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**THE DIRECTION OF
FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**“Where we believe the Lord is directing
us and what we ultimately want to do
in partnership with Him...”**

VISION STATEMENT

**“To glorify God by equipping believers
to go to the people of the New London
area with the saving knowledge of
Jesus Christ, and train them in their
relationship with God and His people,
so they in turn will do the same.”**

The environment in which we can accomplish the vision...

(Not written in order of priority)

Rom. 14

1 Cor. 15:10

Phil. 3:1-16

Eph. 2:8-10

Rom. 1:17

Heb. 10:32-39

Matt. 21:22

1 Jn. 5:14, 15

2 Tim. 3:16

2 Pet. 1:20-21

Rev. 22:18-19

Rom. 14

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Matt. 28:19-20

2 Tim. 2:2

Rom. 14

1 Cor. 5, 6

Phil. 3:3-11

1 Cor. 7:1-38

Eph. 5:22-33

Heb. 10:24, 25

1. GRACE-BASED CHURCH

a. We are not going to shame, manipulate, high pressure or lay all sort of rules on you.

b. We are going to concentrate on progressing toward full maturity in the faith rather than enforce a "shape up or ship out" mentality.

c. We are attempting to balance grace and responsibility in all we do.

2. FAITH-BASED CHURCH

a. We are attempting to live by faith rather than by sight - risking where no one has gone before.

b. We are going to favor acts of faith before acts of works - believing more before working harder.

c. We are going to be a praying church - bathing all of our efforts in prayer.

3. SCRIPTURE-BASED CHURCH

a. We are submitting our opinions and preferences to the study of God's Word as we seek to do what it says.

b. We are freeing ourselves of rules and regulations that are not in God's Word thereby freeing ourselves from burdens that are not ours to bear

c. We will tolerate doctrinal and lifestyle diversity within boundary of Scripture and strive for complete unity in regards to our corporate commitment to Christ.

4. HEALTHY AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP BASED CHURCH

a. We are going to encourage discipleship where everyone is developed three dimensionally - one to be mentored by, one to grow together with, and one to bring along in the faith

b. We are going to treat people as responsible adults and work toward this point with those who do not believe they are responsible and adult-like.

c. We are going to lovingly confront and work toward reconciliation when it is needed.

d. We are going to be honest, vulnerable, and humble with each other - no one person has it all together!

e. We are going to promote fulfilling marriages, significant singleness and work toward healing those relationships that are not fulfilling, healthy, and significant.

f. We are going to gather together often.

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1 Cor. 12:1-31

Eph. 4:11-16

Rom. 12:3-21

Eph. 4:11, 12

Acts 13:1-3

1 Cor. 12:1-31

Eph. 4: 11-16

Rom. 12:3-21

1 Cor. 15:58

1 Pet. 2:9, 10

Mark 2:1-28

Matt. 28:19, 20

Col. 1:28-29

Acts 1:8

Matt. 5:13-16

Matt. 9:36-38

Eph. 1:15-23

Eph. 3:14-21

Psalm 150:1-6

Mark 10:13-16

2 Tim. 2:2; 15

Acts 1:8

Matt. 28:19-20

1 Thess. 1:2-10

1 Tim. 1:1-6,

2:1-8

5. LAY MINISTRY-BASED CHURCH

a. We are going to view everyone as a minister - everyone has a ministry assignment and responsibility - the young and the old!

b. We are going to view the pastor (staff) as an equipper of people and ministry rather than as the one who "does" all the work of the ministry since he is regarded the paid "professional."

c. We are going to care for people and pray for their transformation - beginning with those people in our area and beyond.

d. We are going to encourage people to do one thing well, rather than many things poorly.

e. We are going to work toward developing fruitful and fulfilled workers in the church.

f. We are going to treat each other as equal saints - no heroes and no zeros.

6. MINISTRY-BASED CHURCH

a. We are going to operate to accomplish a mission rather than to maintain what we already have. Change is not viewed as a threat but rather welcomed as an ally.

b. We are going to make more and better disciples.

c. We are going to care for people praying for their transformation beginning with those people in our area and beyond.

d. We are going to be salt in a bland society.

e. We are going to welcome the wounded, hurting, used and abused.

f. We are going to be a praying church - bathing all of our activities in prayer.

g. We are going to create a positive atmosphere of celebration in our worship services.

h. We are going to focus a major thrust of ministry on youth - children to teens.

7. EVANGELISTIC-BASED CHURCH

a. We are going to equip everyone in sharing their faith.

b. We are going to support each other in seeing to it our community is exposed to the Gospel.

8. TRAINING-BASED CHURCH

a. We are going to provide training and follow-up for every venture we undertake.

b. We are going to ensure everyone is trained and encouraged when taking on a ministry task.