

A VISION

September 2004

Building on Our Past,
Serving in Our Present,
Growing for Our Future

"Come, follow me, and I will make you..." (Mk. 1:17)

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Boerne Church of Christ To Begin With...

In the wilderness God's people were called to move from place to place. 'Wilderness wanderings' doesn't really capture the story; their life was a journey. They didn't always know what road lay ahead, but they knew its final end was God's promise of a blessed land. They didn't know their address from year to year, but they came to know the One that did. They grew accustomed to a certain rhythm of life: *stay, go; stay, go; stay, go*, and always on God's signal. Journeying was their life, and God's glorious presence with them was always the sign they were in the right place.

The church's life is still a journey, and today we begin yet another exciting part of ours as we travel along with God. We too experience a certain rhythm of life: *stay, go*, and always on God's signal. We believe that God has signaled and that it's time for us to move in a direction he has prepared. This move won't change our physical address, but calls us to move in our focus, our faith, our commitment and our resolve to travel with God.

God's presence has been real in our past and our present. Our future builds on that, and asks us to leave what we know all too well, for the places to which God is leading, now. Let's set our eyes upon the glory of God as it rises and calls to us, "Come!"

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop spiritual lives rooted in Jesus Christ, enabling the message of salvation to grow and spread in Boerne and the world.

Vision

To bring Christ and his heart for the home to every family

The Heart of the Vision

Every family saved

Every family strong

Every family servicing

How We Arrived Here

Where We've Been

Elders, Deacons, Ministers Retreat

Natural Church Development (NCD) Survey

Empowering Leadership (Minimum Factor)

Passionate Spirituality (Maximum Factor)

NCD Task Force Proposal

Immediate: vision/direction from leadership

Long Range: ministry vision; meaningful & effective structures for ministry; growing

Where We Are

Assess 'who we are' as a church; our strengths and weaknesses; key concerns and needs

Consider where we live; the kind of community, its concerns and uniquely local qualities and needs

Prayerfully ask: in what concrete way can and will our church do Christian ministry both within its membership and in the Boerne community?

Where We're Going

...into our future with a sense of direction in our message and ministries

...with a vision relevant to both the needs of our church family and larger community

...to impact our church, city and area with ministry that nurtures God's design for the family

Goals

Immediate

- Refresh our commitment to excellence in what we're doing presently
- Establish a Church Ministry Coordinating Team that will work with existing and emerging ministries to develop ministry excellence and consistency with our vision
- Communication strategy for making our family vision memorable for our church and known community wide
- Navigate ministry to 'be in' the Boerne community
- Dedicate October as our Family Focus Month

