

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

Of First Baptist Church of Basin, WY

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First Baptist Church's Mission/Vision Statement comes in four sizes: the Short Version, the Motto, the Full Statement, and the Summary Statement. The Short Version provides a short outline. The Motto shows our church's heart. The Full Statement includes the basic statement as well as supporting rationale, fuller descriptions, and scriptural basis for each premise stated. The Summary Statement gives a complete but succinct statement of our basic purpose, mission, vision, and values.

PREFACE - DEFINITION OF TERMS

PURPOSE

First Baptist Church's reason for being.

MISSION

First Baptist Church's God-given task. Our mission is what God has called us to accomplish.

VISION

First Baptist Church's expectation. Vision describes our perception of our mission as it is being accomplished.

VALUES

First Baptist Church's heart. Our values are what we hold dear. Values motivate us to fulfill our mission.

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The reader will notice overlap between our purpose, mission, vision, and values and among the elements within each of those divisions, namely: evangelism, discipleship, loving relationships, and prayer. That is because the Church is not just a well-structured organization, but a living organism. To describe the Church, we define and categorize its different parts... but in reality, the Church is one integrated, dynamic Body.

Our **values** indicate who we really are presently. We trust that our character and values as a church are bringing honor and glory to God, because that's why we exist, that's our **purpose**: to glorify God.

What we believe God has called us to do is described in our statement of **mission**. Our purpose undergirds and drives our mission. Our values, reflecting our true passions, move us into our mission.

Our **vision** paints for us a picture of who we will become and what we will accomplish in the future as we complete our mission.

PREFACE - PURPOSE OF A MISSION/VISION STATEMENT – How will this be utilized?

The **Short Version** is used to introduce and make known our church's purpose, mission, and vision.

The **Motto** is used as a ready response concerning who we are and what we are about by anyone knowledgeable of our church.

The **Summary Statement** is intended for quick reference in the pursuit of planning and evaluating options for church practice.

The **Full Statement** is intended to guide First Baptist Church in direction, legislation, planning, programming, and practice. It is a personalized, customized summation of our ultimate and only guide: The Holy Scriptures. Church officers and ministry leaders will be expected to know this document well and adhere to its guidance. For preachers, teachers, small group leaders, and mentors, this document provides a wealth of Biblical study material that will guide them in instructing others. For church decision and policy makers, this document will provide parameters for their deliberations. For the congregation voting in church elections, this document will offer a common base from which to consider options. For individuals and families attending First Baptist Church, this document will provide a clear knowledge of expectations – both of what they can expect from the church and what the church expects from them.

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THE SHORT VERSION:

Our Purpose: **Glorify God.**

Our Mission: **Make disciples who make disciples....**

Reconciling people to God (Salvation/Witness),

Nurturing/Maturing disciples for Christian growth (Character/Holiness (Sanctification)),

Building/Nurturing loving relationships, and

Developing disciples who pray effectively.

Our Vision: **Our Purpose and Mission in motion.**

Our Values: Foundational Biblical truths

Worship

Christ-likeness

Service

Unity in Christ

Discipleship

Outreach

Prayer

OUR MOTTO: **Reaching up, Reaching out.**

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PURPOSE

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PREMISE (What)	We of First Baptist Church of Basin, WY, exist to glorify God.	
RATIONALE (Why)	<p>Everything we do is, ultimately, for the overriding purpose of bringing glory to God through the exaltation of His Son, Jesus Christ.</p> <p>To glorify God is the purpose for which God, Himself, has called His people and His church.</p> <p><i>In [Christ] we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.... [God's] intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.... To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.¹</i></p>	<p>¹Ephesians 1:11-12</p> <p>Ephesians 3:10-11</p> <p>Ephesians 3:21 see also I Corinthians 10:31 Psalm 29:1-2 Revelation 4:11</p>
DESCRIPTION (How)	To glorify God is to live in a way that brings Him the attention, honor, and respect He merits. It is to “brag” on God. It is to sing and speak praises to Him. It is to present Him to others as truly God. It is to joyfully submit to Him and His ways. It is to adore Him, worship Him, and love Him with all one’s heart, soul, mind, and strength. ²	² Mark 12:30

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While God calls His people to do many things, His mission for the Church is very focused. God commands us to love Him and love one another; God commands us to purify ourselves and be holy as He is holy; God commands us to care for those in need; God commands us to practice true justice; and God commands us to rejoice and give thanks. God's commands are many. But God's mission for us is very focused: **make disciples who make disciples**.

Indeed, obedience to God's many commands equips, enables, and guides us in fulfilling our God-given mission. We are compelled to accomplish this mission God has given us.¹ Therefore, we discipline ourselves as a church and as individuals to do only what contributes towards the making of disciples.

A disciple is one who knows and follows Christ Jesus and has first entered into relationship with Jesus as his or her personal Savior, because only a born again child of God can truly follow Jesus.²

- A disciple pursues a growing relationship with Jesus as Lord.³
- A disciple learns to value obedience to all of Jesus' teachings.⁴
- A disciple grows continually to trust in and rely on the indwelling Christ for guidance and empowerment in life.⁵
- A disciple seeks less of self and more of Christ.⁶
- A disciple commits to involvement in ministry toward the completion of the church's mission.⁷
- A disciple makes every effort to rest in God's love.⁸
- A disciple allows God's love to flow freely from him or her to others.⁹
- A disciple stays in constant, open, honest, and expectant communication with God through Jesus Christ.¹⁰

¹I Corinthians 9:16-17
Acts 4:20

²John 1:12-13
John 3:3
John 14:6

³Matthew 7:21
Colossians 3:23-24

⁴I John 2:3-6

⁵John 15:1-8
Philippians 3:10-12
Acts 1:8
Ephesians 5:18b

⁶John 3:30
Luke 9:23-24
Galatians 2:20

⁷I Corinthians 12:7
I Corinthians 12:27-28
Ephesians 4:11-13

⁸Hebrews 4:9-11
John 14:21

⁹John 13:34-35
I John 3:16-24

¹⁰Luke 18:1; 21:36
Ephesians 6:18
I John 5:14-15

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With this understanding of what a disciple is, First Baptist Church of Basin, Wyoming, views its mission of disciple making to be comprised of four interrelated aspects: (1) Reconciliation, (2) Christian Growth, (3) Loving Relationships, and (4) Prayer. Each of these aspects of our church's mission is further described below, but they may all be seen in Christ's mandate for the Church known as the Great Commission:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".¹¹

¹¹Matthew 28:18-21

A person reconciled to God becomes a disciple of Jesus. Christian growth takes a disciple from spiritual birth to spiritual maturity through learning to obey everything Christ has commanded and taught. A disciple is a member of God's family, in an intimate, engulfing, loving relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This relationship with the living God affects all other relationships of the disciple. Any healthy relationship depends on good communication, so the disciple prays to God through Jesus Christ, the greatest authority in all creation who constantly resides within the disciple.

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MISSION - RECONCILING PEOPLE TO GOD

(Salvation/Witness)

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<p>PREMISE (What)</p>	<p>God's mission for First Baptist Church is very focused: make disciples.</p> <p>One aspect of making disciples includes the ministry of reconciliation.¹ Because sin has separated man from God, the relationship of man with God needs to be restored. First Baptist Church has been called to facilitate this reconciliation by equipping believers to present the good news of Christ.</p>	<p>¹reconcile – to re-establish friendship between; to settle or resolve, as a dispute.</p>
<p>RATIONALE (Why)</p>	<p>God's only plan to present the Good News is through the influence of all believers whom He has called to be His ambassadors.</p> <p><i>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God was making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.</i>²</p> <p><i>For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And, how can they believe in the one they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."</i>³</p>	<p>²II Corinthians 5:18-21 see also Colossians 1:15-22 Hebrews 2:17 Romans 5:1 Ephesians 2:11-18</p> <p>³Romans 10:13-15</p>
<p>DESCRIPTION (How)</p>	<p>Our church's mission includes stressing the importance of being Christ's ambassadors, guiding believers to rely on Christ's sufficiency and the power of the Holy Spirit, motivating them to represent Christ well in word and deed, equipping and training them for effective witness, and sending them out with eager, expectant confidence.</p>	
<p>Stress importance of our witness</p>	<p>To make disciples means <u>stressing the importance</u> of being Christ's ambassadors. Our call comes from Christ – we are appointed by God to this crucial role and task.⁴ As ambassadors of Christ, we act as His representatives in this world – how others see us is how they see Jesus.⁵</p>	<p>⁴II Corinthians 5:18 Matthew 28:18-20 Acts 1:8 Isaiah 43:10-13 I Peter 2:9 Colossians 1:24-28 II Timothy 4:2 ⁵II Corinthians 3:17-18 Matthew 5:13-16 Isaiah 60:1-3 Philippians 2:15-16a I Peter 2:12 IIThessalonians 1:11-12</p>
<p>Guide believers to rely on Christ</p>	<p>To make disciples as Christ's ambassadors means <u>guiding</u> believers <u>to rely on Christ</u>'s sufficiency and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is God alone who changes hearts and calls people to Himself. God directs our witness. God empowers our witness. As Christ's ambassadors we rely fully on Him. First Baptist Church guides believers to such a reliance on Christ.⁶</p>	<p>⁶Exodus 33:14-17 Matthew 10:19b-20 John 15:5, 8 Acts 1:8 I Corinthians 3:5-7 II Corinthians 3:4-6 II Corinthians 4:10-11 Galatians 2:20 Colossians 1:29; 4:2-4</p>

