

CCCF Strategic Ministry Growth Plan 2018

CCCF's vision is to be "captivated by the Gospel, to be transformed by the Gospel, and to gift away the Gospel." To carry out our vision we seek to glorify God by knowing our **G.P.S.:**

1. Our Gospel Mission

To begin with, "The Mission of the church is to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit and gathering these disciples into churches, that they might worship the Lord and obey his commandments now and in eternity to the glory of God the Father." ~ DeYoung & Gilbert

To see our mission executed we are to be:

- A. Proclaiming the gospel locally where we live, work and play:
 - i. Church evangelism focus and equipping winter/spring 2018
 - 1. Winter/spring sermon series called *Gospel Encounters – The Life and Lessons of Jesus*. It will be divided into two sections:
 - a. Life Encounters with Jesus – Various passages on Jesus interaction with others. We want our people to understand the life of Jesus so they can know Him better, serve Him better and especially be able to proclaim Him better.
 - b. Life Lessons from Jesus – Various parable teachings in the gospels.
 - 2. Connect group evangelism equipping or deep diving – Jerram Barrs, *Learning Evangelism from Jesus*
 - ii. Introduce VIPs to CCCF and encourage in Connect Groups by February.¹ Church begins to pray for VIPs and thus grow in our hearts for those who do not know Christ. As applicable, encourage one another in how to relationally share the good news of Jesus with others we are praying for.
 - iii. Coordinate teams assembled and trained to work with Global Media Outreach, a very simple and convenient way to evangelize and get comfortable using their online outreach. Develop volunteers who have a heart and passion for advancing the evangelism outreach of CCCF to carry this out. Introduce in the spring.
- B. Proclaiming the gospel to the nations:
 - i. Establish a global missions program to better inform the congregation of the activities of its extended staff and ministries – already in progress.
 - ii. Continue to establish teams to go to the mission field as the Lord leads.

¹ See: Invited to Pray & Share the Story, below p. 4.

- C. Proclaiming the Gospel through Church Planting:
 - i. Partner with the SWCPN to plant two churches in the next 10 years: Celina and perhaps Pilot Point/Crossroads area.

2. Our Pathway to Gospel Community

The pathway to gospel community is to establish our Connect Group Ministry to be the hub or “hubs” of our ministry focus of nourishing growth and outreach, which flows out of our Christ centered worship. In other words, in these groups we learn how to love God, love one another, minister and see people meet Jesus. This occurs through prayer, loving support, study and outreach.

Our leadership is committed to a biblical discipleship plan designed to produce healthy growing Christians and families who are developing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ not just for ourselves but for the spread of the gospel.

To make sure our people are on the pathway of growth, we desire to,

- A. Initiate one to two new Connect Groups this year devoted to the pathway, to gospel community as needed.
- B. Identify people to be raised up and trained for servant leadership.
- C. Introduce a VIP ministry within the Connect Groups (as noted above).

3. Our Seeking to Extend Gospel Deeds Of Love. Includes Mercy, Justice and Cultural Impact for Gospel Love and Proclamation

This is perhaps our greatest need on this list in terms of current involvement. To seek to extend the gospel in terms of:

- A. Prayerfully considering how to get involved where God is calling.
- B. Finding out who our neighbor is and how we can help them through expressions of endless possibilities such as prison ministry, poverty relief, human equality, trafficking, ESL, etc. We can't do everything so we need to seek out our possibilities. Therefore we will:
 - i. Ask the church through a survey what ministries God may have laid on their hearts and investigate our possible involvement. (spring 2018)
 - ii. Connect with and ask local officials to identify what needs are prevalent in our community that we could be part of.
 - iii. Identify local ministries that extend deeds of love, mercy and justice to rally the church to help meet selected needs.
 - 1. We already partner with Frisco *Reach Out* ministries, which is expanding to be called *Reach North Texas*. There will be new possibilities for ministry.

2. We already partner with Human Coalition – how can we serve in more expansive ways?
 3. Other ministry possibilities: Embrace Texas, Embrace Grace, ESL, Counseling Partnerships, etc.
 4. Possible others we know nothing about at this time.
- C. Perhaps establish a mercy team (deacon(s) & others) to begin to inform the congregation of that involvement and encourage/provide onramp opportunities to serve. Seek to have movement toward implementation by fall 2018.

Invited to Pray & Share the Story

Acts 8:26-38

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

*"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.*

³³ *In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."*

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

1. Seek VIPs (Very Important People) – praying (Very Important Prayers) for up to 3 not-yet Christians intentionally for the purpose of sharing the gospel through Word and deed.
2. Intentionally network with other believers in "non-church" settings with VIPs and other Christians – dinners, playground, Dog Park, movie, walks, concert, etc. Also, inviting to Connect Groups.
3. Create a culture of prayer for "not yet Christians": Corporate prayer meetings, praying for VIPs by name, personal invitations to church events. Prayer walking in our neighborhoods. Leadership teams begin with prayer and specific prayer for VIPs
4. Plan specific gospel presentations during special services – i.e., Christmas, Easter, Anniversary, etc.
5. Host an Evangelism course 1 or 2 times a year (as able) – Christianity Explored; Life Explored.