

## An Update from the Church Leadership Team: Values, Vision, Mission

*The following is a summary of a presentation given during the worship service on **Sunday, April 3, 2016**. For more information please reference the Topsheet Document also available for download, or speak with any of the members of our Church Leadership Team.*

About a year ago, at the urging of our Future Facilities Task Force, we invited our faith family to gather – to dream, to pray, to listen, to share.

The desire for a clearly articulated Vision and Mission statement was apparent. Matched with that desiree was what felt like a unified belief that God was nudging us to move with Him.

The Church Leadership Team responded and embarked on a series of meetings to pray, to listen, to learn, and to lead.

The larger faith family responded too. We all gathered several times, usually around a bowl of ice cream, to inform the work of the Leadership Team. We heard a wide variety of thoughts and ideas, and soon similar values, shared dreams, and a collective passion for sharing Christ began to surface.

We have clarified for ourselves what we corporately hold as significant – our core **values** around **Trust in God, Gathering, Community, and being sent out in Mission**.

We have discerned with grateful hearts an answer to what we are becoming as a church – this is what we understand vision to be. So we articulate now our **Vision** as this: **Our desire is to glorify God by becoming a Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered church.**

One of the things that really stood out as we gathered in this process was a deep commitment that exists in our people to share the gospel; to experience the gospel ourselves, but not to keep it to ourselves rather to share it with others.

Mission is what we are to be doing. While we are becoming a Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered church – we will also be found on mission. And what will we be found doing? Our **mission** will see us **making Jesus known – among us, around us, beyond us**. This captures both our desire to experience Jesus ourselves and to be sharing Jesus - with those we bump into naturally, and with those whom we intentionally seek out beyond our daily experience.

So the vision has been cast. The mission has been determined. Now comes the fun. Trusting in God for every step of the way, we will adventure with Him as we make Jesus known!

How will you help us make Jesus known today?