

THE VISION

Exalting Christ . . . Equipping the Church . . . Engaging the Community

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Bruce Worley

One of the things the staff and I have been talking about is a new mission statement. When I talk with people no one is able to recite the mission statement of the church. This fact does not mean it is a bad mission statement, it is just one that does not register with the people or perhaps it is too long. I have always had a very simple approach to the church’s mission and have tried to communicate that belief in many ways. While we were having our annual staff planning meeting we discussed the need for a new vision statement. We talked about many different ideas and even looked at what other churches used. Nothing really stuck in our minds until we came up with the idea **Exalt Christ, Equip the Church, Engage the Community**. Think EC3! We talked about this idea and we all loved the concept behind this statement. It is easy to remember, but more importantly it is reflective of what we as a church are all about. At the business meeting on January 17th we will vote to adopt this mission statement as our own.

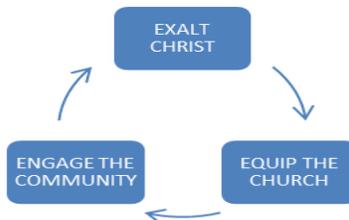
This mission/vision statement will become more than just a catchy slogan, but hopefully one that will become the DNA of our church. Not only will be our mission/vision statement, but it will be our discipleship process as well. Let me see if I can explain the concept.

First, we believe as followers of Jesus we should exalt Christ. This idea has to do with worship. We want to encourage people to be involved in the worship of our Lord and Savior. We were made to worship him. Part of our worship is what we do on Sunday mornings when we gather together in corporate worship. We should want to exalt Christ together as a church family. But worship goes beyond just a Sunday activity; it actually involves our life. We should exalt Christ in everything we do and everywhere we go. But first and foremost we want to exalt Christ in corporate worship as we boast in the cross of Christ.

Second, we believe as followers of Jesus we should equip the church. Equipping is one of the primary roles of the ministerial staff. We are instructed by God to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. I personally take this task seriously as should the rest of us. Equipping the church is pretty broad, but the two primary ingredients are instructing them in God’s Word and in God’s will. Along the way we strive to love one another better and to develop genuine community. We should want to grow in our relationship with our Lord and Savior by knowing His Word better. We want all the church family involved in discipleship and the study of God’s Word so that they can be better equipped to know God’s Word and live by God’s Word.

Finally, we believe as followers of Jesus we should engage the community. We want to see the body of Christ fully committed to serving in the community for the purpose of putting into practice what they have been learning. God wants his church to engage the community where he has placed them. To engage the community it will mean ministering where the people are and meeting the needs of the people.

We want this mission/vision statement to reflect who we are what we are about as a church. The way we will know we are accomplishing the statement is by the way we move people through the discipleship process. For instance, if the number of people involved in exalting Christ increases, but we do not see an increase in the number of people engaging the community we have not been successful. If the number of people equipped grows significantly but the number of people exalting Christ declines we have not been successful. So the process becomes a way we can measure results. Think of it in this way:



The goal is as we are engaging the community we are bringing more people to exalt Christ so that we can equip them to engage the community to bring more people to exalt Christ. The Great commission states “Make disciples, baptize them (bring them into the church) and teach them.” I hope you will join with us as we strive to incorporate this model into everything we do as a church family. God has Great Expectations for His Church. Together we can attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.

In HIS Name,
Bruce

CHILDREN & EDUCATION



Marcy Smith

Kids' Night Out will be Friday, February 9 from 5:30-9:30. KNO is for children ages 6 weeks - sixth grade, and there is no cost to attend. Each child will be placed in a class based on his or her age, and these classes meet in the preschool wing of our church. We serve pizza for dinner, or you may send a sack meal for your child if you prefer. Children ages 6 weeks - Kindergarten will enjoy several activities including art, games, music, a Bible story, and more. Children in our school age class will have a Bible story, and then take a field trip Eagle Christian Academy Gym for some fun and games. Reservations are required to participate; the deadline to reserve a spot for your child is Tuesday, February 6. A medical release form is also required for each child. You may make a reservation by calling the office, or you may register online at <http://whbcwaco.org/ministries-events/events>. Kids' Night Out is open to the community, so please tell your friends! If you have any questions, please give me a call in the office at 776-2524, or you can reach me via email at marcy@whbcwaco.org.

