

State of the Church

November 15th
2009



What to Measure

- **Faithfulness** to our biblical mission, “*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*” The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- **Fruitfulness** in fulfilling our biblical mission. By tracking one measurement for each practice, leaders gain a sense of whether their congregation is becoming more or less effective in carrying out the Great Commission. Jesus made it clear in John 15:1-8 that fruitfulness is expected as part of faithfulness.

What to Measure: Five Vital Aspects of Christ's Church

- **Radical Hospitality**
- **Intentional Disciplining**
- **Salty Service**
- **Passionate Worship**
- **Extravagant Generosity**

Radical Hospitality

Last 12 Months

- **2 Community BBQ's**
- **Community Thanksgiving Celebration**
- **Church Women United**
- **Tuesday Night Dinners**
- **50+ Michigan College Students**
- **Appalachian Gospel Concert**

- **Atlantic Inclusive Academy**
- **Spring and Christmas Rings**
- **Our Ushers and Greeters**
- **Individual Greeters**
- **Alzheimer's Meetings**
- **Via de Christo**



Some Future Plans

- **Community Christmas Festival**
- **2-3 Community BBQ's**
- **A Thanksgiving Dinner**
- **2-3 Concerts**
- **Return of the Michigan College students**
- **A new door to door program**
- **DISCOVER or ALPHA program.**
- **Chilean Gospel Group, February 11th**

Intentional Discipling

- **Adult Sunday School Classes**

Voyagers

Searchers

Adult Fellowship

Class on Prayer and Healing

- **Children and Youth (Sunday Morning)**

 - Pre-K through**

 - 1-3**

 - 4-5**

 - Junior High 6-8 and High School 9-12**

- **Youth Weekdays**

 - Youth Group, Sunday 6:00**

- **Young Adult**

- **Weekday Bible Studies**
 - Tuesday Night 3:45 pm**
 - Friday Night 8:00 pm**
- **Chapel**
 - Tuesday 11:00 am**
 - Friday 8:30 am**
- **Prayer Meetings**
 - Wednesday's 6:00 am, Men's meeting.**
 - Monday's 10:30 am, Women of Prayer**
- **One-on-one & small group spiritual counseling or direction**

Some Future Plans

- Support and development of all existing groups. Special emphasis on adult spiritual formation and children's Sunday School.
- A Retreat Program
 - 4 One day retreats
 - 1 Weekend retreats



Salty Service

- **Food Pantry**
Serves 150+ every Sat.
- **Thrift Shop**
Serves in many capacities.
- **15-20 Salty Service reports**
each week.



Some Future Plans

- **Support of existing Salty Service ministries.**
- **Major Community Food Drives**
- **Angel Tree**
- **Cocoa Police Dept. Lemonade Stand**
- **Prison Ministry**
- **Locating & Addressing Community Needs**
- **Habitat for Humanity**
- **Brevard Center for Battered Women**

Passionate Worship

As we continue to develop and celebrate God's movement in our congregation with regard to radical hospitality, intentional discipleship and salty service, we must never forget the source and focus of all these efforts. God must be worshiped, thanked, sought for help, and given all the glory, in everything we do.

Passionate worship is defined as a congregation whose heart is inclined to God with all out abandon. This manifests outwardly in many different ways, for different people (hands up, heads bowed, quiet reflection, etc.), but the heart remains surrendered to God without impedance, with focus and with fervency.

This congregational heart draws others to seek worship within the congregation. Therefore, a good, albeit not perfect, way to measure passionate worship is through attendance numbers.

This year we are going to do a lot of “heart work”. The goal of this “heart work” will be to bring the worship of God into all aspects of life. When we worship God in our everyday lives we have a greater tendency to invite others to seek God as well, usually by inviting them to church.

- **To help with the achievement of passionate worship that draws others, we will be looking at various forms of special music, and speakers, including evangelists, as well as the sharing of testimonies.**
- **Special worship events designed for spiritual formation designed to facilitate a heart for passionate worship that draws others will be offered.**

- **Trips to various worship venues, services and seminars will be offered so we can experience God in ways that we previously never considered.**
- **A special retreat series is in the process of development, which will culminate next fall in special weekend at a retreat center.**
- **We will also be looking at new and innovative ways with regard to children's worship.**

**Anyone with a
heart for
passionate
worship is
invited to join
one of the
passionate
worship teams**



Extravagant Generosity

Finance Report



**Questions
and
Answers**