Motivate believers to represent Christ well	To make disciples as Christ's ambassadors means <u>motivating</u> believers <u>to represent Christ</u> well in word and deed. Such motivation comes from a troubling awareness that every person is lost ⁷ apart from Christ and that time for salvation is short. ⁸ Because we have received the Good News ⁹ in Christ, we would be remiss not to share it with others. ¹⁰ Furthermore, motivation to represent Christ well comes from a growing realization of our own salvation and intimacy with our personal Savior. ¹¹	⁷ Isaiah 64:4-6 Romans 3:10-20, 23 Romans 6:23a Acts 4:12 ⁸ Hebrews 9:27 II Corinthians 6:2b ⁹ John 5:24 Romans 1:16 Romans 6:21-24 II Corinthians 5:21 ¹⁰ Romans 10:13-15 ¹¹ Psalms 66:16 Psalms 119:46-47 John 6:66-69 Titus 3:3-7
Equip and train in life skills for witness:	To make disciples as Christ's ambassadors means <u>equipping and training</u> believers in the following life-skills for effective witness:	
praying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Praying – attaining wisdom and power for witness.¹² 	¹² Colossians 4:2-4 Ephesians 6:19-20 James 1:5
reflecting Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflecting Christ – living out one's personal witness.¹³ 	¹³ John 13:35 John 17:20-21 II Corinthians 2:14-15 II Corinthians 3:2-3 Ephesians 4:29 Colossians 4:6 I John 3:18
planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning for an intentional presence in the world – strategizing for effective witness.¹⁴ 	¹⁴ Acts 16:6-10 Acts 19:8-10 I Corinthians 9:19, 22b-23 Proverbs 16:1-3, 9
nurturing relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nurturing relationships with non-believers – building trust and an inquisitiveness about the believer's way of life in Christ.¹⁵ 	¹⁵ I Corinthians 3:6-9 Acts 2:46b-47 Romans 14:16-18 Galatians 6:9-10a Ephesians 4:29 Colossians 4:6 I John 3:18 Matthew 5:43-48
presenting the gospel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presenting the gospel – giving accurate and loving answers to inquiries from both one's personal experience and the Bible.¹⁶ 	¹⁶ I Corinthians 15:3-4 Luke 24:46-47 John 3:16-17 Isaiah 64:5 Romans 3:10, 20-25a Galatians 2:16 Galatians 3:23-25 Romans 5:8, 12, 18-19 Romans 6:23 Romans 10:9-13 I Peter 3:15
calling for repentance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Calling for repentance – giving an inquirer a definite opportunity to respond to the gospel message.¹⁷ 	¹⁷ Matthew 4:17 Luke 5:32 Acts 2:38 Acts 20:21 II Timothy 2:24-26 II Peter 3:9
following up new believers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Following up new believers – establishing new believers in an assurance of salvation¹⁸ and some steps for growing in Christ.¹⁹ 	¹⁸ I John 5:11-13 Ephesians 2:8-9 John 1:12-13 Revelation 3:20 ¹⁹ Matthew 4:4 James 5:16b I John 1:9 Hebrews 10:24-25 I Peter 3:15
embracing missions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embracing Missions – extending one's participation in spreading the gospel beyond direct personal influence.²⁰ 	²⁰ Luke 10:2-3 Acts 13:1-3 III John 1:6b-8 Matthew 24:14 Romans 10:15

<p>Send out eager, confident, expectant ambassadors for Christ</p>	<p>To make disciples as Christ's ambassadors means <u>sending</u> them out with eager, expectant confidence. Our church mobilizes disciples for the ministry of reconciliation not primarily through programming outreach events or scheduling witnessing opportunities or assigning ministry tasks, but by nurturing within each disciple a lifestyle of Christian witness. Living and sharing Christ under the direction and empowerment of the Holy Spirit becomes a way of life for Christ's ambassadors.²¹ Opportunities to point others to Jesus through actions and words are eagerly sought, readily recognized, and faithfully utilized each day by such ambassadors for Christ.²²</p>	<p>²¹Psalm 22:22 Psalm 40:9-10 Psalm 71:15-18 Proverbs 11:30 II Corinthians 2:14-3:3 II Corinthians 3:18 Philippians 1:20 I Thessalonians 4:11-12a</p> <p>²²Matthew 10:18-19 Acts 26:22-29 I Corinthians 9:16-17 Colossians 4:5-6 I Peter 3:15-16</p>
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MISSION - NURTURING/MATURING DISCIPLES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

(Character/Holiness (Sanctification))

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<p>PREMISE (What)</p>	<p>God's mission for First Baptist Church is very focused: make disciples.</p> <p>One aspect of making disciples is the ministry of nurturing and maturing disciples.</p> <p><i>God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.¹</i></p> <p><i>We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.²</i></p>	<p>¹Hebrews 6:10</p> <p>²Hebrews 5:11-14</p>
<p>RATIONALE (Why)</p>	<p>The primary need of everyone is a relationship with Christ that leads to a changed life. Through the work of the Holy Spirit and the nurturing of fellow believers, Christ's followers become more like Jesus.³</p>	<p>³II Corinthians 3:18 Ephesians 4:11-16</p>
<p>DESCRIPTION (How)</p>	<p>Our church's mission includes providing disciples favorable conditions for healthy growth. Favorable conditions include preaching Christ; strengthening Biblical values through teaching and studying all the Word; and training and nurturing believers for life and ministry.</p>	
<p>Preach Christ</p>	<p>To make disciples means providing favorable conditions for healthy growth <u>by preaching Christ</u>. Christ crucified is the foundation of our faith. Without him we are lost; we are incomplete; we are powerless. Therefore, everything we do is based upon Christ – who He is and what He has done. We preach Christ, not ourselves.⁴</p>	<p>⁴I Corinthians 1:23 I Corinthians 15:1-4 II Corinthians 4:5</p>
<p>Strengthen Biblical values within each believer</p>	<p>To make disciples means providing favorable conditions for healthy growth <u>by strengthening within each believer Biblical values</u>. The Bible in its completeness is the inspired Word of God and is the handbook for Christian growth.⁵ Nurturing involves teaching and studying the Bible in its entirety. Biblical values are strengthened with knowledge of who God is and what He desires.⁶</p>	<p>⁵II Timothy 3:16-17</p> <p>⁶Proverbs 9:10 Colossians 1:27-28</p>
<p>Train believers for ministry</p>	<p>To make disciples means providing favorable conditions for healthy growth <u>by training believers for ministry</u>. The knowledge of Biblical principles is the foundation upon which the training of believers for ministry is built. An integral part of nurturing is training disciples how to live and share their faith in Christ, with the ultimate goal of developing the ability to nurture and train other believers.⁷</p>	<p>⁷Hebrews 5:14</p>

