

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 15TH, 2023 // VISION SERVICE

A SIMPLE VISION

"To lead people to Christ through **authentic worship, authentic community, and authentic community service.**"

THE VISION STATEMENT OF GOD

As Jesus was ascending back to Heaven, He looked at His followers and shared His vision for the Church. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:19–20 to go and **disciple, baptize, and teach** people to do all the things He told us to do.

- This is the main objective of the Church, so we must put effort into how we do this.

WORSHIP

A COMMITMENT TO CORPORATE WORSHIP

From the birth of the Church in Acts 2 through Revelation, the NT tells us to corporately worship together (Hebrew 10:24–25; Matthew 16:18; 18:20; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 4:11–13; Romans 10:17).

- **Corporate worship brings us closer, activates joy, reassures us, and tunes us into focusing on God.**

A COMMITMENT TO THE WORD OF GOD

We will always have a strong commitment to expository teaching. **Studying verse-by-verse prohibits us from skipping the hard topics, and it puts the Bible in the proper context.**

- This method **helps comprehension, creates a love of the Word, and grows Christians much faster.**

COMMUNION, PRAYER, AND QUESTION

Every service ends with **communion** in order to bring every lesson back to Christ. This is a great time to repent and reflect.

- We offer **prayer** for anyone who may need to confess or ask for spiritual help.
- We always invite new or non-Believers to **ask a pastor questions** and move forward.

NEXT

AN EASY AND INFORMATIVE NEXT STEP

On the 2nd Monday of every month, we invite anyone who is interested in learning more about The Experience to come and take a tour, hear my story, hear the church's story, and take their next step in the process.

- This is where I get to meet a lot of you, and you get to know more about this place.

DEVELOPMENT

FOLLOWING JESUS (101)

- A 7-week intro to the Christian faith that covers **prayer and worship, the Bible, baptism and communion, the Holy Trinity, the church, how to share our faith, and discipleship.**

AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP (201)

- A 12-week group about practical and effective ways to make disciples that make disciples.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

- A simple and effective tool to put disciple-making into practice through our app.

40-DAY FAST DEVOTIONALS

- 5 different fasting devotionals are available through our app.

COMMUNITY

GOD IS COMMUNAL, AND WE SHOULD BE TOO

The Trinity shows us that God is communal. So, we're to also be in community. The church has always met corporately on the weekend and in small groups during the week.

- **Life Groups foster accountability, deep discussion, friendships, intergenerational mentors, and support.**

WE WANT TO BE INTENTIONAL WITH GROUPS

We encourage people to not only be in groups but to be in and lead groups that are intentional about **reaching people, discipling, and multiplying** into more groups.

- If you want to start or attend a group, email fred@experiencecc.com so we can help with training and getting people involved.

SERVING

CONSISTENT SERVICE IN OUR CITY

- **Life Choices:** Pregnancy Support Center.
- **Blue Monarch:** Resident Recovery for Women and their Children.
- **Horse Play Inc.:** Horseback Riding for Children with Special Needs.
- **Shepherd's House:** Temporary Housing for Women and Children.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE CHURCH BODY

We do a lot outside of the church, but we also have a lot to do inside the church to serve each other and visitors.

- **Hospitality, ECCO Kids, Nursery, Encounter, Emerge, EON, Production, Security/Medical, Prayer Team, and many other great opportunities!**

MISSIONS

OUR STATE

- Murfreesboro: February 2009
- Cannon County: August 2017
- Shelbyville: August 2021
- Tullahoma: November 2022
- MIT Program: Our residential training program to launch more churches around the state.

- The Network: A team that supports all campuses.

OUR NATION

- **Hope Church:** Delmarva, Delaware
- **City Church:** Albany, Brooklyn, Staten Island, New York
- **Redemption Church:** San Francisco
- **Sequoia Campus Church:** Eugene, Oregon
- **Garden City Church:** Beverly, Massachusetts

OUR WORLD

- **El Salvador:** ministry to elementary-age kids
- **Uganda:** Tara Henson working with street kids, teaching FJ, and training pastors
- **Southeast Asia:** Toffer and Becky King
- **Eastern Europe:** EEM
- **Haiti:** Jameson and Shelby Toyo
- **Egypt:** First Priority (Brian and Maged)

FINANCES (HOW WE STEWARD YOUR GIVING) ACROSS ALL EXPERIENCE CAMPUSES

- **2022 Giving Total:** \$ 9,873,855
- **2023 Budget:** \$ 9,900,000

BUDGETS:

- **Network:** \$2,105,218
- **Cannon County:** \$737,477
- **Shelbyville:** \$400,251
- **Murfreesboro:** \$5,947,411
- **Tullahoma:** \$616,872

THE EXPERIENCE TULLAHOMA

- **Budget:** \$616,872
- **Administration:** \$282,717 (Salaries and Benefits)
- **Other Admin:** \$39,020 (Maintenance, Taxes)
- **Benevolence:** \$76,202
- **Ministry Expenses:** \$79,933
- **Operating Cost:** \$132,000 (Rent, General Administration)
- **Projected Giving 2023:** \$441,012
- **Actual Budget:** \$616,872
- **Difference:** -\$175,860

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE VISION

I do not know who gives at this church.

- Whether one believes tithing is an NT thing or not, it is clear that Christians should contribute financially to the mission of the church.
- **If we're going to advance the gospel, it will take not only time and effort, but also a financial commitment.**

BE COMMITTED

A HEALTHY CULTURE

By depending **heavily on the Word, authentic community, and serving the city**, we are culturally in a good place to reach the lost and mature each other in our faith.

- Please consider getting involved in our discipleship process! **When we are on the same page and growing in our faith, we are more equipped to reach the lost.**

COMMITMENT ISSUES

It is obvious in our culture today that we have serious commitment issues. However, we must **commit ourselves to seeing lives changed.**

- **We must not only continue to be a Matthew 28:19–20 church (disciple, baptize, and teach), we must constantly strive to be the brightest light in our communities as possible!**

WHAT NEXT?

Commit to the foundations of our faith: **attend church weekly, pray, listen, read the Word, and obey and apply the Word.**

- **Get involved in a Life Group.**
- **Find a place to serve in the church or outside of the church.**
- **Commit to praying and fasting for our city, state, nation, and world.**

YOU'RE INVITED

- **Commit to a relationship with God** by reading the Word, applying the Word, praying, and listening to God.
- **Commit to being the Church.** There is no plan B! We are called to be the agents of change. When we commit to Jesus Christ, our lives are changed, and we are able to facilitate change in others.