

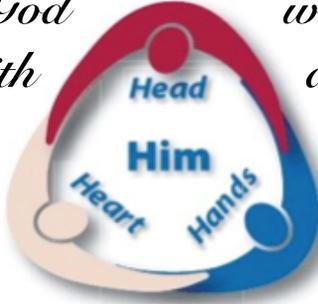
## Our Mission: What We're About

# Love God, Love People

(Mark 12:29-31)

Through Him (Christ), we Love God and we Love People with our Head, Heart, and Hands:

*“Love the Lord your God  
all your soul and with  
all your strength....  
yourself.’ There  
greater than these.”*



*with all your heart and with  
all your mind and with  
Love your neighbor as  
is no commandment  
— Jesus Christ*

**Head:** We allow His Holy Spirit to govern our thoughts as we follow Christ through dedicated personal obedience. He is God of our thoughts.

**Heart:** We exalt Christ through heart-felt worship that is expressed both individually and in community. He is God of our desires.

**Hands:** We serve Him by using our talents and Spiritual gifts and equipping and encouraging others to do the same. He is God of our actions.

**Him:** Transformed by His Holy Spirit, Christ is the center of all we are - we are living testimonies that proclaim Christ to the world. He is God of our soul.

“We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.”

(Colossians 1:28 NASB)

“...Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!

...he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.  
We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

(2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17, 19-20 NIV)

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”

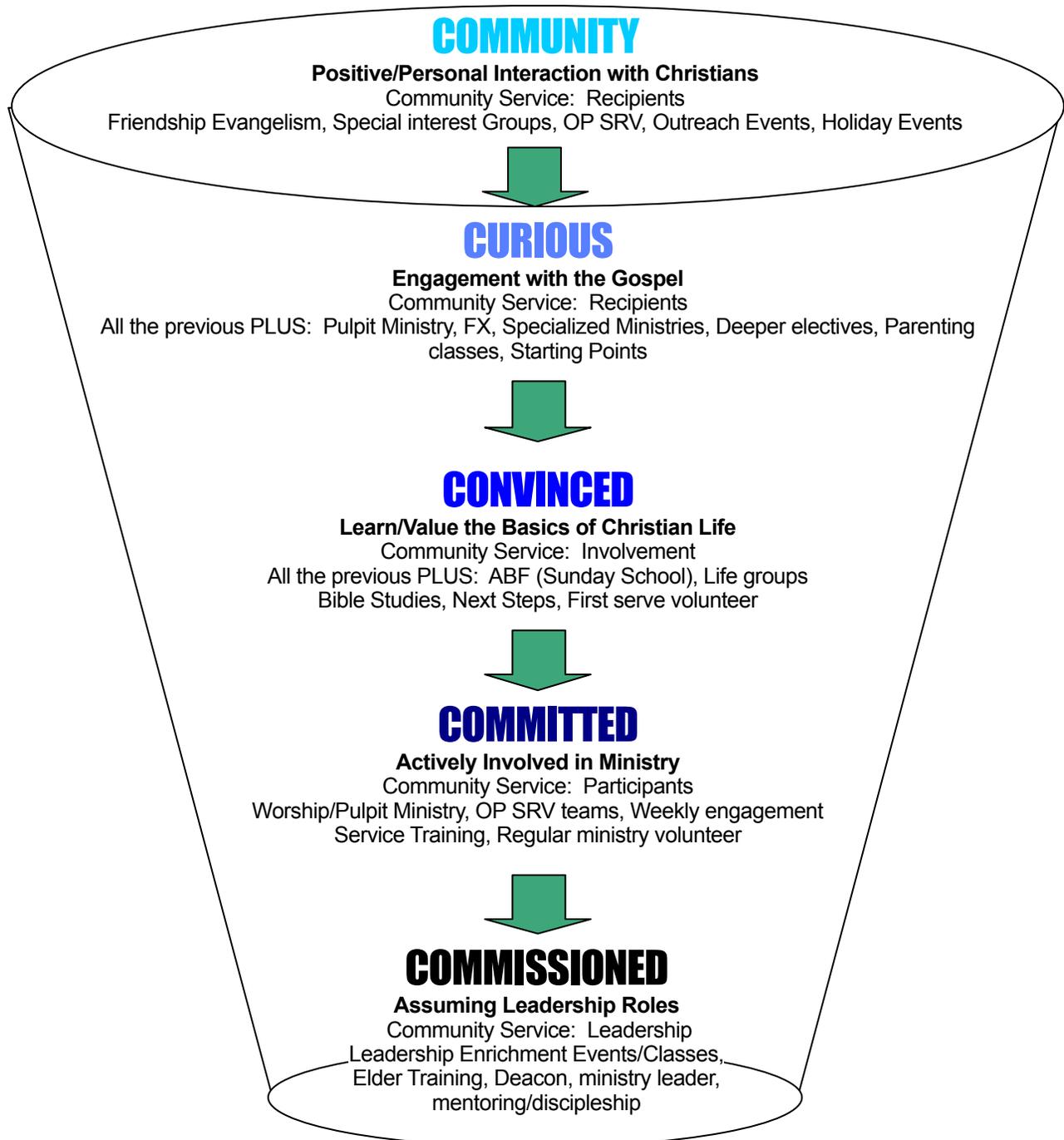
(Ephesians 4:11-13, NASB)

# Our Vision: *What We Want To Become*

Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Centerville Christian Church is a growing community of believers - continually transformed by grace and passionately engaged in outreach.

