

VISION

How large is your vision for the ministry God has laid before you? How many people does God want you to reach? How large does God want your church to be?

I believe most believers struggle with knowing what God’s vision for them and their church actually is. Yet, the Bible is very clear that our vision is to be as large as God himself. Jesus said he wanted us to reach “all the nations”. That’s a “God sized” vision. And honestly, that is more than one person or one small church can clearly envision. But, we must keep in mind that nothing is impossible for God.

Many years ago there was a book called The Prayer of Jabez. It was based upon this passage in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10, “*Jabez was more honored than his brothers. His mother named him Jabez and said, “I gave birth to him in pain.” Jabez called out to the God of Israel: “If only you would bless me, extend my border, let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm, so that I will not experience pain. And God granted his request.*” Christian Standard Bible

From this passage it would be easy for a person to misunderstand the focus of this prayer and consequently begin to pray misguidedly. However, one could never misunderstand the fact that Jabez “called out to God” and “God granted his request.” What Jabez needed and what he asked for came with a “God sized” vision which only God could grant.

We as well need to have such a vision that requires an amazing work of God to see it come to fulfillment. For some people that would be reaching one person, while for others it may mean reaching a whole community. Our vision isn’t big enough until the enormity of that vision demands that only God is the one who could fulfill it.

One pastor I met recently moved to a city of about 40,000 people. He served one of many churches in that city, most of which were struggling or in decline. Yet, after 2 years with little growth,

God challenged him to have a “God sized” vision for the community. God gave the church a vision to reach 10% of the population. That meant God wanted this struggling group of 80 to reach 4000. It has taken 12 years, but this past Christmas the church recorded an attendance of over 3,800 spread across 4 services. The church came to understand that having this huge vision for their city would take them from being just a church in their city – to making them the church of the city.

A “God sized” vision means the desire for a huge harvest for the Kingdom. Where do you start? Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16. Pray for insight. Answer: The enormity of the vision God has for me demands that He _____. Trust Him to do what only He can do.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 GAIL EDWARDS**
- 7 DANNY COLLINS**
- 13 SHELVE & GEORGIA STEPHENS**
- 17 DAVE & GAIL EDWARDS**
- 18 STEVE & SANDRA MAYO**
- 19 DENNIS WARD**
- 23 JERRY COOPER**
- 24 JOYCE MITTAG**
- 24 JERRY & SHERRY COOPER**
- 26 SANDY ARNOLD**

CCSBA Financial Status	
Sept. 01, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019	
Budget to date	Contributions received
\$ 66,769.15	\$ 70,385.74

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

- Harviell FBC
- Center Hill
- Duck Creek
- Bloomfield FBC
- New Hope

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Qulin



Jim Cornman, Pastor

Calvary, Dexter



Danny Collins, Pastor

Black River



Harold Sitze, Pastor

Fellowship



Tim Freeman, Pastor

Calendar for April & May

April 3-6 Milwaukee Mission Trip

April 13 WMU Mtg. at Memorial Baptist 10-12

April 18 CCSBA Offices closed at noon

April 19 Good Friday - Offices closed

May 2 National Day of Prayer

May 9, 11 Safe and Secure Training

May 27 Memorial Day – Office closed

CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday –Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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2019 Disaster Relief Training

April 5-6 Diamond, MO

September 13-14 Dexter, MO

October 4-5 Warsaw, MO

Contact Bob Stark at 573-300-3192 or

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www.mobaptist.org/dr disasterrelief@mobaptist.org

CCSBA Focus on BSU

I was recently challenged by this thought: the keys to your church are going to be given away or thrown away. Amanda and I have seen the value of working with college students. College students are wet cement. They have limitless potential, limitless energy. But the Enemy knows all these things too. It's not easy most of the time, but we love college students because we love the church—they are the future. What are you passing on to the next generation?

Two pictures from our volunteer work with Foster Adopt Connect SEMO over Spring Break.



LAUGH PLAY PURE FUN

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 10-14
SOUTH MO BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

TOO-BEET? HAWKED? WHO'S YOUR ONE? WAGLE BE!

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RILEY BANKS-SNYDER
with LISA VELTHOUSE

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Riley Unlikely

April 13, 2019 10:00 AM
Memorial Baptist Church

Brunch followed by Riley sharing her amazing story.

who's your ONE?

Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind *Who's Your One*. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism—what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

Over the coming days, our church and countless others will prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we each intentionally pursue one person with the hope of the gospel. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for *one*. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, each of our *ones* can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom.

BSU Food Pantry

Items Needed

Drop off items at the office or
Give money to purchase items

Shampoo	Paper Towles
Conditioner	Toilet Paper
Kleenex	Dryer Sheets
Washing Detergent	
Gift Cards for perishable Items	