

# LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

A place to belong... A place to become...

## Purpose Statements

### Why do we exist?

Our Church exists to worship God and to impact our culture and the various cultures of the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ by reflecting His life and Spirit through our lives.

Mission is why we exist!! The church of Jesus Christ is on Mission; every disciple is a missionary. "We are the called out ones"

Jesus' mandate to the church covers everyone: "You will be my witnesses" the plural "you," not the singular.

Jesus is calling us to become fishers of Men makes us a commissioned community. At the same time, we discover that it is community that is commissioned.

We seek to be recognized as the Thessalonian Church was by Paul. They became a model to the region around them. 1 Thessalonians 1:3-10

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"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." - NIV

#1 - They would be best described as having a work produced by faith, a labour prompted by love, and perseverance inspired by hope in Jesus Christ.

We desire to live as a community of believers in Jesus who live in a dynamic relationship with God through which we learn to hear the voice of God and move in response to him.

The church cannot live on the faith of the past. The church is called to be the living expression of faith.

The early church erupted out of an act of love. It shouldn't surprise us that the church only moves toward God when it is fueled by love.

Whenever we are known by love God's reputation is intact. God's truth is not to be lifted out of or away from the context of love. In a world of imitations, real love draws a crowd. It is undeniable it is defining. Love produces servanthood.

When the Gospel is born in our hearts, it gives us a picture of who we can become in Christ and what God could accomplish through our lives.

We understand that a Christless world is a hopeless world. At the same time, we seem to forget that a Christ-filled world is a hope filled world. We need to bring to people a message of hope and not a message of judgement.

It is faith, hope and love that we need to seek to understand and live in not that we have attained all this but we press on toward that end as we grow as a community of believers.

## #2 Missions

Missions is the heart beat of LPC and it is our desire to expose you to the vision and passion of this church.

### Matt 28:19-20

19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

It is not measured by how much the local church gives or how many short term teams it sends. The great commission requires growth and maturity; moving from lesser to greater involvement.

Maybe the success of a church can best be judged not by the number of people it holds, but the number of people it sends!

"A growing relationship between the missionary and local church enables the heart of God to be revealed"

## **Missions definition**

**“The carrying out of the Great Commission which involves the intentional sending of individuals, called by the Holy Spirit, across cultural, linguistic and /or geographical barriers to those who have yet to respond to the gospel.”**

**It includes all activities done in obedience to Christ’s command to make disciples of all nations and gather them into local churches.**

**It is the heart of God to live the mission right where we are, first and foremost, and then be willing to take the message beyond our local environment.**

## **#3 Spiritual Growth**

**We are each responsible for our own spiritual development, God will want to show you things in your life, and refine your person and character. It is your responsibility to be open to receive what God has for you. Our prayer is that during your time here you will grow deeper and more intimate with Him and that your spiritual journey will come alive. Our prayer is that the greater fulfillment of those things will become tangible for you as you yield yourself to His calling upon your life.**