	<p>Christian growth or maturing in Christ is the responsibility of the disciple, whereas the nurturing aspect of Christian growth is the responsibility of the body of believers. The disciple must decide for himself if he is going to grow up in Christ. The church body provides the environment and opportunities as well as exhortation and admonition to become a mature disciple. Maturation is a continuous process with the final goal of a disciple that PLEASES God.</p> <p>A maturing disciple strives to be one who</p> <p>P – is prayerfully dependent.⁸</p> <p>L – loves God.⁹</p> <p>E – entwines God’s Word into everyday living.¹⁰</p> <p>A - abandons personal agenda to live obediently.¹¹</p> <p>S - serves others.¹²</p> <p>E – exercises expectant living.¹³</p> <p>It is part of First Baptist Church’s mission to nurture disciples and encourage disciples to mature into Christlikeness.</p>	<p>⁸I Thessalonians 5:17 Philippians 4:6</p> <p>⁹Matthew 22:37</p> <p>¹⁰II Corinthians 9:13 I John 2:17; 3:24</p> <p>¹¹I Corinthians 10:31 Matthew 6:25-34</p> <p>¹²Philippians 2:3-4 I Peter 1:12a Matthew 20:26-28</p> <p>¹³Titus 2:11-14 Matthew 6:19-21 Revelation 22:20</p>
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PREMISE (What)	<p>God's mission for First Baptist Church is very focused: make disciples.</p> <p>One aspect of making disciples is building and nurturing loving relationships.</p>	
RATIONALE (Why)	<p>God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit display the very best example of a loving relationship. God desires His children to share in such loving relationships with Himself and with others.¹ That's why Jesus summarized all of God's laws with these supreme commands:</p> <p><i>"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.</i>²</p> <p>Such love establishes, maintains, and nurtures right relationships.</p> <p>Belonging to God is not primarily about right doctrine or right behavior, but about a right relationship with Him.³ A right relationship with God is the foundation from which right doctrine and right behavior is developed.⁴ A right relationship with God enables right relationships with others.⁵</p>	<p>¹John 13:34-35 John 17:26 1 Peter 4:8</p> <p>²Matthew 22:37-40 Deuteronomy 6:5 Leviticus 19:18</p>
DESCRIPTION (How)	<p>Our church's mission includes guiding, encouraging, and training growing disciples to love God, love others, and love Christ's Church.</p> <p>Love God</p> <p>To make disciples means drawing followers of Christ into an increasingly intimate relationship with God – to love Him more deeply, more fully, more honestly, and without compromise. Out of this growing love for God comes an increasing hunger for God's truth,⁶ the desire for faithful obedience,⁷ and an intentional pursuit of personal holiness.⁸ It is part of First Baptist Church's mission to encourage and facilitate Christians' deepening <u>love for God</u>.</p> <p>Love others</p> <p>To make disciples means moving people from self-centeredness to Christ-centeredness, affecting them with God's love so much that God's love overflowing from them starts affecting other people in real, profound, significant, and eternal ways.⁹ It is part of First Baptist Church's mission to nurture maturing disciples to more consistently and effectively practice the numerous scriptural admonitions for relationships with "one another," namely to...</p>	<p>³John 1:12-13 1 John 3:1a</p> <p>⁴John 14:23-24a</p> <p>⁵1 John 3:11-19</p> <p>⁶Psalms 19:7-11 Psalm 43:3 Psalm 119:1-176</p> <p>⁷Psalms 119:166-168 John 14:21; 15:10 1 John 2:3-6</p> <p>⁸Psalms 24:3-5 II Corinthians 7:1 1 John 3:1-3</p> <p>⁹1 John 3:16, 18 1 John 4:7-12 Matthew 5:16 John 13:34-35 Colossians 3:12-16</p>

Love Christ's Church	<p> “be devoted to”¹⁰ “live in harmony with”¹¹ “stop passing judgment on”¹² “serve”¹³ “bear with”¹⁴ “be kind and compassionate to”¹⁵ “forgive”¹⁶ “submit to”¹⁷ “encourage”¹⁸ “pray for”¹⁹ [to list just a few references to “one another” passages]. </p> <p>It is part of First Baptist Church’s mission to encourage and facilitate Christians’ deepening <u>love for others</u>.</p> <p>To make disciples means nurturing within individuals a growing devotion for fellowship within the Body of Christ, the Church.²⁰ Such a devotion to the fellowship will move a maturing disciple to full participation in the life, ministry, and growth of the local church²¹ through faithful engaged attendance,²² service,²³ prayer,²⁴ and financial support²⁵ as God leads and enables. A growing disciple makes every effort to keep unity within the church family.²⁶</p> <p>A growing disciple submits to,²⁷ respects,²⁸ and follows²⁹ those in the church tasked to lead,³⁰ nurture,³¹ discipline,³² and guard³³ the Body of Christ. The church leadership is responsible to routinely identify,³⁴ develop,³⁵ utilize,³⁶ and monitor³⁷ leadership within the church.</p> <p>It is part of First Baptist Church’s mission to nurture maturing disciples to <u>love Christ’s Church</u>.</p>	<p>¹⁰Romans 12:10</p> <p>¹¹Romans 12:16</p> <p>¹²Romans 14:13</p> <p>¹³Galatians 5:13; 6:10</p> <p>¹⁴Ephesians 4:2</p> <p>¹⁵Ephesians 4:32</p> <p>¹⁶Ephesians 4:32</p> <p>¹⁷Ephesians 5:19</p> <p>¹⁸I Thessalonians 4:18</p> <p>¹⁹I Thessalonians 5:11</p> <p>²⁰Hebrews 3:13</p> <p>²¹Hebrews 10:25</p> <p>²²James 5:16</p> <p>²³Acts 2:42</p> <p>²⁴I John 1:3, 7</p> <p>²⁵Acts 2:46-47</p> <p>²⁶Colossians 2:19</p> <p>²⁷Hebrews 10:25</p> <p>²⁸Ephesians 4:11-16</p> <p>²⁹Matthew 18:19-20</p> <p>³⁰II Corinthians 9:6-11</p> <p>³¹Ephesians 4:2-3, 13</p> <p>³²Hebrews 13:17</p> <p>³³I Thessalonians 5:12-13a</p> <p>³⁴I Corinthians 11:1</p> <p>³⁵I Peter 5:2-3</p> <p>³⁶John 21:15-17</p> <p>³⁷Matthew 18:15-18</p> <p>³⁸Acts 20:28-31a</p> <p>³⁹I Timothy 3:1-13</p> <p>⁴⁰Proverbs 27:17-18</p> <p>⁴¹II Timothy 2:2</p> <p>⁴²I Timothy 5:19-20</p>
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MISSION - DEVELOPING DISCIPLES WHO PRAY EFFECTIVELY

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	God's mission for First Baptist Church is very focused: make disciples.	
PREMISE (What)	One aspect of making disciples is developing effective prayer warriors. We are encouraged to pray without ceasing. ¹ The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. ²	¹ I Thessalonians 5:17 ² James 5:16b
RATIONALE (Why)	When one accepts Jesus as his Savior, he becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ and begins a relationship with him. The natural part of a relationship is communication. A relationship without interaction soon withers and becomes nothing more than an acquaintance. The quality of a disciple's relationship with God depends upon his communication with the Master. Thus a maturing disciple needs to know and practice the fundamentals of prayer in order to pray effectively. Our church's mission includes developing disciples into men and women of prayer.	
DESCRIPTION (How)	Because prayer is essential to develop and deepen our relationship with God, First Baptist Church's mission includes providing its disciples with the tools necessary to become effective in prayer. Providing these tools includes instruction in why we pray and how to pray, encouraging prayer to be a way of life, and ensuring opportunities to pray.	
Instruct in why we pray	To make disciples means instructing disciples in <u>why we pray</u> . We pray because it is God's will. We pray because it develops and deepens our relationship with God. We pray because Jesus prayed. We pray because it changes us as well as situations. ³	³ I Thessalonians 5:16-17 Mark 1:35 Matthew 6:9-13; 26:36 James 4:2 Luke 11:9-10 I John 1:9
Instruct in how to pray	To make disciples means instructing disciples <u>how to pray</u> . When we pray, we pray with faith knowing that God hears us. We pray with humility. We pray according to God's will. ⁴	⁴ Mark 11:24 Luke 18:10-14 I John 5:14-15 Matthew 6:10
Encourage prayer as a way of life	To make disciples means encouraging prayer to become <u>a way of life</u> to the disciple in which praying is as natural as breathing. ⁵	⁵ Philippians 4:6 I Thessalonians 5:16-17 Ephesians 6:18 Acts 2:42
Provide opportunities to practice praying	To make disciples means providing <u>opportunities</u> for disciples <u>to practice praying</u> privately and corporately. We encourage praying for one another, meeting together for prayer, and making prayer a part of our church gatherings. ⁶	⁶ Philippians 4:6 Acts 1:14; 4:24 Colossians 4:2 James 5:13-16 Romans 12:10-12
PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR CHURCH'S MISSION	Just as prayer is essential in our personal relationship with God, it is also essential in all aspects of our church's mission. Prayer is essential in our ministry of reconciliation, in our nurturing and maturing of disciples in Christian growth, and in our building and nurturing of loving relationships.	