We have a text message service that is used to remind parents of upcoming events, deadlines, etc. Simply text @whbckid to this number: 81010. Also, you can "like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/westernheightskids.

Parents, we would love for your children to be a part of our Sunday and Wednesday evening activities. Every week kids are learning Bible stories, working on Bible skills, and singing praises to God! Here is a quick look at what is going on for kids:

Sunday nights, 5:30-7:30

- Mission Preschool - children ages 3-K will learn Bible stories, sing Bible-verse songs, apply Bible truths to their daily lives, learn about missionaries, pray, experience a variety of art activities, play Bible-related games, and . . . have FUN!
- Bible Buddies - children in grades 1-3 use games and other activities to memorize Bible verses and improve Bible skills.
- Bible Drill - children in grades 4-6 participate in fun and challenging activities to memorize Bible verses, key Bible passages, and much more.

Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:30

- Mission Preschool - we continue the learning from Sunday night (see above).
- Children's Choir (6:00-6:45) - children in grades 1-6 will have a lesson from the Bible and then sing songs and play games that relate to what they have learned.
- Team Kid (6:45-7:30) - children in grades 1-6 will enjoy an interactive Bible Study and fun review and application games each week.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Josh Miller

Hello Western Heights Family!

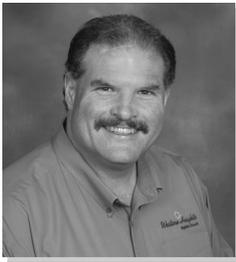
We have been discussing the idea of influence with our students. I shared with them the process of a clay pot being formed. When we think about this, the clay has no influence on what it becomes. The potter is the one who has influence over it. Just like the potter and the clay, Zacchaeus was influenced enough by Christ to move out of his hated profession. He went above and beyond the crowd just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Christ sees his faith and wants to be with Zacchaeus. Upon seeing the grace and love of Jesus, he was stirred to give half of his possessions to the poor, and moreover, four times more to those he had wronged. God designed us to be influenced by Him, not by other things. Zacchaeus discovered this and never looked back. He stopped allowing other things to influence him and he trusted Christ to be his influence. I hope this encourages you today and I hope you will eliminate some things in your life that aren't a good influence, while also allowing God to influence more of you.

Here are some upcoming events in the student ministry:

- Jan 31: Camp Deposit Due (50\$)
- Feb 4: Super Bowl Party: Millers
- Feb 25: First Camp Meeting 4:30pm
- Feb 25: Chili Cook Off Fundraiser

"Thus says the LORD: Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word." -Isa 66.1-2

Blessings, Josh



Kip Osborne

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & MUSIC MINISTRY

HARRISON SENIOR CENTER – GAMES AND BROWN BAG LUNCH. The Harrison Center is open Wednesdays from 8AM to 2 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Let's start impacting this group of seniors as an outreach and ministry of our church. It will be a ministry to others and a blessing to you. It is directly beside the Lion's Club and across the street from Lion's Park. Come increase your sphere of influence. BRING A LUNCH! They eat around 11:45 AM each Wednesday. If you enjoy cards, games, and good fellowship, then you will find a great time there.

BAYLOR MALE VOCAL GROUP CONCERT - FREE – TUESDAY, 1-23-18 @ 7:30 PM – JONES HALL. We will leave the church at 7:00 PM to ride together.

GOSPEL MUSIC SINGSPARATION – Sunday, Feb. 4th at WHBC @ 6 PM. Sign up if you have a gift of song, instrument, scripture, or poetry to share.

