



Strategic Initiative #5

Support for the Mission of GSPC

We will be faithful to support the mission God has entrusted to GSPC. This support will include improving communication within the church and to the community. It will include restructuring ministry teams and staff assignments in support of our ministry priorities.

Supporting our mission will require a remodel and upgrade of our campus. We are called to be faithful and generous stewards of the financial resources God has entrusted to our care.

"...go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ... And surely I am with you always ..."

Matthew 28:19-20

An Invitation

You are invited to be part of what God is doing in and through GSPC. We are all part of the body of Christ, this spiritual household that is being built in this place.

We all have something to offer that will enable us to grow together into the dwelling of God.

The first step is to become involved in a small group. This will be a place for you to get to know Christ better and to connect with others. It will be an opportunity for Bible study, spiritual growth, encouragement, and service. It will also be the place where you can encourage others.

Once you are connected and supported, you will discover a number of ways to participate in specific ministries in the church and in the community.

You are sincerely invited to become a significant part of the life and ministry of GSPC as together we become:

A Community for the Community

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"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden ... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.."

Matthew 5:14 and 16



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ReFocusing our Ministry

In the Fall of 2006, this congregation engaged in a process of clarifying three important things. First, how has God been working through GSPC in the past? Second, what is God calling us to in the future? And, third, how will we live out that call?

The outcome of this study centers around five Strategic Initiatives and related goals that will be the “big ideas” around which the entire congregation rallies over the next five years.

We remain committed to being a multi-generational church, centered in Jesus Christ, and caring for people of all ages. We remain committed to the five major priorities of 1) Worship, 2) Making Disciples, 3) Building Christian Community, 4) Serving Others, and 5) Communicating the Gospel. However, the ReFocusing our Ministry process has given us clear direction and focus upon how to best live out these priorities in the immediate future.

A Community for the Community

A very concise summary of the outcome of ReFocusing our Ministry is the statement that we are to become “A Community for the Community.” This means we are to connect in Christian community. But, this is not just for the sake of ourselves but to share the love of Christ with others in the community around us.



Strategic Initiative #1 Connecting

We will be a church that connects everyone into the life and ministry of this multi-generational church.

We will become a church of small groups in which all are connected, supported, encouraged, and in service together. We will employ a “Worship Plus 2” model in which all are active in worship and in a group for 1) spiritual growth and 2) service. That’s “Worship Plus 2.”

“... you are ... fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone.”

Ephesians 2:19-20

Strategic Initiative #2 Ministering to Children, Youth and Families



We will be a church that reaches out to children, youth and their families to connect them to Christ and His church. Not only will we care for those already part of GSPC, but we will find ways to go to our immediate neighborhood to make Christ known to children, youth and families.



Strategic Initiative #3 Impacting the Community

We will demonstrate the love of Christ to our community by identifying and addressing needs within it.

This will include partnership with Covenant Presbyterian Church in Long Beach and focusing upon the “Little Cottonwood” neighborhood (Farquhar, Howard and Green Streets). We will be a sent congregation that goes into our world with the love of Christ rather than waiting for people to come to us.

Strategic Initiative #4 Welcoming



We will be an open, inviting congregation that welcomes all people into the life and ministry of GSPC. As our neighborhoods change demographically we have the opportunity to welcome all the diverse people who make up our community.

... things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from our descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord”

Psalm 78:3-4