Reconciling men to God	In our ministry of reconciliation <u>we must pray</u> that God will open doors for us to share our lives and His Word with our friends and neighbors. In this way they may see what the Lord has done for us in bringing us to Him through His Son Christ Jesus. ⁷	⁷ Colossians 4:2-6 Luke 10:2-3
Nurturing Christian growth	In our ministry of nurturing and maturing disciples for Christian growth , <u>we must pray</u> that we will grow in our love of God and His Son. ⁸ We pray that we will obediently and joyfully serve Him as well as serving our friends and neighbors. ⁹ We pray that we will use God's Word to guide us in all that we do so that we think less of ourselves and more about Him. ¹⁰	⁸ Deuteronomy 6:5 ⁹ John 12:26 Philippians 2:3-4 ¹⁰ Psalms 119:105 Matthew 20:26
Building loving relationships	As we build and nurture loving relationships <u>we must pray</u> that our love for God will continue to increase. ¹¹ We pray that our love for our neighbors, friends and family will continue to grow so that His love for us is seen through our love for others. ¹² We pray that our love for His church will continue to grow as we meet together for learning, fellowship, worship, and prayer. ¹³ The ultimate love God has for us is seen through our living testimony of how we love others. ¹⁴	¹¹ Matthew 22:37 ¹² I Corinthians 13:1-13 ¹³ Acts 2:42-47 ¹⁴ John 13:34-35

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MOTTO

REACHING UP, REACHING OUT

We reach up to God to offer Him, in spirit and in truth, our worship and to receive His guidance and strength and love.

We reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ with acceptance, love, and a commitment to help each other grow.

We reach out to those apart from Christ with the life-giving message of salvation and abundant life in God through Jesus Christ and a demonstration of God's love.

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VISION

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VISION is the description of what we expect our MISSION to look like when it is being accomplished. MISSION defines for our church its God-given future tasks and VISION describes expected outcomes. VISION attempts to see the results from God's perspective.

While a truly God-given MISSION always remains the same, our VISION of that mission's accomplishment will change as we more clearly understand God's intent. So VISION is dynamic, not static. As players, situations, and resources change, so will our VISION be modified to fit the new realities. As our faith in God grows, as we better understand what He is accomplishing in and through us, so will our VISION change. The challenge for us is to be refining our VISION to align with God's VISION for our church.

The picture of what God wants us to be has two views: individual and corporate. VISION describes outcomes seen both in personal lives and in the local church known as First Baptist Church in Basin, Wyoming.

From a clear VISION, goals will be set. With measurable goals in place, programs will be created and maintained. God-directed and God-empowered programs will be the vehicles used in making VISION reality in practice. VISION, then, is useful in both planning and evaluating programs that are effective in helping us accomplish our God-given MISSION.

We see our church developing a culture of empowerment for participation in God's present Kingdom. We see our church providing good examples of corporate worship, fellowship, prayer, learning, evangelism, and cross-cultural missions through a variety and growing number of effective programs. We see our people becoming more and more like Jesus Christ through their eager involvement in the church's programs, each others' lives, and personal ministries that affect their community and world. We see our church strategically and prayerfully pursuing directions and building organizational structures to accomplish God's MISSION. Therefore, our VISION parallels and is driven by our MISSION to (1) reconcile people to God, (2) nurture disciples in their Christian growth, (3) nurture loving relationships, and (4) develop disciples who pray effectively.

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OUR VISION OF RECONCILING PEOPLE TO GOD

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We see our church providing ongoing training, opportunities, accountability, and encouragement to help people be more effective in their witness.

We see our church full of people who are aware of their roles as Christ's ambassadors in reaching those without Jesus.

We see these people pursuing training for effective witness.

We see our people looking for and taking advantage of opportunities to share Jesus.

We hear the constant buzzing of our people's conversations and prayers about their current efforts to share their faith.

We see more and more new believers being baptized as a testimony to their lives changing by God's grace.

We see a faithful and growing heart within our church family for world-wide missions, with our people fully engaged in corresponding, praying, giving, serving, and going in support of our missionaries.

OUR VISION OF NURTURING/MATURING DISCIPLES

FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

(Character/Holiness (Sanctification))

We see our church providing favorable conditions for our people to increasingly know, love, and serve God.

We see our church people maturing in Christ under the care of effective mentors and teachers.

We see our church people knowing their spiritual gifts and using them in their personal ministries.

We see new confident leaders emerging from effective training.

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OUR VISION OF BUILDING/NURTURING LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

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We see our church stressing and facilitating open-hearted growing relationships with God and one another.

We see our church sheltering and providing safe haven for those gathering together, where no one is left out.

We see healthy intentional relationships being built as a result of our people putting others before themselves.

We see an active, loving, trusting, effective involvement in each others' lives.

We see unity in Christ through a welcoming spirit of acceptance and love for one another within our own church and the larger Body of Christ.

OUR VISION OF DEVELOPING DISCIPLES WHO PRAY EFFECTIVELY

We see our church always challenging our people to pray and equipping them to do so.

We see our church as a group of people who talk to God from their hearts as individuals, families, small groups and as a church body.

We see our people spontaneously, conversationally, or formally going first to God in shaping and directing their lives.

We see our people praying in faith according to the promises of God in His Word.

We see our people using all aspects of prayer: praise, confession, thanksgiving, supplication, and intercession.

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VALUES

INTRODUCTION

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Our VALUES identify who and where we are now as the congregation of First Baptist Church in Basin, WY. The values we hold reflect our character and our passions. Our deeply held values are what motivate us to action, to growth, to pursuit of the fulfillment of our mission. MISSION defines for our church its God-given future tasks and VISION describes expected outcomes.

“Value” is defined as “Worth in usefulness or importance to the possessor; utility or merit.... A principle, standard, or quality considered worthwhile or desirable”.¹ Note that what makes something a value is the personal “usefulness or importance to the possessor” who has “considered” a particular thing “worthwhile or desirable.”

Value goes deeper than belief. As Christians, we may all believe certain truths taught by our church and clearly supported from the scripture. But mere belief may be simply academic or superficial or impotent because we have yet to truly and personally buy into those truths so as to be actually affected by them. In our immaturity or rebelliousness or ignorance, we have yet to truly value all Biblical truths. Even the demons believe that there is one God; but it is not a belief valued enough by them for them to submit and follow God.² We at First Baptist Church admit we value some Biblical truths more than others. But our prayer is: “*Lord, we do believe. Help us overcome our unbelief*”.³ Our desire is to fully align our values with God’s values. Indeed, part of our mission includes the alignment of our values with God’s.

What we truly believe and value is what we practice – faith as evidenced by works.⁴ The current values of First Baptist Church are

foundational Biblical truths,
worship,
Christ-likeness,
service,
unity in Christ,
discipleship,
outreach,
and prayer.

These are the principles, standards, and qualities that move us to action. They’re what make us tick. We are passionate about them. We intend to grow in each of them, knowing we haven’t yet arrived at perfection. These values of First Baptist Church are described below.

