



# Vision Statement Of First Church

We envision a fellowship where every person's gifts are appreciated and used in all aspects of worship and ministry. We envision a community where every new person is welcomed and enfolded. We envision a body that encourages and provides an opportunity for each person to grow in his or her walk with the Lord.

Our vision for our presence in this location is to be a community of service in Jesus Christ that will provide opportunities for us to learn and grow even as we serve. That service will include addressing both worldly needs and creating opportunities to present the Gospel, and it will be marked by many, many caring and mutually understanding relationships with our neighbors. Many of us will truly become neighbor(s) to our neighbor(s). And when our neighbors join us, whether on Sunday mornings or in some other setting, the same loving care that characterizes our internal community will characterize those relationships. We envision bringing the hope that comes through Jesus Christ and we embrace the Lord's call to share community and worship with His people in this place and pray that He will work His will through us.

Our vision for missions begins in our neighborhood, which is our first priority, and then extends throughout the city, across the country and around the world. Our primary emphasis will be directed to service beyond ourselves. Our worship, which must be spiritually uplifting, will primarily be intended to inspire and compel us to be motivated to go and serve. We believe that God has many new and effective ways in mind for us to share the love of our Savior, and to seek those of His children who are lost.