



Churches That Make A Difference Know The Answers To Four Important Questions

1. **Why does the church _____?**
2. **What are we to _____ as a church?**
3. **What are we to _____ as a church?**
4. **How are we to _____?**

For our church, the answers to these defining questions come from two great scriptures.

The Great Commandment

Matthew 22:37–40 (NIV)

...‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)

...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...

The Five Purposes contained in the Great Commandment and the Great Commission answer for us why Christ Church exists, who we are to be, what we are to do, and how we are to do it.

Purpose 1: *Love the Lord with all your heart* = _____

Purpose 2: *Love your neighbor as yourself* = _____

Purpose 3: *Go and make disciples* = _____

Purpose 4: *Baptizing them...* = _____

Purpose 5: *Teaching them to obey* = _____

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 afterschool 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 world-wide 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)