¹(The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, William Morris, ed., Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1981)

²James 2:19

³Mark 9:24

⁴James 2:14-26

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VALUES - FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL TRUTHS

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PREMISE (What)	<p>We value foundational Biblical truths at First Baptist Church.</p> <p>There are many Biblical truths. We recognize that there is legitimate room for varied understanding on many Biblical truths. But a few central truths are foundational and non-negotiable for those regularly attending our church. On these foundational Biblical truths we all steadfastly stand:</p>	
<p>SUB-PREMISE regarding the Bible</p> <p>RATIONALE¹</p>	<p>1. The Bible was given to us by the inspiration of God and is the inerrant word and authority from which we receive our instruction and guidance.</p>	<p>¹II Timothy 3:16-17 II Peter 1:20-21 Matthew 4:4</p>
<p>SUB-PREMISE regarding salvation</p> <p>RATIONALE²</p>	<p>2. Our salvation is only through the blood of Christ. Therefore, it is necessary for us to receive Jesus, the Son of God, who came as man, who died for our sins, who was buried and was resurrected from the dead, qualifying Him to be our substitutional blood sacrifice.</p>	<p>²John 14:6 II Corinthians 5:21 Hebrews 9:14-15 I Peter 3:18 John 1:1-5, 9-14 I Corinthians 15:3-4</p>
<p>SUB-PREMISE regarding God</p> <p>RATIONALE³</p>	<p>3. The one God exists in a threefold personality: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are one, yet separate personalities. This divine relationship is the Godhead or Trinity.</p>	<p>³I Peter 1:1-2 II Thessalonians 2:13-14 Matthew 28:19-20 II Corinthians 13:14</p>
<p>SUB-PREMISE regarding the Church</p> <p>RATIONALE⁴</p>	<p>4. The Church, the Body of Christ, is God's chosen means of fulfilling His purposes on earth. First Baptist Church in Basin, WY, is a local expression of the Body of Christ.</p>	<p>⁴Acts 20:28 I Corinthians 12:27 Ephesians 1:22-23 Ephesians 2:19-22 Ephesians 3:10-11 Ephesians 4:15-16 Colossians 1:18</p>
DESCRIPTION (How)	<p>These Biblical truths, which our church accepts as foundational, are more fully stated in our Declaration of Faith.⁵</p> <p>Biblical truths, mandates, and principles are what drive our plans, our practice, our teaching, our relationships, our values, our mission, our vision, our very existence. We devote ourselves "to the apostles' teaching."⁶</p>	<p>⁵Constitution for The First Baptist Church of Basin, Wyoming, Article III, Section 1: Declaration of Faith – see addendum</p>
MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)	<p>Because we subscribe together to these foundational truths, we hold like values, like hopes, and like goals. This firm foundation provides a launching pad from which we, together, move toward the fulfillment of our shared God-given mission.</p>	<p>⁶Acts 2:42</p>

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<p>Obey God</p>	<p><i>to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.</i>⁷</p> <p>We worship God by seeking Him and His truth.</p> <p><u>Obey God</u></p> <p>We show our joy in his love by doing what he has commanded and taught us. Jesus said, “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him”.⁸ We worship God by obeying Him.</p>	<p>⁷Romans 12:1-2</p> <p>⁸John 14:21</p>
<p>Rely on God</p>	<p><u>Rely on God</u></p> <p>We also show respect in worshiping God through the bad times, when our hearts are broken and our spirits are humbled. These are the times when we are close to God and realize that without Him we cannot make it. Asking help from God, who loves us the most, demonstrates respectful worship that is done in spirit and truth. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight”.⁹</p> <p><i>For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. I have become like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.</i>¹⁰</p> <p>We worship God by relying on Him.</p>	<p>⁹Proverbs 3:5-6</p> <p>¹⁰Psalms 71:5-8 see also Matthew 6:25-34</p>
<p>Imitate God</p>	<p><u>Imitate God</u></p> <p>Our imitation of Christ is a pure and great sign of worship. If imitation is the greatest form of flattery, does this not hold true for God? “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children”.¹¹ “But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy’ ”.¹² We worship God by imitating Him.</p> <p>We at First Baptist Church seek to make every moment of every day an expression of worship to God. Sometimes we gather together for worship. Many times our worship springs from each of our individual hearts in response to the real presence of God in our lives. We are learning that we have been created, saved, and sanctified for just this: worship of God.</p> <p>MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)</p> <p>Because we are worshipers of God, we seek to bring Him glory by faithfully pursuing the mission to which He has called us.</p>	<p>¹¹Ephesians 5:1</p> <p>¹²1 Peter 1:15-16</p>

VALUES - CHRIST-LIKENESS

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PREMISE (What)	We at First Baptist Church value being like Christ. We, as individuals and as a church body, endeavor to become more like Jesus by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us into Christ's image in every aspect of His life.	
RATIONALE (Why)	<p>Christ was obedient, humble, and forgiving, as well as the master teacher and evangelist. It is our desire to be completely like Him.</p> <p><i>You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.¹</i></p>	¹ Ephesians 4:22-24
DESCRIPTION (How)	In full reliance upon the resurrected Christ who abides in us through His Holy Spirit, we are obedient to the Lord, humble in our relationships and work, forgiving of others, and ready to learn and share the Word with our neighbors and the world.	
Obedient to the Lord	<p><u>OBEDIENCE</u></p> <p>Since we proclaim that Jesus is our Lord, we live to be obedient to Him as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. Knowing who God is and knowing His commands are foundational to obedience.²</p>	² Deuteronomy 27:10 John 14:21
Humble in relationships and work	<p><u>HUMILITY</u></p> <p>Christ directed His disciples to be humble. The members of First Baptist Church work humbly in many areas of service, not for personal praise but for the glory of God.³</p>	³ Matthew 20:26-28
Forgiving of others	<p><u>FORGIVENESS</u></p> <p>To be more like Christ we practice forgiveness as individuals and as a church. Because we all have been forgiven by our Savior, we each are compelled to forgive each other.⁴</p>	⁴ Colossians 3:13 Matthew 6:14
Learning and sharing God's Word	<p><u>DISCIPLING</u></p> <p>We become more like Christ as we teach and spread God's Word. We have many who have answered the call to teach the Word in various ways, situations, and cultures.⁵</p>	⁵ Matthew 28:19-20
MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)	As we mature, becoming more like Christ in direction, in power, and in holiness, we will become increasingly better equipped to fulfill the mission to which God calls us. ⁶	⁶ Ephesians 1:17-19a

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VALUES - SERVICE

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PREMISE (What)	We at First Baptist Church of Basin are servants of God.	
RATIONALE (Why)	<p>We are servants of God in fulfillment of God's purposes for us: <i>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.</i>¹</p> <p>We are servants of God by means of Christ's indwelling presence and power: <i>[Jesus speaking] Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.</i>²</p> <p>We are servants of God in obedience to His command: <i>...Prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God ...</i>³</p>	<p>¹Ephesians 2:10</p> <p>²John 15:4-5, 8</p> <p>see also ... Zechariah 4:6 John 3:21 I Corinthians 2:3-5</p> <p>³Ephesians 4:11-13</p>
DESCRIPTION (How)	In fulfillment of God's purpose for us, in our reliance on God's indwelling presence and empowerment, and in our obedience to Christ's command for service, we display willingness, humility, a focus on others, and love.	
Willing to serve	Our <u>willingness</u> to serve is seen through our ready response to opportunities. Our willingness to serve is not one of obligation, but one of eagerness. We are compelled to serve others because of Christ's gracious work for us. ⁴	⁴ Colossians 3:23-24
Humbly serving	Christ was the essence of <u>humility</u> in his earthly service. He did not come to be served, but to serve. ⁵ The service about which God speaks involves giving of oneself, not taking for oneself. ⁶ As we serve others, our main concern is to serve and glorify God. ⁷ God honors all acts of service. ⁸	⁵ Matthew 20:28 ⁶ Matthew 20:26-27 Philippians 2:3-8 ⁷ Galatians 1:10 Matthew 5:16 ⁸ I Corinthians 12:5-6
Focus on others	Our acts of service <u>focus</u> on others. We seek to do good to all people and share with them. Jesus came to serve and give his life for many; likewise, we want our service to benefit others, not ourselves. ⁹	⁹ Galatians 6:10 Hebrews 13:16
Serve out of love	True service only comes out of <u>love</u> . Our desire is to love others as Jesus did through humble and significant service. ¹⁰	¹⁰ Galatians 5:13-14 I Corinthians 13:1-7
MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)	Because we value service, we humbly, diligently, and expectantly pursue God's mission for us with a servant attitude: "not my will, but yours be done." ¹¹	¹¹ Luke 22:42

