



Vision Templates: Spiritual formation; Need adoption

OUR MISSION

Love God • Love One Another

OUR SHARED VALUES

Christlikeness

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are students of His Word and servants of His way.

Compassion

Moved to action, our love reaches out to the whole family of God

Relations

Sharing joy and hope on life's connected journey, we grow as a family of faith

Serving

Fueled by God's love, we practice bold hospitality and unselfish generosity

OUR STRATEGY

Gather in community. **Grow** in faith. **Go** in service.



OUR VISION

"Lives fully connected to God's abundant love"

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Our five-year strategic plan aligns Messiah's outlook, energy, and resources to operate as an **equipping life center** for faith development, community connection, and relational ministry to spread joy and hope. Extending beyond property edges, our church exists everywhere our partners in ministry go; each on a daily journey of extending God's love to others.

On a pathway to deeper **spiritual formation**, we envision Messiah as a connecting hub for people on faith journeys. Our role is welcoming everyone to the love of God; helping each fall deeply into it. Church life will bring recharge; potential for being friended, connected, and sent.

Our collective engagement in **needs adoption** will elevate and evolve from funneling of resources to more hands-on participation and ownership of specific local and global initiatives.

Emphasizing a continuous cycle of service, faith, and community, we acknowledge people are first loved by God and, therefore, must also be loved by us before they would consider a connection to a church.

As we **go in service** to others, we channel the love of God into neighborly care for our community and world. We plant seeds of breakthrough joy and hope into areas of human need and spiritual indifference. This outward compassion in everyday ways demonstrates God's love in motion through us. Specifically, ...

- We will wrap around Messiah Preschool ministry with huge loving arms, aiding and encouraging staff, teachers, students, and families in their development as households of faith.
- We commit to serving in the local Caring Hands food pantry ministry with fullparticipatory energy to study, grow, and extend this ministry to people at risk of homelessness and facing food needs.

As we **grow in faith**, we acknowledge the grace we've received from God, we gain a perspective to see what breaks God's heart, and we put ourselves into the world as light and salt for Jesus. Faith is a hearing-then-doing circle of learning and development.

• We will offer relevant biblical instruction to everyone for Christian living and develop coaching in missional discipleship to equip leaders.

As we **gather in community**, we celebrate our unity in Christ. As a family, we embrace our differences, acknowledge our imperfections, inspire new friendships, and expand our giving of grace. We give honor to God for every blessing and connect to God's power for daily strength.

- We pledge to model a vibrant and engaging perspective of life-wide worship
- We will nurture relationship building in small and large groups for heart-to-heart encouragement, faith exploration, and service partnerships.