

IMMANUEL
BIBLE CHURCH

Strategic Plan

5
year
2001-2006

*“To build mature followers of Jesus Christ
who seek Him constantly, serve Him faithfully,
and share Him boldly.”*

(Col. 1:28-29)

Our vision...

Building Believers to the Glory of God

Our mission...

Building mature followers of Jesus Christ who...

- **Seek Him Constantly**—by being personally committed to the spiritual disciplines.
- **Serve Him Faithfully**—by being personally committed to being a servant of Christ.
- **Share Him Boldly**—by being personally committed to pursuing a lost generation.

*“But seek first His kingdom
and His righteousness...”*

Matthew 6:33

“To Seek Him Constantly” implies: *an active response to being found by God*

1. a diligent, disciplined, and ongoing determination to know and ultimately find something of great value.
2. a clear and single focus on the person and work of Jesus Christ and our relationship with Him.
3. an ongoing, growing, life consuming passion that is both personal and corporate in nature.

“To Seek Him Constantly” means: *a commitment to spiritual disciplines that enhance our walk with God*

- a commitment to worship and spiritual growth—we want every member of Immanuel Bible Church to be involved in a daily time of devotion and a weekly corporate gathering for worship that keeps Christ and His Kingdom at the center of their life (Matt. 6:33).
- a commitment to a lifestyle of obedience to the word of God through a systematic hearing, studying, reading, meditating, and memorizing of the Bible (II Tim. 3:16-17).
- a commitment to a well balanced, active, and vital communication with God through prayer that is both personal and corporate in nature (Psalm 84:10).
- a commitment to humbly continuing our seeking of intimacy with Christ, knowing there is more for us to understand, appreciate, and apply (Phil.3:10).

“Well done, good and faithful servant...”

Matt. 25:14-30

“To Serve Him Faithfully” implies: *a willing spirit to be involved in the Lord’s ministry*

1. A biblical understanding of ministry is found in serving others and by being accountable in the ministry (willing to serve under authority of others). Gal. 5:13; I Peter 4:10, 5:1-5
2. A community of faith involves growth, fellowship and ministry within and beyond the group. Heb. 10:24; I Peter 3:8
3. Cheerfully giving financially as the Lord calls to the ministry of Immanuel. Acts 20:35; II Cor. 9:7
4. Serving others by using personal skills to serve the community and friends. Gal. 6:10

“To Serve Him Faithfully” means: *a commitment to service fulfills God’s call to ministry*

- A commitment to be involved through such tools as Match Class, Ministry Festival, Ministry Handbook, and pulpit presentations so that Immanuel attendees are ministering to others.
- A commitment to spiritually grow and ministry to others in a community of faith (ABFs, small groups, accountability relationships, etc.).
- A commitment to teach and encourage faithful giving through seminars, classes, pulpit content, practical tools, etc.
- A commitment to encourage personal serving of others using skills to help others in need through special ministries, teaming with service organizations, class projects, etc.

*“Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations...”*

Matthew 28:19

“To Share Him Boldly” implies: *an openness in our approach to and distribution of the gospel*

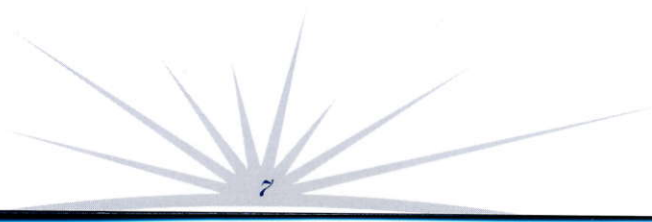
1. It is our obligation to engage the non-Christian world around us generously and without prejudice (Mark 16:15).
2. The person of Jesus Christ is central to our evangelistic efforts (1 Corinthians 1:23).
3. Paul’s confident initiative as he shared Christ should characterize our evangelistic practice.

“To Share Him Boldly” means: Embracing the strategic initiative model of evangelism that we see presented in the New Testament.

- The value of your story—Each of us should develop a clear personal testimony. Your ability to connect with others as you tell your story will be an effective resource for your evangelistic efforts (John 9, Acts 26).

- The value of prayer—praying for the lost and praying for the opportunity to present the gospel (Ephesians 6:19-20, Matthew 9:37-38).
- The value of the Christian community—the relationships of believers with one another can be a powerful witness to the non-believing world (John 17:22-23, Acts 2:42-47).
- The value of personal involvement—Every member or attendee can be involved in the missions/ evangelism aspect of Immanuel Bible Church (Acts 11:19-21, 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, Luke 8:1-3).

These goals presuppose that people have been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ and are members of God's family. We must ensure that our mission does not presuppose on the efforts of others and that we are actively seeking ways to share the love of God with others and calling them to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. Failure to clearly understand this dooms us to spiritual addition rather than multiplication.



Worship Service Initiatives

Growing our congregation and maximizing our facility by...

- adding a 4th service on Sunday morning
- adding a Sunday evening contemporary service for young adults
- adding a Saturday evening service(s)

Church Development Initiatives

Expanding our participation in the Great Commission by...

- partnering with another church in developing a congregation
- developing new congregations in a new, high population centers

Building Development Initiatives

Completing and maximizing our current building for ministry efficiency by...

- retire the building debt
- completing the basement for additional classroom space
- enclosing the courtyard(s) for greater use
- redesigning the worship center lobby to increase space; and constructing additional classrooms/offices on the second floor of the 100 and 200 wings

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