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VALUES - UNITY IN CHRIST

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PREMISE (What)	At First Baptist Church we value unity in Christ within the church body.	
RATIONALE (Why)	<p>Unity is the state of oneness or being in harmony. Unity of the Spirit is the harmony which the Spirit brings. The Spirit of God is the author of unity; we, his people, are commanded to maintain it by the means of peaceful ties.</p> <p>Problems are not created by differences, but are created by how differences are handled. We are called to live a life of integrity, humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another in Love. <i>“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”</i>¹ As these are practiced consistently, various differences are brought into a unified relationship, with Jesus Christ as the unifying factor.</p>	<p>¹Ephesians 4:3 see also Colossians 3:12-14</p>
DESCRIPTION (How)	We have many things in common:	
We are one in Christ	<p>One Lord—Christ Jesus²</p> <p>One Spirit—the Holy Spirit³</p> <p>One Faith—Christ died for our sins, raised from the dead and through Him we have salvation⁴</p> <p>One purpose—to bring Glory to God.⁵</p>	<p>²Ephesians 4:4-5 ³Ephesians 4:4-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ⁴Ephesians 4:4-5 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 ⁵Ephesians 1:11-12; Ephesians 3:21 1 Corinthians 10:31</p>
Unity within diversity	<p>We seek to be unified by concentrating on the commonalities that we have and not the differences. We seek to be unified by considering others’ needs above our own.⁶ We seek unity by making every effort to be at peace with one another.⁷ Through Christ-centered attitudes toward one another, we will bring glory to God.</p> <p>We seek to be a visible answer to Jesus’ prayer to His Father on our behalf, <i>“that all of them may be one.... [and] brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”</i>⁸</p> <p>We eagerly look to <i>“God who gives endurance and encouragement [to] give [us] the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice [we] may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”</i>⁹</p>	<p>⁶Philippians 2:3 ⁷Romans 12:14-18</p> <p>⁸John 17:20-23</p> <p>⁹Romans 15:5</p>
MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)	Because we value unity in Christ, we come together and hold together. Together with each other and our Lord Jesus Christ, we are strengthened to fulfill the mission to which God calls us.	

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VALUES - DISCIPLESHIP

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PREMISE (What)	We at First Baptist Church value discipleship both as a church body and as individuals in our progression toward maturity in Jesus Christ.	
RATIONALE (Why)	<i>“... Prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”¹</i>	¹ Ephesians 4:12-13
DESCRIPTION (How)	We establish new believers in the foundational principles of following Christ. We move established believers to more fully love and obey Christ and equip workers and leaders for the accomplishment of God’s will. ²	² Hebrews 13:20-21 II Timothy 3:16-17
Intentional Christian growth		
Varied venues	We engage in activities such as Bible studies, small groups, Sunday School classes, and Sunday morning preaching. We pursue one-on-one relationships with the intent of discipling. We encourage fellow believers to read and study diligently God’s word individually and corporately, to seek God’s will, to engage in ministry, and to live lives worthy of being called Christ followers.	
Goal: maturity in Christ		
MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)	We at First Baptist desire to be used of God to bring others to Him and to facilitate the process of each Christian becoming a mature believer equipped for works of service. As we do so, we will become better positioned to accomplish the mission to which God calls us.	

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VALUES - OUTREACH

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PREMISE (What)	We at First Baptist Church value outreach. Outreach is the intentional involvement with those who do not know Christ, with the purpose of introducing them to Jesus.	
RATIONALE (Why)	<i>"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."</i> ¹	¹ Acts 1:8; see also II Corinthians 2:14-16 II Corinthians 5:17-21
DESCRIPTION (How)	Just look among us; were we all not long ago enemies of God, but now friends of God? ² And now Jesus is touching lives through us.	² Colossians 1:21-23 Ephesians 2:1-2, 12-13 Titus 3:3-7 Romans 5:10 I Corinthians 6:9-11
Jesus touching others through us		
We go to others to share Jesus Christ	We have some who have gone abroad to share Jesus, taking with them our prayers and financial support. Others at home have reached out through Child Evangelism Fellowship, Camp Bethel, the Montana Rescue Mission, and local jail ministries. As we reach out to others around us, we are the hands and feet of Jesus.	
MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)	It is our prayer that when asked, <i>"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"</i> there is no other answer than, <i>"Here am I. Send me!"</i> ³	³ Isaiah 6:8

VALUES - PRAYER

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PREMISE (What)	We value prayer at First Baptist Church.	
RATIONALE (Why)	<i>"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."</i> ¹ We trust God and we value communicating with Him and so we pray.	¹ Philippians 4:6 see also I John 5:14-15
DESCRIPTION (How)	Prayer is practiced in every meeting of the church. Our prayer chain is constantly used to bring our concerns together before our Father's throne. Many of our church people devote significant time and effort to praying on behalf of our church, its people, and its ministries.	
Prayer regularly practiced		
We call out to God	We call upon Him for guidance, wisdom, and power. We confess our sins to Him through prayer. We call upon Him to affect our situations. We call upon Him to reveal Himself to us and others. We hold Him to His promises. We worship Him with prayers of praise and adoration. We pray alone. We pray as families. We pray in small groups. We pray as a church. We pray with the greater Body of Christ. We pray together.	
We pray together and alone		
MOTIVATION (Link to Mission)	Indeed, we see our mission as inextricably tied to prayer. More than moving God, our prayers move us toward God and His ways.	

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MISSION/VISION of the First Baptist Church in Basin, WY

SUMMARY STATEMENT

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OUR PURPOSE

We of First Baptist Church of Basin, WY, exist to glorify God.

OUR MISSION

God's mission for us is very focused: **make disciples who make disciples.**

We view our mission of disciple making to be comprised of four interrelated aspects: (1) Reconciliation, (2) Christian Growth, (3) Loving Relationships, and (4) Prayer.

(1) **Reconciling people to God (Salvation/Witness).**

This aspect of our church's mission includes....

- . stressing the importance of being Christ's ambassadors,
- . guiding believers to rely on Christ's sufficiency and the power of the Holy Spirit,
- . motivating them to represent Christ well in word and deed,
- . equipping and training them for effective witness, and
- . sending them out with eager, expectant confidence.

(2) **Nurturing/Maturing disciples for Christian growth (Character/Holiness (Sanctification)).**

This aspect of our church's mission includes providing disciples favorable conditions for healthy growth.

Favorable conditions include

- . preaching Christ,
- . strengthening Biblical values through teaching and studying all the Word, and
- . training and nurturing believers for life and ministry.

(3) **Building/Nurturing loving relationships.**

This aspect of our church's mission includes guiding, encouraging, and training growing disciples to

- . love God,
- . love others, and
- . love Christ's Church.

(4) **Developing disciples who pray effectively.**

This aspect of our church's mission includes providing its disciples with the tools necessary to become effective in prayer. Providing these tools includes

- . instructing in why we pray,
- . instructing in how to pray,
- . encouraging prayer to be a way of life, and
- . ensuring opportunities to pray.

Prayer is essential in all aspects of our church's mission. Prayer is essential in our ministry of reconciliation, in our nurturing and maturing of disciples in Christian growth, in our building and nurturing of loving relationships with one another, and in our growing personal relationship with God.

OUR MOTTO

Reaching up, Reaching out. Reaching up to God; out to one another and others.

OUR VISION...

Of reconciling people to God (Salvation/Witness):

We see **our church** providing ongoing training, opportunities, accountability, and encouragement to help people be more effective in their witness.

We see our church full of **people** who are...

aware of their roles as Christ's ambassadors in reaching those without Jesus;

pursuing training for effective witness;

looking for and taking advantage of opportunities to share Jesus;

excitedly talking all the time about their current efforts to share their faith.

We see more and more **new believers** being baptized as a testimony to their lives changing by God's grace.

Of nurturing/maturing disciples for Christian growth (Character/Holiness (Sanctification)):

We see our **church** providing favorable conditions for our people to increasingly know, love, and serve God.

We see our church **people**...

maturing in Christ under the care of effective mentors and teachers;

knowing and using their spiritual gifts in their personal ministries.

We see new confident **leaders** emerging from effective training.

Of building/nurturing loving relationships:

We see our **church** stressing and facilitating open-hearted growing relationships with God and one another while sheltering and providing safe haven for those gathering together, where no one is left out.

We see our church **people**...

building healthy intentional relationships as a result of putting others before themselves;

actively, lovingly, trustingly, and effectively involving themselves in each others' lives.

We see **unity in Christ** through a welcoming spirit of acceptance and love for one another within our own church and the larger Body of Christ.

Of developing disciples who pray effectively:

We see our **church** always challenging our people to pray and equipping them to do so.

We see our church **people**...

talking to God from their hearts as individuals, families, small groups, and as a church; spontaneously, conversationally, or formally going first to God with their concerns;

praying in faith according to the promises of God in His Word;

using all aspects of prayer: praise, confession, thanksgiving, supplication, and intercession.

OUR VALUES

MISSION defines for our church its God-given future tasks and VISION describes expected outcomes, but our VALUES identify who and where we are now as the congregation of First Baptist Church in Basin, WY.

