

FBC Decade Vision Team
Baptisms & Missions SubCommittee - Presentation

1) Baptisms *(Presented by Grant Cox)*

- We are **Asking God** to bring many more people to follow Christ in Baptism & Genuine Discipleship through the efforts of First Baptist Marble Falls over the next decade.
- The subcommittee is unsure if a **Numbered Goal** (i.e. 1,000 baptisms) is prudent because it seems somewhat artificial and has the potential to communicate or lead to a spiritually shallow focus. An alternative goal we want to propose is to successively **Grow** the amount of **baptisms each year**.
- Our Main Goals are to:
 - **Increase Awareness** of the Lost, leading to **Broken Hearts** in our church to share the gospel
 - **Motivate** our congregation to **Obey** the Lord by sharing the good news & discipling others
 - **Achieve Full Participation** from every follower of Christ personally pursuing the Great Commission
 - **Lower the Barriers of Response** to following Christ & baptisms
- We intend to accomplish these goals through the following **Action Steps**:
 - Regular scheduled & unscheduled **Prayer for the Lost** in our Community
 - Frequent **Preaching** about evangelism & **Clear Invitations** to Repent, Follow Christ, & be Baptized
 - **Evangelism Training** implemented within the first year in our Follow Discipleship ministry
 - A continual emphasis on each member **Learning to Share their gospel Story** in everyday contexts
 - Clearly **Defining** for our congregation what **Evangelism** means - encouraging people to trust in Jesus

 - Create a **Celebratory Atmosphere** for baptisms by making them more visible & exciting
 - Offer frequent invitations, utilize QR codes, address baptism stigmas, **Remove** unnecessary **Formalities**
 - **Baptistry** in the New Worship Center, Baptism **Events** at the Lake, **Variety** of times & options

 - Establishing a **Follow-Up & Discipleship Process** for new believers that involves church members
 - Assigning mature believers to serve as mentors and provide discipling accountability

2) Mission Strategy *(Presented by Dawn Jones)*

- We want our mission efforts to be locally & globally significant by **Joining God's Activity** of connecting people with Christ.
- Our Goals are to:
 - **Eliminate Barriers** to the gospel
 - **Reach Broader Demographics** in our community (for example: Hispanics & Young Adults)
 - **Find A Place of Service & Mission for Every Member** in our church
 - **Prioritize Spiritual Needs** as we also continue to meet various physical needs
 - Clearly **Communicate our Mission Efforts** to the congregation
- We intend to accomplish these goals through the following **Action Steps**:
 - Meet people where they are by incorporating **Relational Evangelism** into every church ministry
 - **Present the Gospel** at every appointment in the Missions Center
 - Add mission strategy to **Connect 101** and offer the class to existing members to facilitate church unity
 - Redesign the **Hampton Missions Hub** to house and present all available ministry endeavors
 - Create **New meeting places and campuses** that appeal to people of different economic levels, ages, church backgrounds, and languages, **Latino & English worship services** in the Missions Center, A **Downtown Campus** for younger generations, Other campuses in communities where they are needed

3) New Partnerships *(Presented by Grant Cox)*

- We seek to work within **God's Kingdom** by partnering with like-minded groups both here and around the world.
- Our Goals are to:
 - **Cooperate with Christ-Following Churches** to share the gospel, make disciples & meet physical needs
 - Partner with Global Organizations who build & support **Local Churches** in their areas
 - Be available to **Respond to Global Crises** in order to expand the Kingdom of God
 - Encourage, Support, & **Equip our church members'** individual passions for ministry
- We intend to accomplish these goals through the following **Action Steps:**
 - Commit to a 5-year partnership with **61 Isaiah** and the church in Rancho Bispo, Honduras
 - Explore a partnership with Baptist churches in **Latvia** through the Orphan Outreach ministry
 - Offer **Leadership Training** or other vital resources to churches in our area
 - **Invite and Include** people from our community in major church gatherings and conferences
 - **Send volunteers** to other local church ministries (Respite Ministry at the Methodist Church)
 - Contribute and participate with **Groups who Unite Churches**, like the Highland Lakes Crisis Network, Baptist World Alliance, Burnet/Llano Baptist Association, 21 Wilberforce, etc.
 - **Support Global Ministries** who align with our Mission Strategy
(International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Mountain Craft, Love Thy Nerd, India Gospel Mission, Campus Crusade, Samaritan's Purse, 61 Isaiah, Orphan Outreach, Baptist University of the Americas, etc.)
 - Strengthen our **Relationships with Churches** in various locations around the world
 - Organize and participate in **Worship & Evangelistic Events in our Community** with other churches
 - Allow local churches and other ministries to **Utilize Space in the Mission Center** to serve our community
 - Regularly **Prompt & Discuss Novel Ministries** from within our congregation

General Decade Vision Recommendation

- Schedule **Annual Reviews** of the Decade Vision Goals with the appropriate staff & committees