



## Essentials of a Difference-Making Church

*“There are three things that will endure – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love.”*

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)

- Faith is our \_\_\_\_\_
- Hope is our \_\_\_\_\_
- Love is our \_\_\_\_\_

*“Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.”*

Hebrews 10:36 (NLT)

## A Continual Growth Plan

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back. <sup>2</sup> Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect.*

Hebrews 12:1–2a (NCV)

### Action Steps

#### 1. FIND \_\_\_\_\_

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of people whose lives tell us what faith means.*

Hebrews 12:1a (NCV)

#### 2. REMOVE \_\_\_\_\_

*We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back.*

Hebrews 12:1c (NCV)

- Obstacle #1: \_\_\_\_\_
- Obstacle #2: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. DON'T \_\_\_\_\_

*So let us run the race that is before us and never give up.*

Hebrews 12:1b (NCV)

- Spiritual growth is \_\_\_\_\_
- Spiritual growth comes from small \_\_\_\_\_

## **The 1993 Vision of Christ Church**

It is a vision of a place where everyone is welcomed in an atmosphere of love and acceptance, a place where forgiveness abounds and encouragement thrives.

It is a vision of a place where the Good News of Jesus Christ can be shared with the residents of our community and Northern Virginia.

It is a vision of a place where thousands of people are welcomed into the life, ministry and mission of the church. The church will be a family that laughs and cries together and lives in harmony with one another.

It is the vision of a place where every believer will be nurtured and disciplined to spiritual maturity through Bible Study, retreats, seminars and small groups.

It is a vision of a place where every believer will be equipped to use the talents God has given him/her for significant ministry at home, work or play.

It is a vision of a place that will support or send at least one missionary to every continent around the world, and a place that will send thousands of our members, adult and youth as short-term missionaries both in the United States and around the world. A place from where we will start another church somewhere in Northern Virginia.

It is a place on enough land to be a regional church. A church with attractive, efficient facilities for worship, Christian education, a Christian school, youth center, counseling center and elder care.

Although this vision is beyond our ability and resources, it is well within the ability of the One who has revealed it to us.

## **Responding to God's Call to be Difference Makers**

Christ Church Ministry Initiatives for 2017–2018

**We will embrace those with disabilities** by developing a full-scale ministry that reaches at least 50 families in our community who have children with special needs. Investment over two years: \$132,000

**We will reach young adults** by developing a ministry that helps over 100 people develop their faith and live it out in the world. Investment over two years: \$85,000

**We will provide life-changing experiences for children and youth in our community** by creating a Christ-centered summer camp experience for over 2,000 and developing an enriching after-school program for over 50 students. Investment over two years: \$100,000

**We will teach our kids and equip our students** by building a ministry for over 200 children and youth in our community. Investment over two years: \$630,000

**We will serve internationally** by providing the funds necessary to complete the construction of our school for nearly 300 children in Sakwa, Kenya. Investment over two years: \$62,000

**We will engage people globally, 24/7** by establishing an online campus that regularly welcomes over 200 persons into a worldwide community of faith. Investment over two years: \$38,000

Two-Year Total of \$1,047,000, or \$523,500 Per Year  
(\$25 per week X 400 people)