesus.

We enjoy church life. Serving God is not simply a duty. It is fun, so we serve together with joy and passion. It is the outflowing of Christ in us.

*“Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.”  
(Psalm 100:2)*

E. We live by faith.

We believe God is able. We strive to be excellent. We sacrifice, believing God will replenish.

*“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)*

## 4. LANCASTER BAPTIST MINISTRY PATH

A. Worship (Sunday Morning Service)

*“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.” (Psalm 29:2)*

B. Community (Core Class, Small Groups)

*“For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;”  
(Philippians 1:5)*

C. Commitment (Discipleship, Baptism, Core Class)

*“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)*

D. Service (Internal Ministry Involvement, External Ministry Involvement)

*“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

E. Outreach (Personal Evangelism, Missions Involvement)

*“He hath given to us... the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:18)*

