

Our Vision Statement

The elders would like to express our love for each of you and our commitment to honoring God by the manner in which we shepherd this amazing church. Through the years, we have seen it go through many transformations yet it remains strong, vibrant, and a faithful beacon of hope.

Announcement of strategy change:

Since our appointment at the beginning of April, we have been meeting weekly or bi-weekly to better understand and address the needs of the church. We have considered and discussed a host of issues and have learned much about our God, each other, our devoted staff and administration, our talented Board, and the incredible servant hearts of our members. We want to make you aware of a recent change in strategy as it regards our regional meetings.

While we are still committed to addressing the needs of the church through the development of regional ministries, we have seen a need to move away from having most Sunday worship services in regional locations. We believe the church will be better strengthened by meeting in one facility as a congregation because:

- At our current size, the logistics of managing three to four facilities on Sunday was stretching our resources in a manner that was not beneficial to all regions.
- In the short term, communication and the adoption of our vision is enhanced when we meet congregationally rather than regionally.
- Concentrating our resources with a goal of having access to a larger 24/7 facility than the church office will enable us to more efficiently and effectively train and equip our members and better serve our visitors.
- A more stable and equipped meeting environment will greatly enhance the education and development of our young people.
- Meeting in multiple locations would require a greater financial commitment that would limit our ability to support and develop existing and new ministries.

Our Vision:

Our vision for this church is for us as a body of believers to more fully live out the two great commandments – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,” and to “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:30-31)

So what would this look like in The Charlotte Church today?

We envision a church of disciples who:

- Eagerly spend time in God’s word and in prayer. In small groups, regularly applying the Bible to their lives, serving one another and sharing their faith with others.
- Worship and Praise God, encouraging each other and sharing the Lord’s supper with ever-increasing gratitude in their hearts.

We see ministries that restoratively touch the hearts and needs of our members as their lives unfold:

- The growth and development of their faith through the Kingdom Kids, middle school, teen, campus, singles and married ministries.
- The development of ministries to equip those in special situations like single parents, empty nesters, the grieving and those with spouses who are not disciples.
- Dynamic house church groups that equip adult members for works of service

With this vision before us, the Elders and Staff ask for your prayers and support as we faithfully and diligently focus on the following:

- Ensure that every disciple is offered the training, resources and help they need to reach spiritual maturity.
- Implement a facilities strategy that provides a solid base of operations for our various ministries, especially to the youth of the church.
- Greater serve the needs of the church family with the expansion and training of deacons and volunteer leaders.
- Holding ourselves accountable to God and to the members of The Charlotte Church, we will make every effort to promote clarity, purpose, vision, and creativity among our staff and leaders by thorough and consistent evaluation, definition, communication, and reinforcement of their roles and responsibilities.

Together, we want to thank each one of you for your faith, graciousness, love, and encouragement. We know that God has already blessed us in more ways than we can count and surely He will be with us all as we strive to care for each other and for the lost in Charlotte and beyond!