

OUR VISION FRAME

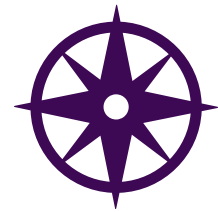
"We are ambassadors for Christ" - 2 Corinthians 5:20



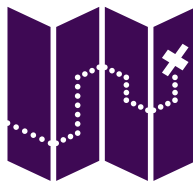
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Our Vision Frame

Our Vision Frame is **our identity** as a local church. It “frames up” what we do, why we do it, how we do it, who God is making us, and where God is taking us as a church.

What Is a Vision Frame?

A Vision Frame is an image we use to understand our mission and vision as a church.

Imagine a picture frame or a window frame. A frame has four sides that frame up and focus your attention on the photo or scenery inside the frame. That’s what our Vision Frame is designed to do. It *frames up* our vision and *focuses* our attention.

Our Vision Frame Consists of 5 Parts

Think of the four sides of a picture or window frame, plus the photo or scenery inside.

1. Our **Mission** – *This is what we do.*
2. Our **Values** – *This is why we do it.*
3. Our **Strategy** – *This is how we do it.*
4. Our **Measures** – *This is who we’re becoming.*
5. Our **Vision Proper** – *This is where God is taking us.*

OUR MISSION

Longer version: **To represent Christ, right where God has placed us, inviting our neighbors to hope in Christ.**

Shorter version: **Inviting our neighbors to hope in Christ.**

This is our mission as a church. It defines *what we do*. Every ministry, gathering, and initiative at TEFC flows from this shared calling.

To represent Christ

If you belong to Christ, you are His representative. Scripture calls us *ambassadors for Christ* (2 Corinthians 5:20). An ambassador speaks and acts on behalf of another—carrying their message, reflecting their character, and advancing their interests. To represent Christ means that in our words, actions, attitudes, and relationships, we seek to make Jesus visible. We reflect His truth, His grace, His compassion, and His holiness. This is the calling of every believer at TEFC.

Right where God has placed us

God has already assigned you your mission field. He has providentially placed you in a specific family, neighborhood, workplace, school, and community. You don't necessarily need to go far away to be an ambassador. *Faithful representation of Christ begins exactly where you are, where God has placed you.* Our mission is lived out in ordinary, everyday spaces as we follow Jesus faithfully where He has planted us in our community.

Inviting our neighbors

Our mission is relational and intentional. We aren't called merely to live good lives in front of others, but to lovingly *invite* them to experience the goodness and grace of God through the gospel. Invitation assumes relationship, presence, and conversation. It means welcoming people into our lives, our homes, our church, and ultimately into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

To hope in Christ

The *ultimate goal* of our mission is for people to find hope in Christ. Jesus alone offers forgiveness of sin, new life, reconciliation with God, and unshakable, eternal hope for the future. We represent Christ so that others might come to trust Him, follow Him, and anchor their lives in the living hope found only in the gospel.



Our **mission** is the **compass** of our church. It is our **guiding “North Star”**. It answers the question, **“What are we ultimately here to do?”** It gives direction, unity, and purpose to everything we do as a church. Our Mission is ***what we do.***

OUR VALUES

The following four values are *things that are true* about us and *things we pursue* at TEFC. These four values inform *why* we pursue our mission at TEFC.

1. **Truth** because God's Word makes us wise for salvation and equips us for good works. (2

Tim. 3:14-17).

- Demonstrated by treasuring God's Word. (*Ps. 119:167*)
- Demonstrated by believing God's Word. (*1 Thess. 2:13*)
- Demonstrated by following God's Word. (*Lk. 11:28*)

2. **Transformation** because we desire God to conform our lives into the image of His

Son. (*Rom. 8:28-29*).

- Demonstrated by focusing our outlook & efforts on and for God. (*Rom. 12:2*)
- Demonstrated by prioritizing God's Kingdom. (*Matt. 6:21, 33*)
- Demonstrated by reflecting God's heart for the lost & broken. (*Lk. 15:3-7, Ja. 1:27*)
- Demonstrated by caring for & loving others in a way that glorifies God. (*Phil. 2:3-4; Jn. 13:35*)

3. **Together** because Christ has joined us together into one body to grow together in Him. (*Eph. 4:11-16*).

- Demonstrated by meeting for worship & fellowship regularly. (*Heb. 10:24-25*)
- Demonstrated by equipping one another for the work Christ has called us to. (*Eph. 4:11-12*)
- Demonstrated by encouraging one another to grow in our relationship with Christ & His body. (*Eph. 4:13-16*)

4. **Testimony** because our lives reflect Christ to bring glory to God. (*Matt. 5:14-16*).