The values we hold reflect our character and our passions. What we truly believe and value is what we practice – faith as evidenced by works. The current values of First Baptist Church are....

foundational Biblical truths,

worship,

Christ-likeness,

service,

unity in Christ,

discipleship,

outreach,

and prayer.

These are the principles, standards, and qualities that move us to action. They're what make us tick. We are passionate about them. We intend to grow in each of them, knowing we haven't yet arrived at perfection. These deeply held values are what motivate us to action, to growth, to pursuit of the fulfillment of our mission.

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Guide believers to rely on Christ for effective witness

Motivate believers to represent Christ well

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Preach Christ
Strengthen Biblical values
Train believers for ministry

A maturing disciple....
is prayerfully dependent
loves God
entwines God's Word into everyday living
abandons personal agenda to live obediently
serves others
exercises expectant living

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Love God
by seeking truth
by practicing obedience
by seeking holiness

Love others
Love Christ's Church

Developing Effective Prayer in Disciples

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Instruct on why we pray
Instruct on how to pray
Encourage prayer as a way of life
Provide opportunities for the practice of prayer
Prayer is essential in all aspects of our church's mission
Reconciling men to God
Nurturing Christian growth
Building loving relationships

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Only the Bible holds the final authority for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness (II Timothy 3:15-17). This Declaration of Faith merely gives a taste of what we believe as a church. It is not meant to be complete. It is merely a summary. This Declaration of Faith is not intended to be a source from which we teach. We go directly to the Bible for that purpose. The scripture references provided with the study version of this Declaration of Faith will help the reader get to the true source of truth: God's Word. The study version is found in FBC's Mission/Vision Statement.

1. THE WORD OF GOD -- We believe that the Bible is God-breathed, inspired by God, God's Word. It was written by men of God as the Holy Spirit moved them. The Bible is fully sufficient and trustworthy for life, faith, conduct, and practice, and is the supreme and final authority, as the inspired, infallible Word of God, in all matters to which it speaks. The Holy Spirit illuminates the text, enabling the reader to embrace the significance of what God has communicated, and to see the glory of Christ in the Word of God.

2. THE TRINITY – We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, eternally divine existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; we believe that these are equal in every distinct perfection and they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

3. GOD THE FATHER -- We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayers, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ His Son.

4. JESUS CHRIST – We believe that Jesus Christ is the incarnation of God's eternal Son. We believe further that He is not only true God, but also true man who came in the flesh, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We also believe in His sinless life, His substitutionary blood sacrifice atonement, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, and His personal return from heaven to reign and to judge.

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7. THE CHURCH – We believe that the Church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head. We believe that the true Church is composed of all persons who have been regenerated in Christ by the Holy Spirit. We believe that this body expresses itself in local assemblies of which Basin First Baptist Church is one. FBC is comprised of followers of Christ who regularly gather together for worship, instruction, evangelism, and service. FBC is committed to the regular, meaningful practice of baptism and the Lord's Supper and the faithful adherence to the full counsel of God as given in the Bible.

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<p>2. THE TRINITY</p>	<p>We believe in one God,⁹</p> <p>Creator¹⁰</p> <p>and Sustainer¹¹ of all things,</p> <p>eternally¹²</p> <p>divine¹³</p> <p>existing in three persons:¹⁴ Father, Son and Holy Spirit;</p>	<p>go to EASY READ VERSION 1-4</p> <p>⁹ Deuteronomy 6:4 Isaiah 43:10-11 Ephesians 4:6</p> <p>¹⁰ Genesis 1:1 Exodus 20:11a Nehemiah 9:6</p> <p>¹¹ Psalm 75:3 Colossians 1:17 Hebrews 1:3</p> <p>¹² Genesis 21:33b Jeremiah 10:10a</p> <p>¹³ Romans 1:20 I Timothy 1:17</p> <p>¹⁴ II Cor. 13:14 Matthew 28:19 I Peter 1:1-2</p>

<p>THE TRINITY (continued)</p>	<p>we believe that these are equal¹⁵ in every distinct perfection</p> <p>and they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation,¹⁶</p> <p>providence,¹⁷</p> <p>and redemption.¹⁸</p>	<p>¹⁵ John 10:30 Acts 5:3a, 4b Isaiah 42:8 and yet.... II Peter 1:16-17 John 16:15 John 17:21 Titus 2:13 I John 5:20 I Corinthians 8:6</p> <p>¹⁶ Genesis 1:1 Genesis 1:2 John 1:1-3, 14 Colossians 1:16</p> <p>¹⁷ Job 10:12 Eph. 5:29-30 Acts 17:24-28a Acts 16:6-10 Proverbs 16:33 Ephesians 2:10 Matthew 5:45</p> <p>¹⁸ Titus 3:4-7 John 3:5-7 John 3:16-17 Eph. 1:13-14</p>
<p>3. GOD THE FATHER</p>	<p>We believe in God the Father,¹⁹</p> <p>perfect²⁰</p> <p>in holiness,²¹</p> <p>infinite²²</p> <p>in wisdom,²³</p> <p>measureless²⁴</p> <p>in power.²⁵</p> <p>We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men,²⁶</p> <p>that He hears²⁷</p> <p>and answers prayers,²⁸</p> <p>and that He saves from sin²⁹</p> <p>and death³⁰</p> <p>all who come to Him through Jesus Christ His Son.³¹</p>	<p>go to EASY READ VERSION 1-4</p> <p>¹⁹ I Corinthians 8:6 Isaiah 63:16 Matthew 6:9</p> <p>²⁰ Deuteronomy 32:4 II Samuel 22:31 Psalm 18:30</p> <p>²¹ Psalm 99:9 I Samuel 2:2</p> <p>²² Romans 11:33 Ephesians 3:10</p> <p>²³ Job 12:13 Jeremiah 10:12</p> <p>²⁴ Matthew 19:26 Jeremiah 32:27</p> <p>²⁵ Revelation 4:11 Amos 4:13 Psalm 89:8-10, 13</p> <p>²⁶ Psalm 55:22 I Peter 5:7 Hebrews 13:5b-6 Matthew 6:26 Psalm 103:8-14</p> <p>²⁷ Proverbs 15:29 I John 5:14</p> <p>²⁸ I John 5:15 Luke 11:9-10</p> <p>²⁹ Psalm 32:5 Micah 7:18 II Cor. 5:21 John 3:16 Romans 6:22</p> <p>³⁰ Psalm 68:20 Romans 6:23</p> <p>³¹ John 1:12-13 Galatians 3:26-27</p>

