

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022 // 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 Jesus has told us to do.

- This sounds simple, but **it takes the entire New Testament to show us how we're to accomplish these core objectives.**

## WORSHIP GATHERINGS

### A COMMITMENT TO CORPORATE WORSHIP

From the birth of the Christian church in Acts 2 all the way through Revelation, the New Testament tells us to corporately worship as a church body (Hebrews 10:24-25; Matthews 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

Our church 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 QUESTIONS

We end every service 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 people who may not believe yet to **ask a pastor questions** and possibly move forward.

## SERVE AND ATTEND

The reason we always do two services back-to-back is to give everyone the opportunity to serve their church and attend the worship service.

- **Too many volunteers get burned out and miss out on the teaching and community of the church if there is only one service.**

## TWO SERVICE TIMES

If (or when) we outgrow the sanctuary in our **9 and 11 am** services, we will start **Saturday services at 5 and 7 pm.**

- Services are an hour and a half long with a pretty simple service order.

## SERVICE ORDER

- Pre-roll video
- Song
- Nonprofit or PSA video
- Announcements
- Three Songs
- Bumper video
- Message
- Communion (every week)

## NEXT

### AN EASY AND INFORMATIVE NEXT STEP

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

- This is where we get to meet a lot of you and you get to learn a little more about us and The Experience churches.

## COMMUNITY

### GOD IS COMMUNAL, AND WE SHOULD BE TOO

The Trinity shows us that God is communal, and if we are made in His image, we are to also be in community. The church has always met corporately on the weekend and in small groups during the week.

- **Small groups foster accountability, deep discussion, friendships, intergenerational mentors, and support.**

### THIS IS WHERE "CHURCH" REALLY HAPPENS

The weekend service isn't designed for intimate interaction and relationships, but small groups are.

- In a church 10% our size one will be overlooked. This is why we must take the step to be in intentional relationship through groups.

### 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 [lifegroups@experiencecc.com](mailto:lifegroups@experiencecc.com) so we can help with training and getting people involved.

## 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.

Experience Finance

- A free 5-week course on budgeting, debt, and how to handle money biblically.

Preparing for Marriage

- 8-week pre-marital class for engaged couples.

## SERVING

### CONSISTENT SERVING IN OUR CITY

- **5000:** homeless ministry. **Stepping Stones:** homeless women and children. **Embrace Grace:** unintended pregnancies. **BAR Ministry:** on the square. **Reclaimed:** jail ministry. **Nonprofit partnerships**

### 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.

- **Parking, Hospitality, ECCO, Nursery, Emerge, Production, Medical Team, and there are many other great opportunities!**

## MISSIONS

### OUR STATE

**Murfreesboro:** February 2009. **Cannon County:** August 2017. **Shelbyville:** August 2021. **Tullahoma:** 2023.

**MIT Program:** Our residential training program to launch more churches around the state. **The Network:** A central hub that supports all campuses and future church plants.

### OUR NATION

**Crosspoint Church,** Burlington, Vermont. **Hope Church,** Delmarva, Delaware. **City Church,** Albany, Brooklyn, and Staten Island, New York. These relationships have been hard during COVID, but we feel like aiding churches in the Northeast is something we are called to do.

### OUR WORLD

**El Salvador:** King's Castle that ministers to hundreds of 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.

### FINANCES: HOW WE STEWARD YOUR GIVING

Total for all campuses:

- 2022 Budget: **\$ 8.3 Million**
- 2022 Expected Income: **\$9.4 Million**

**Total Administration: \$2,549,052 (30.7%)**

- Salaries and benefits

**MIT Program:** \$378,000 (salary and benefits)

- Three will plant Tullahoma campus

**Other administration: \$311,133**

- Sheriff, police, CPA, maintenance, etc.

- **Ministry Expenses:** \$411,000

- **Operating Costs:** \$562,936

**Repairing things at campuses:** \$530,000

- Roof, HVAC, carpet, misc. improvements

- **Woodbury Campus:** \$556,962

- **Shelbyville Campus:** \$349,981

- **Mortgage:** \$0 (No debt, suckaz!)

**Benevolence: \$2,500,000 (30% overall)**

- Extra \$400,000 given to monthly highlights. We hope to increase this to 50% eventually

### FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE VISION

**I don't know who gives at this church.** Whether one believes tithing is a New Testament thing or not, it's impossible to argue that we shouldn't financially contribute 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.**

## MOVING FORWARD

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Going through 1 and 2 Peter and James

- Expository teaching: verse-by-verse
- Slowly integrating our processes
- Inviting everyone to our Murfreesboro campus October 29th and 30th
- "Soft launch" in November
- "Hard launch" January/February of 2023

### LETTING YOU HAVE TIME TO HEAL

For a short time, we just want to offer good biblical teaching and let you rest and heal. **We believe God is setting up something amazing here, and we want you on board!**

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