VALENTINE'S DAY BANQUET ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14TH in Fellowship Hall at 11 AM. This will be a joint activity between our members and the members of the Harrison Senior Center. Come and enjoy Don's great Valentine meal and LaNell's beautiful decorations while you help us welcome this great group of senior adults as they visit our church. RSVP by calling the church office at 776-2524!

BRANSON SPRINGTIME JUBILEE – April 23rd to 25th. Preaching, Gospel Music and Christian comedy. \$170 per person double occupancy. Food and non-conference activities on your own, plus a shared gas donation. Sign up by giving a \$50 deposit towards your total fee payment. We had a wonderful trip last year and are looking forward to this great time again!

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Jeremy Wilson

Hey Church Family!

We're on the downhill slope of our study of 1, 2, and 3 John for our Tuesday night CYA Bible Study. This past Tuesday night, we looked into 1 John 5 under the teaching of Dr. Tony Evans. The first few verses captured my heart, and I want to share them and their impact with you.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him. This is how we know that we love God's children when we love God and obey His commands. For this is what love for God is: to keep His commands. Now His commands are not a burden, because whatever has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith. And who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:1-5)

The theme of these first 5 verses is overcoming. The key lies in two words: faith and obedience. Faith is a gift straight from God. If we remember Ephesians 2:8-9, salvation comes through faith which is a gift from God. In Mark 9:24, a centurion seeking Jesus to heal his son says, "I believe. Help my unbelief." God has the ability to deepen our faith as well as harden it as he did with Pharaoh in the days of the Exodus. We are completely dependent upon Him for this saving faith, and all glory belongs to Him and Him alone. Obedience is what we choose to do as a response of this faith we've been blessed with. When we look at verses 2 and 3 of our passage, it lays out that obedience is demanded. What are these commands we are to obey? At the end of chapter 4, John writes about loving your brother. If we look at another passage, Matthew 22:24-40 tells us that we are to love God with our entire being and love our neighbors as ourselves. This is a complete 180 degree turn from a life of self-serving desires and actions.

If we are to become a church that truly overcomes all the trials and tribulations that come our way, we must cling to our faith in Christ and radically and completely obey the God who truly has our best interests at heart. If we do these things, the gates of hell will never prevail against us.

God bless, Jeremy

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Sunday Bi-Weekly Financial Report

2018

	Jan 07	Jan 14
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$9,588.00	\$9,588.00
Weekly Budget Receipts.....	\$10,106.01	\$14,534.17
Budget Receipts..... Month to Date.....	\$10106.01	\$24,640.18
Budget Expenses.....Month to Date.....	\$19,197.28	\$23,822.44
Designated Receipts.....Month to Date.....	\$1,522.50	\$3,437.63
Budget Goal..... Year to Date.....	\$9,588.00	\$19,176.00
Budget Receipts.....Year to Date.....	\$10,106.01	\$24,640.18
Budget Expenses.....Year to Date.....	\$19,197.28	\$23,822.44
Designated Receipts..... Year to Date.....	\$1,522.50	\$3,814.50

Designated Mission Contributions

Lottie Moon

Goal	\$6,000.00
Receipts to Date	\$3,765.20

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

January 24, 2018

Pizza/Spaghetti Night

January 31, 2018

Hamburgers & Fries

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

8:00 am-12:00 noon

1:00 pm-4:30 pm

The offices are closed
and telephones are not answered
between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm, and
after 4:30 pm.



AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

01/20/2018 thru 02/03/2017

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WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
VISION CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

January 21, 2018 thru February 03, 2018

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
2:00 pm C P R Training
5:30 pm Mission Preschool
5:30 pm Bible Buddies/Bible Drill
5:30 pm Adult Bible Study w/Pastor
5:30 pm Small Group Meetings
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night Live

Monday, January 22

9:00 am Prayer Walkers-Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
5:30 pm BSF Meeting

Tuesday, January 23

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
1:30 pm Ministry Choir
3:45 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:30 pm College Grow Group

Wednesday, January 24

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
5:15 pm Family Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm Grow Group Led by Don
Deatherage
6:45 pm Team Kid
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 25

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, January 26

4:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting
9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help

Saturday January 27

8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting

Sunday, January 28

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
4:30 pm Preschool/Children Teacher's Meeting
5:30 pm Mission Preschool
5:30 pm Bible Buddies/Bible Drill
5:30 pm Adult Bible Study w/Pastor
5:30 pm Small Group Meetings
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night Live

Monday, January 29

9:00 am Prayer Walkers-Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
5:30 pm BSF Meeting

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
1:30 pm Ministry Choir
3:45 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:00 pm Friendship Circle
6:30 pm College Grow Group

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
2:00 pm Vision Folders
5:15 pm Family Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm Grow Group Led by Don
Deatherage
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 01

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, February 02

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help

Saturday, February 03

5:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting
8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting

WELCOME VISITORS

January 07, 2018

Larissa Conner, Rylah Hargraves, Don Cook, Stacey Lamb, Lois

January 14

Katavia Cloud, Alison Gardner, Jane Bostick, Sarah Gardner, Gayle Gardner, Nathan Forrest, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Mason, Lynn Mason, Dennis Cox

COMING SOON - NEW DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Starting January on Sunday nights we will have a study of The Master Plan of Evangelism. This book is the classic textbook for ministerial students on how Jesus did evangelism. It was written by Robert Coleman and will be taught by Dr. Chris Van Gorder, professor of World Religions at Baylor. But the interesting thing about Chris teaching this study is that he was discipled by Dr. Coleman. Who better to teach this book than someone who knew the author of the book! The dates for this study are January 21 and 28 and February 11 and 18.

We will also be offering a study on the Daniel Plan on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 for those interested in learning the value of taking care of our physical bodies by eating and exercising properly. But more importantly, it is about spiritual discipline in our lives. Contact Marcy Smith for further details.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Friendship Circle is a group of seniors (55+) that meet together once a month, on the last Tuesday evening of the month from 6PM to 8PM, in the GARDEN ROOM.

Please enter through the sliding glass doors. Please plan to arrive before 6PM, as the sliding glass doors will be locked at 6PM. The doors are locked for safety reasons.

This is a time for fellowship, sharing a potluck meal and table games. For more information please contact Mary Ann or Dan Bailey (254) 751-7979.

YOUTH MINISTRY CHILI COOK-OFF

The Chili Cook-Off will be Sunday, February 25 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This annual fundraiser supports our students who are attending youth camp. Everyone is invited to submit a chili for the contest. And everyone is invited to taste the recipes that are entered! There will also be a dessert auction, so feel free to submit your favorite dessert. There will be prizes for the top 3 dishes. To submit a chili or dessert, please contact Josh Miller at (254) 776-2524 or josh@whbcwaco.org.

SECRET CHURCH - SATURDAY, APRIL 21, NOON-6:00

Secret Church is our version of "house church" where we meet for an intense time of Bible study—lasting 6+ hours—including a time of prayer for our brothers and sisters across the globe who are facing persecution and for those who still have not heard the gospel. Please note: this event is open to youth and adults of all ages!

This year's topic is "Cults and Counterfeit Gospels." For the good of our souls and for the sake of the church's mission, followers of Christ need to ask, "What false gospels are being taught today?" and "How can I recognize the true gospel among so many counterfeits?" Answering these questions will be the aim of Secret Church 18, "Cults and Counterfeit Gospels."

To register for this event, or for more information, please contact Jeremy Wilson at (931) 315-0147 or jeremy@whbcwaco.org.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Please visit our website at www.whbcwaco.org. You will find upcoming events, ongoing ministry opportunities, video and audio recordings of the sermon, and more. You are also able to sign up for events online and give your tithe or an offering! Please take a look, and feel free to give us your feedback. Thanks!