- Demonstrated by seeking the lost to bring them the hope of the gospel. (*Mt. 28:18-20*)
- Demonstrated by sharing the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone we meet. (*Col. 4:6; 1 Pet. 3:15*)
- Demonstrated by showing Christ through lives marked by grace and truth. (*Gal. 2:20; 1 Jn. 4:19, 21*)



Our **values** are the **fire** and **fuel** to our mission. They are shared convictions that answer **the why behind everything we do**. Our values serve as our filters at TEFC, guiding decision-making and actions in accordance with our priorities. Our values are **why we do what we do**.

OUR STRATEGY



This is our pathway for living out our mission at TEFC. Our strategy explains *how* we accomplish what God has called us to do. Think of our strategy as a clear, simple pathway that helps every person know their next step—whether they are new to the church or have been here for years.

Meeting



We gather regularly to worship the Lord and receive His Word.

Meeting is the starting point of our shared life together. God's people have always been called to gather—to worship Him, to hear His Word, and to encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25).

When we meet together, we are reminded of who God is, who we are in Christ, and what we are called to do. Corporate worship shapes our hearts, strengthens our faith, and unites us as the body of Christ for the glory of God.

Maturing



We grow in faith and obedience, equipping and encouraging one another.

God doesn't call us merely to show up, but also to grow up in Christ (Eph. 4:11-16). *Maturing* is the ongoing process of becoming more like Christ in belief, character, and action.

This happens through intentional discipleship, relationships, prayer, the study of Scripture, and mutual encouragement within the church. We mature together so that every believer is equipped to serve Christ and His church faithfully.

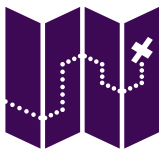
Moving



We go out into our city and community, serving and sharing Christ.

A healthy church doesn't stop at meeting and maturing; it also moves. *Moving* means living out our faith beyond the walls of the church.

We serve our neighbors, meet tangible needs, build relationships, and share the hope of the gospel in word and deed. As Christ was sent into the world, so He sends us (John 20:21). Christ sends us out to summon others in.



Our **strategy** is the **pathway** that maps out how we will accomplish our mission on the broadest level at TEFC, by God's gracious help. It is the roadmap that provides clarity, alignment, and shared expectations so that we move forward as one church—meeting, maturing, and moving for the glory of Christ. Our strategy is *how we do what we do*.

OUR MEASURES

This is who we hope you *become* with God's help. These measures demonstrate whether TEFC is on target with our mission. These attributes apply to every believer who calls TEFC "home", from the baby believer to the seasoned saint. All Christians at TEFC should be *cultivating* and *growing* in each of these four areas through the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. Prayerful Dependence

I seek to live a gospel-centered life by seeking and submitting to God's guidance through both individual and corporate prayer. **An ambassador stays in constant contact with the King.**

- *How am I incorporating prayer in my everyday life?*
- *Am I regularly partnering with other believers at TEFC in intercessory prayer?*

2. Courageous Faith

I seek to take risks for Christ, following the Spirit's leading and trusting that God will use me to advance His gospel and Christ will build His Church. **An ambassador is courageous for the King.**

- *How am I being stretched currently to serve God at TEFC and in the community?*
- *Where am I experiencing the greatest resistance to my faith, and how is the Spirit challenging me to overcome by trusting and obeying Christ?*

3. Selfless Hospitality

I seek to live for the benefit of others as I open my life and home to others, welcoming others as Christ has welcomed me. **An ambassador shares the care and compassion of the King.**

- *How am I stewarding my time so that I can be available to meet with others to discuss life and faith with them?*
- *What am I willing to sacrifice so that I can open up my life and home to others, even those who aren't Christians?*

4. Intentional Friendship

I seek to develop relationships with people inside and outside the church that go beyond the surface into deep, meaningful, one-another service. **An ambassador establishes friendships and alliances for the glory of the King and the good of the Kingdom.**

- *Who do I presently have a disciple-making relationship with, and who is God bringing into my life to develop a Christ-centered, gospel-saturated, Kingdom-oriented friendship with?*
- *How am I making myself available to God to meet new people for the sake of showing and sharing Christ?*



Our **measures** are the target of our mission. These measures answer the question, "**When are we successful?**", reflecting the achievement of our mission. Think of these as our church's portrait of an ambassador for Christ. Every ministry at TEFC is designed to cultivate these attributes in the lives of every person. Our measures are **who we are becoming** as Christ's ambassadors.