

VISION & MISSION

"What God has Called us to do"

*"Helen Keller was once asked, "What would be worse than being born blind?"
Her response: "To have sight but no vision."*

Introduction:

"Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church....Be of one mind, united in thought and purpose." 1 Corinthians 1:10

Harmony is an active fuel that launches church plants, develops ministries and enlarges healthy churches. Harmony is the glue that holds people together through challenges, discouragements and set backs. Harmony is the result of the Holy Spirit working through people who have the same Vision and Mission.

Definition:

Vision for ministry is a reflection of what God wants to accomplish through you to build His Kingdom.

Mission is a broad, general statement about who you wish to reach and what the church hopes to accomplish.

George Barna

Discovering God's Vision:

- a. Begin on your knees.
- b. Abandon your own will.
- c. Have a clear understanding of God's voice.
- c. Know and understand your own limitations.
- e. Allow God to control the schedule.
- f. Determine the size of your vision.
- g. Pass on the Vision.

Nehemiah Principle:

God gave Nehemiah a vision to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. Along with this vision came massive challenges. Many of these challenges await Church Planters. Nehemiah stayed with the vision until the task was completed by adopting the following strategies:

- a. Recognized and received God's Vision for his life.
- b. Knew that God's power would sustain him.
- c. Committed to riding the waves of the vision
- e. Regularly reviewed the vision

CORE VALUES

“How We Live Our Lives”

Introduction:

How we live our lives will reflect our image of God. When our standards are defined in terms of Core Values they become more than good intentions, they become our vision and mission. Individually they are the gauge by which we live our daily lives. Collectively they are the standard of our accountability. Matthew 25:34-46

Our Core Values shape our habits.
Our habits shape our character.
Our character determines our destiny.

Definition:

Core Values inspire people into action by communicating what is important.

Creating Core Values:

Core Values are discovered, unearthed, clarified through scripture. They are communicated best by a simple format that consist of three components:

- a. Introduction = A lead statement or caption
- b. Explanation = A concise, condensed explanation of the value
- c. Validation = One or two passages of scripture that validate the value

Auditing Core Values:

- Does it attract passion?
- Is it shared?
- Can it be expressed clearly?
- Is it congruent with other values?
- Can it be implemented?
- How is it communicated?
- What does it tell the world about your view of God?

Richlands Core Values

“How We Live Our Lives”

<i>Proclaim</i>	We proclaim Jesus Christ, the Holy spirit and God as the head and center of the Richland Fellowship experience. Eph. 2:19-22
<i>Prayer</i>	We make prayer the ground work for every decision. James 1:5-6, John 15:5
<i>Love</i>	We strive to love God and our fellow man more than ourselves. Luke 10:27, Philippians 2:5-7
<i>Compassion</i>	We strive to provide a sacred Sabbath worship that is relevant and sensitive to all who attend. Isaiah 56:2-7
<i>Worship</i>	We strive to provide a sacred Sabbath worship that is relevant and sensitive to all who attend. Isaiah 56: 2-7
<i>Unity</i>	We strive to move forward as one body, the body of Christ, yet recognizing and respecting individual gifts. Ephesians 4:1-6
<i>Grow Disciples</i>	We strive to provide opportunities for members, our children and new believers to know Jesus Christ personally and become His disciples. Luke 18:15-17.
<i>Living Ministry</i>	We strive to provide ministry opportunities, tools, training, and encouragement to all members. Isaiah 58:6-12, Luke 10:25-37
<i>Faithful Stewards</i>	We strive to be regular in worship attendance, in the giving our time, and the sharing of our resources for the furtherance of the kingdom of heaven. Luke 12:31-34, 1 Chronicles 16:29
<i>Community</i>	Our aim is to deliberately and creatively be God's hands and feet in our community. Isaiah 61:1-3, Isaiah 58:1-4
<i>Alive In Ministry</i>	our goal is to develop and maximize the gifts God has given each of us for ministry. This draws us out of our pew and into the lives of seekers. Ephesians 4:11, Matthew 25:41-46
<i>Equip</i>	We strive to give our best, as Christ empowers us, to all who come to Richland for training and encouragement. Mark 4:33-34, Matthew 28:18-20
<i>Planting</i>	As God leads, we will be a people involved with planting and growing churches. Joshua 3:4, 1 Corinthians 3:6
<i>Family</i>	Our goal is to have God as the center of our families, growing together into eternity. Philippians 3:14
<i>Sabbath Rest</i>	We choose to honor God as our Creator and Lord by keeping holy the Sabbath day. His love for us draws us into a rest from the cares of this world, and into the joy of worshipping Him. Exodus 20:8-11