

Central Baptist Church Bearden

Long Range Plan

April 8, 2009

I. Our Mission

Central Baptist Church of Bearden exists that people may
KNOW Jesus Christ as Lord,
GROW as His disciples and
SHARE His love in word and deed.

II. Our Vision

Our **VISION** is for Central Baptist Church of Bearden to be a community of spiritually empowered believers who practice **Loving God** intimately, **Loving People** unconditionally, **Leading People to Christ** and **Living His Mission**.

III. Steps to Fulfillment

- A. **Loving God** intimately and expressing that love through passionate worship, dynamic prayer and obedience to His commands.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37 NIV)

1. Make prayer central to everything we do.
2. Plan and conduct both traditional and innovative worship experiences focused on God.
3. Enhance congregational participation in all phases of worship.
4. Encourage personal worship experiences that strengthen the spiritual lives of families and individuals and promote consistent obedience.

- B. **Loving People** by extending open arms in a compassionate and unconditional embrace to all, welcoming them to join us on the Christian faith journey, and ministering to their needs.

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”
(Romans 12: 9-10 NIV)

1. Strengthen Hospitality
2. Establish ministry teams and care groups within Sunday School classes and other ministry organizations as front-line for delivering ministry.
3. Believing all Christians are called to be ministers, refocus all Sunday School and Discipleship classes, and other groups, on developing Christians who are to function as ministers, both inside and outside the church.
4. Intentionally utilize existing and new ministries to reach out aggressively to families and individuals.

- C. **Leading People** to become fully developed followers of Christ by equipping them to discover, cultivate and practice their spiritual gifts, talents and passion in service to Him.

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV)

Develop and implement a system for equipping all members to grow as authentic disciples of Christ and encouraging them to practice their gifts, talents and passion through ministry to others.

- D. **Living His Mission** by sharing the message of hope in Jesus Christ through dynamic and challenging proclamation of the gospel in word and deed.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40 NIV)

Build intentional emphasis toward being on mission with God into our core identity.

IV. Implementation

Create an “Embrace the Vision” implementation team whose purpose, function and structure are as follows:

1. Guide the Long Range Plan.
2. Forward recommendations for implementing the Long Range Plan to committees, ministry teams, deacons, staff and other appropriate entities for consideration and response.
3. Report and celebrate achievements associated with the Long Range Plan to the congregation.
4. Members will be appointed by the deacons.

This Implementation Team was approved by the church at the November 2009 business meeting and began meeting on January 25, 2010. Serving on the LRP IT are:

Troy Degges, Chair	Betty Sue Sparks
Becky Duncan	Lisa Stockton
Alan Guy	Laura Swartzlander
Greg Meadows	Robert Bowman, Staff Liaison