

Explanation of our Vision Statement

vision: who God is calling us to be

*A multicultural family,
growing in faith,
connecting people with Christ*

*Somos una familia multicultural,
creciendo en la fe,
alcanzando a todos para Cristo*

A multicultural family: At first glance, it might seem that we're just a church with two worship services - one in English, and one in Spanish. But our vision is to be so much more than that. Not just Latino and Anglo, we are a congregation rich with members from many racial and cultural backgrounds. While cultural differences tend to divide the world, we are committed to God's call to his church to be brothers and sisters, hermanos y hermanas, in Christ. *"For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters (Romans 8:29 NLT)."* Our desire is to find ways that we can honor each member's unique cultural heritage and gifts, while growing together into one beloved family.

Growing in faith: *"Let your roots grow down into Jesus, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness (Col 2:7 NLT)."* It's all too easy for Christians to think of faith as a destination rather than a journey. But we're committed to building a congregation of lifelong disciples, where each of us is committed to knowing Jesus better and loving Jesus more each day. It is our hope and expectation that every member will be actively seeking to grow in knowledge and obedience to God, through small groups, Bible study, and Christian service.

Connecting people with Christ: Our Lord, Jesus, gave his own purpose statement in Luke 19:10. *"The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."* Jesus didn't wait for the lost to come to him. He sought them out, wherever they were, and invited them to new life with him. It used to be that churches operated on the model that "If we build it, they will come." But that's just not true anymore. We're trying to live out the New Testament model of seeking out the lost; reaching out into the community, living and proclaiming the gospel in practical and creative ways, inviting people to new life in Jesus Christ.

We hope that you'll come and join us in the journey!