

March 4 and 5, 2016: Strategic Leadership Team Meeting with Ron Donnini

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Friday, March 4, 2016 6pm to 9pm

We opened with prayer led by Shirley Fites.

I. Topic for this evening: Developing a Biblical Mission for Your Ministry

A. Is your life a Mission? We need to have a mission and to be busy accomplishing that mission, just as Jesus was sent on a mission. When He left, He gave all believers a mission! Are you on mission? You have been sent to speak for Christ. What is your natural gift? What is your spiritual passion? Are you using them for Christ? Are you using them within your family, within your work place, within your church, within your community?

B. We reviewed the Development/Implementation Review Sheet and discussed 2 Implementations Teams:

1. Prayer Team: Dennis reports that 88 people are signed up for prayer. Weekly updates are being sent out.
2. Ron thanked the prayer team for the power of their prayers and their commitment to the seeking Jesus.
3. Communication Team: Victor reports that a survey is being developed for the congregation.

II. We worked through the following power point presentation: TMG\_GBC\_Mission\_022316pptx.pdf

A. Fundamental Question: What is God's mission mandate for our church? What is the "main thing" or our mega-mission?

B. Importance of a Mission:

1. Dictates the ministry's direction.
2. Formulates the ministry's function.
3. Focuses on its future.
4. Provides boundaries for decision-making.
5. Inspires ministry unity.
6. Enhances ministry effectiveness.
7. Provides the church with its focus.
8. Facilitates evaluation.
9. Defines success.

C. Definition of a Mission

1. The **mission** of the church is **NOT** the same as the **purpose** of the church.
2. The **purpose** of the church is to **glorify** God.
3. The mission is a brief biblical statement of Christ's mandate for our church.
4. It is an "umbrella statement" under which all biblical commands can fit.
5. THE GREAT COMMISSION!

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- D. Biblical Basis for Mission formation
  - 1. Matt. 28:19-20 Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything...
  - 2. Mark 16:15 "Go, preach good news"
  - 3. Acts 1:8 "Be witnesses"
- E. Development of Missions: 4 steps
  - Step 1: Determine the Church's mission
  - Step 2: Articulate the mission in writing
  - Step 3: Clarify and simplify you mission
  - Step 4: Keep it short and simple
- F. We looked at many examples of mission statements, brainstormed, and then we created our own for Grace Bible Church.
- G. Communication Plan for Mission Statement: Things to be considered
  - 1. What should be communicated?
  - 2. Who should communicate it?
  - 3. Who needs to know?
  - 4. When?
  - 5. How?
  - 6. Where?
  - 7. How often?
  - 8. Why?

We closed in prayer for this session and God's leading for tomorrow.

Saturday, March 5, 2016 8am-12pm

Opened with prayer by Warren Morrow.

- I. Discussion of Mission Statement.
  - A. Formation of Mission
  - B. Communication of mission to congregation
    - 1. Awaiting alignment with Actual Core Values
    - 2. Awaiting alignment with Aspirational Values
- II. Core Values refer to TMG\_GBC\_CoreValues\_022316pptx.pdf
  - A. Why do we do what we?
    - 1. Personal Values
    - 2. Theological Values (Acts 2: 41-47)
    - 3. Importance of Values: clear direction
    - 4. Kinds of Values: conscious vs. unconscious values
      - a. Unconscious values are out of sight.
      - b. Conscious
      - c. Shared and unshared values
      - d. Personal vs Church Core Values Audit

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1. Refer to TMG\_GBC\_Personal\_Values\_060913.pdf

2. Refer to TMG\_GBC\_Church\_Values\_060913.pdf

e. Actual vs aspirational

1. Actual = values you own and practice

2. Aspirational = values you believe that you need in order to obey God, but you don't do them.

3. Ask: Where is the evidence? Prove that what you value is actually being practiced in your life.

B. The Power of Values to affect:

1. Biblical Instruction

2. Evangelism

3. Worship

4. Fellowship

5. Service

III. Discovery of Core values

A. Brainstorming of Church Values

B. Defending the Church Values

C. Limiting Core Values to Six **Actual** Values

D. **Aspirational** Values

Closing with group prayer.