## CCC Ministry Strategy

*(Model originally created by James Riley Estep, Jr., Ph.D.)*



## **Mission Outreach**

***(CCC's vision is to sustain & expand on this current strength)***

The people of CCC will be passionately engaged in outreach that extends outside the church walls and shares the redemption story of Jesus through meeting physical, educational, and spiritual needs, resulting in new devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our greatest efforts here will be aligned with our primary strengths. Our intent is to be mission driven.

Centerville Christian Church reaches out to those in our local community as well as globally to meet spiritual and physical needs. This is a major strength and is currently manifested through church-wide participation in Operation Serve and our Missions Ministry. Other avenues of local community outreach are done by small groups within the church (e.g., assisting at Hope House, Circle U, disaster response teams, funeral dinners, home-bound meals, garage sale, food pantry, Barnabas ministry, and through other groups and outreach events).

Key Objectives:

- Each CCC partner will participate in at least one community outreach activity on an annual basis.
- Increase spiritual and physical growth through short-term mission opportunities and/or participation. This involves both the number of our partner participation and the resulting growth of those we reach out to.
- At least 10 new conversions that confess Jesus as Lord and are baptized by immersion should be added annually that were previously unchurched or under-churched.
- Avg. weekly church attendance should increase by 5% each year.
- To sustain and grow a culture of generous giving via sermons and teaching that maintains the financial stability and allows CCC to continue her current level of giving to Missions Ministry

## **Family Ministries**

***(CCC's vision is to sustain & expand on this current strength)***

Centerville Christian Church realizes that children and young people learn to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ most effectively when the church and family partner together to apply Biblical truths.

The partners of CCC are becoming a growing Christian Community of believers by ministering to families, with special emphasis given to equipping families with school age children. This will be done through Spiritual education and motivation of both caregiver and child.

## Key Objectives:

- Each male church leader (elder, deacon, minister) will actively participate in this ministry in a teaching and/or assisting role at least once on an annual basis. To allow more Spiritually mature men to prioritize this, they will also need to recruit and equip new and younger believers to engage in the more service oriented ministries such as offering and communion.
- Equip staff/volunteers with adequate training and resources. Staff are encouraged to visit at least 2 other churches and attend at least 2 prof. development activities annually.
- Develop mechanism by which we evaluate the level of Bible knowledge based on age of child. A growing disciple should recognize that the Bible is both reliable and relevant.
- Follow-up after a major event/program with a personal contact.
- Grow the church through the youth program - make contact with unchurched/uncharted parents.
- Increase our school experiences to a minimum 22 visits in each school year
- Plan and execute 2 or more off-site Family Outreach Events
- Plan and execute 4 Family Outreach Events in the CCC Family Center with a very intentional focus on outreach
- Host a minimum of 3 “Partnering with Parents” classes throughout the year with a strong emphasis on encouraging parents to be their child’s primary spiritual leader and encourage and equip them to lead their children to a saving relationship with Christ through baptism
- In our elementary environment, continue our plan to present conversation regularly about what a life with Christ looks like (sin, repentance, professing Jesus as Lord, and immersion)

## **Significant Relational Groupings** ***(CCC’s vision is to build this as a strength)***

Centerville Christian Church will develop community by having a healthy balance of groupings. The emphasis of these groupings will be to increase the understanding and application of Biblical truths.

The partners of CCC will be connected to Christ and other believers through significant relational groupings that are open and inclusive, warm and welcoming, formal and informal, and are balanced to include one time, seasonal, short-term, and long-term groupings. They will be in a variety of forms but will include groups with life-transforming Bible study as a primary focus.

## Key Objectives:

- The expectation of Spiritual growth includes affiliation w/CCC through partnership.

- Each CCC partner should expand their knowledge and application of Biblical truths by spending one hour/week in personal study of the Bible.
- Leaders of CCC should provide for and encourage accountability among believers through sermons, classes, Elder updates, programming, and by their own example. Established partners are expected to connect with at least 1 newer partner family/individual annually.
- Classes, groupings, and/or specialized studies should be offered throughout the week, as well as on Sunday mornings.
- Long-term groups are expected to grow and split-off into newer groupings.
- To annually increase volunteerism and overall commitment to the cause of Christ.

## **Shepherding**

***(CCC's vision is to build this as a strength)***

The leaders (led by the elders and staff) of CCC will develop a culture of shepherding among CCC partners that encourages interpersonal relationships which build and strengthen community. They will encourage believers through shepherding visitation that is blessing and beneficial, sensitive to the rhythms of life, and balanced to include both church attenders and outside community. The shepherding will be both formal and informal with visits/contacts characterized by loving, listening, learning, and leading. Visits/Contacts will include but are not limited to hospital calls, homebound, assisted living, and nursing home.

### **Key Objectives:**

- Once a quarter, one of the elders will give a report to the congregation communicating one to three key updates. During interim periods, pertinent information will be communicated through the shepherding groups.
- Provide annual training in key areas of shepherding.