<p>4. JESUS CHRIST</p>	<p>We believe that Jesus³² Christ³³</p> <p>is the incarnation³⁴</p> <p>go to EASY READ VERSION 1-4</p> <p>of God's eternal³⁵</p> <p>Son.³⁶</p> <p>We believe further that He is not only true God,³⁷</p> <p>but also true man³⁸</p> <p>who came in the flesh,³⁹</p> <p>conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.⁴⁰</p> <p>We also believe in His sinless life,⁴¹</p> <p>His substitutionary blood sacrifice atonement,⁴²</p> <p>His bodily resurrection⁴³ from the dead,</p> <p>His ascension⁴⁴ into heaven,</p> <p>His priestly intercession⁴⁵ on behalf of His people,</p> <p>and His personal return from heaven⁴⁶</p> <p>go to EASY READ VERSION 1-4</p> <p>to reign⁴⁷</p> <p>and to judge.⁴⁸</p>	<p>³²Matthew 1:21 ³³John 1:41 ³⁴Colossians 1:15 John 1:18 John 14:9b Phil 2:5c-6a Hebrews 1:3a John 1:14 ³⁵I Peter 1:19-20 John 8:58 John 1:1-3, 14 Revelation 1:18a ³⁶Matthew 3:17 II Peter 1:17 II Cor. 1:19a ³⁷John 1:1 Phil. 2:5c-6a Matthew 1:23 Romans 9:5 Hebrews 1:8 John 5:18 Romans 1:4 ³⁸Romans 1:3 Hebrews 4:15 Hebrews 5:2 Philippians 2:7-8 ³⁹John 1:14 I Timothy 3:16 I John 4:2 II John 1:7 ⁴⁰Isaiah 7:14 Mt 1:18, 20-21, 24-25 ⁴¹Hebrews 4:15 I Peter 2:22 II Corinthians 5:21 I John 3:5 ⁴²John 1:29 I Peter 3:18, 21-22 Romans 3:22-26 ⁴³Matthew 28:5-7 Luke 24:36-43 I Corinthians 15:3-8 Romans 1:4 I Peter 1:3-4 ⁴⁴Acts 1:9-11 Ephesians 4:7-10 ⁴⁵John 17:20-21 Romans 8:34 Hebrews 8:1-2 Hebrews 7:23-25 ⁴⁶Acts 1:11 Matthew 24:30-31 John 14:3 I Thessalonians 4:16 Revelation 1:7 Revelation 19:11-16 Revelation 22:20 ⁴⁷Exodus 15:18 Luke 1:30-33 Revelation 11:15 ⁴⁸II Timothy 4:1 Matthew 25:31-32, 46 John 5:22, 26-27 Romans 2:16 II Corinthians 5:10 II Timothy 4:8</p>
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<p>5. HOLY SPIRIT</p>	<p>We believe that God the Holy Spirit⁴⁹</p> <p>comes to convict and convince the world⁵⁰ of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment and to regenerate,⁵¹</p> <p>indwell,⁵²</p> <p>sanctify,⁵³</p> <p>comfort,⁵⁴</p> <p>empower,⁵⁵ and</p> <p>lead⁵⁶ those who believe in Jesus Christ</p> <p>for godly living⁵⁷ and</p> <p>service.⁵⁸</p> <p style="text-align: right;">go to EASY READ VERSION 2-8</p>	<p>⁴⁹ Acts 5:3a, 4b</p> <p>Compare Acts 28:25-27 where Paul quotes the Lord's saying in Isaiah 6:8-10 and attributes it to the Holy Spirit: Isaiah 6:8-10 compared with.... Acts 28:25-27</p> <p>II Corinthians 3:18</p> <p>Compare Hebrews 10:15-17 where the writer quotes God speaking in Jeremiah 31:31-34 and attributes it to the Holy Spirit: Jeremiah 31:31-34 compared with.... Hebrews 10:15-17</p> <p>⁵⁰ John 16:7-8</p> <p>⁵¹ Titus 3:4-7 John 3:5-6 Ephesians 1:13-14</p> <p>⁵² Romans 8:9-11 I Corinthians 6:19</p> <p>⁵³ II Thessalonians 2:13 I Peter 1:2 Romans 15:16b</p> <p>⁵⁴ John 14:16-17 Acts 9:31 Romans 5:5 Romans 8:15-16 Romans 8:26-27</p> <p>⁵⁵ Acts 1:8 Micah 3:8 Zechariah 4:6 Romans 15:18-19</p> <p>⁵⁶ John 16:13 Acts 15:22, 28 Acts 16:6-10</p> <p>⁵⁷ Galatians 5:16-25; 6:7-8 Romans 12:1-2 Romans 8:1-11</p> <p>⁵⁸ Romans 7:6 Hebrews 9:14 I Corinthians 12:1, 4-7, 11-13 Ephesians 4:11-13</p>
<p>6. MANKIND</p>	<p>We believe that all people by nature are born into sin,⁵⁹ but that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).</p> <p>We further believe that this salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God,⁶⁰</p>	<p>⁵⁹ Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3</p> <p>Psalm 51:5 Romans 3:10-12 Romans 3:23 Romans 5:12</p> <p>⁶⁰ Ephesians 2:8-9 II Timothy 1:8b-10 Romans 11:5-6 Ephesians 1:11-12</p>

<p>MANKIND (continued)</p>	<p>was purchased by Jesus Christ on the cross,⁶¹</p> <p>is eternally secured by the Holy Spirit,⁶²</p> <p>and is received by faith apart from any human merit, works, or ritual.⁶³</p> <p style="text-align: center;">go to EASY READ VERSION 2-8</p> <p>We believe, therefore, that those who accept Christ⁶⁴</p> <p>as Lord⁶⁵</p> <p>and Savior⁶⁶</p> <p>will rejoice forever in God's presence in heaven⁶⁷</p> <p>and those who refuse to accept Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God in eternal hell.⁶⁸</p>	<p>⁶¹ Revelation 1:5-6a Revelation 5:9 Matthew 20:28 I Corinthians 7:23 I Peter 1:18-19 I Corinthians 1:18 Colossians 1:20</p> <p>⁶² Ephesians 1:13-14 Ephesians 4:30 II Corinthians 1:21-22</p> <p>⁶³ Ephesians 2:8-9 Luke 7:50 John 3:36 John 6:29 Romans 3:22 Romans 4:2-5 Romans 10:17 Colossians 2:9-12</p> <p>⁶⁴ John 1:12 Romans 10:9-11 Colossians 2:6 Revelation 3:20</p> <p>⁶⁵ John 6:68-69 Matthew 16:15-17 Luke 6:46 Matthew 7:21 John 13:13-17</p> <p>⁶⁶ Luke 2:11 John 4:42 Philippians 3:20</p> <p>⁶⁷ John 11:25-26a John 14:2-3 Revelation 21:1-4 Isaiah 35:9b-10 I Peter 1:3-4</p> <p>⁶⁸ John 3:17-19 John 3:36 I John 5:10-12 Revelation 20:14-15 Mark 9:47 II Peter 2:4, 9 Matthew 13:49-50</p>
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<p>THE CHURCH (continued)</p>	<p>FBC is comprised of followers of Christ who regularly gather together⁷²</p> <p>for worship,⁷³</p> <p>instruction,⁷⁴</p> <p>evangelism,⁷⁵</p> <p>and service.⁷⁶</p> <p>FBC is committed to the regular, meaningful practice of baptism⁷⁷</p> <p>and the Lord's Supper⁷⁸</p> <p>and the faithful adherence to the full counsel of God as given in the Bible.⁷⁹</p> <p>go to EASY READ VERSION 2-8</p>	<p>⁷² I Corinthians 11:18b Hebrews 10:25 Matthew 18:20 I Corinthians 11:18a ⁷³ John 4:23-24 Acts 2:41-42a,d,e, 46-47 Acts 20:7 I Corinthians 10:16-17 I Corinthians 11:26 I Corinthians 14:26 Ephesians 5:19-20 Colossians 3:16 Hebrews 12:28 I Peter 2:9</p> <p>⁷⁴ Acts 2:41-42a, b I Corinthians 14:26 II Timothy 3:16; 4:1d, 2 ⁷⁵ Matthew 28:18-20 II Corinthians 5:18-20 Romans 10:13-15 Matthew 24:14</p> <p>⁷⁶ Ephesians 2:10 I Corinthians 3:6-10 Hebrews 13:20-21 Matthew 5:16 Galatians 6:9-10 Ephesians 4:11-13</p> <p>⁷⁷ Matthew 28:19 Ephesians 4:3-6 Acts 2:38, 41 Acts 8:12 Acts 8:14-17 Acts 10:47-48a John 1:33</p> <p>⁷⁸ I Corinthians 11:17-34 Matthew 26:19, 26-29 Luke 22:19-20</p> <p>⁷⁹ II Timothy 3:16-17 Acts 20:27-28 Galatians 1:8-9 I Thessalonians 2:4 Matthew 28:20a James 1:22-25</p>
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<p>CHRISTIAN LIVING (continued)</p>	<p>of their possessions,⁸⁴</p> <p>time,⁸⁵</p> <p>go to EASY READ VERSION 2-8</p> <p>and talents⁸⁶</p> <p>and that they should seek to realize for themselves the full stature of maturity in Christ.⁸⁷</p>	<p>⁸⁴ Luke 16:9-12 I John 3:17-18 II Corinthians 9:1-12 II Corinthians 9:13-14</p> <p>⁸⁵ I Peter 4:1-3 Ecclesiastes 8:6a Proverbs 10:4 I Corinthians 16:7 Ezra 7:23a I Timothy 4:15 Hebrews 6:11</p> <p>⁸⁶ Romans 12:6-9 II Timothy 2:15 I Peter 4:10-11 I Corinthians 14:32-33a</p> <p>⁸⁷ Hebrews 6:1a Hebrews 5:14 Philippians 3:10-16 II Peter 1:2-8</p>
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Descriptive terms added throughout the document to first 2 of the 4 aspects of disciple-making:

Reconciliation with God

changed to Reconciliation with God (Salvation/Witness)

Nurturing/Maturing disciples for Christian growth

changed to Nurturing/Maturing disciples for Christian growth (Character/Holiness (Sanctification))

Scripture references added as footnotes to the Statement of Faith

8/22/18

Elder Council approved adding a statement regarding our [vision for missions](#).

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