



Sunset Drive UMC Mission and Vision

August 26, 2018

Mission and Vision



- What is our Purpose here on Earth?
 - What did Jesus tell His Disciples to do?
 - Go and Make Disciples (Matthew 28)
 - Wait for my Father to send Holy Spirit (Acts 1)
- Three Words to Remember
 - **Connect** with God and People
 - **Grow** in Christ (Heart and Mind)
 - **Serve** One Another

Mission and Vision



- Transition Team Formed in Fall 2016
- Purpose: Discern God's Vision for next 1-3 years
- We have Read, Studied, Prayed
- We used multiple sources to guide us
 - Foss Book – From Members to Disciples
 - Book of ACTS – Jesus' Ministry
 - 24 Double Videos
 - Simple Church Book

FOSS -From Members to Disciples



Membership Model

- Post WWII – Responsibility to Invest Time
- 1970s – “Something Changed”
Receive Benefit of Membership
- Committees and Meetings

Discipleship Model

- ✓ Transformation (Romans 12)
Giving our Heart & Mind to God,
Sharing what we “Experience”
- ✓ Growing God’s Church by
Growing God’s People
Knowing Jesus more fully
- ✓ **Connecting** People’s Spiritual
Gifts and Passion to Ministries,
that Bring Inner Joy and Purpose

Book of ACTS



- What can we Learn from Jesus' Ministry?
- Jesus **CONNECTED** with People
 - Met people where they were: in town squares, on hill sides
 - Spoke with people who society considered the “least and last”
- Jesus helped people **GROW** Spiritually
 - Helped people understand the Good News, story of salvation
 - He gave people HOPE and ENCOURAGEMENT – one-on-one
- Jesus **SERVED** people's needs
 - He healed physical needs – crippled man, blind man, children
 - He also healed emotional needs – being cast out, cut-off from society

24 Double



- 24 Double is a series of Videos provided by the UMC
- So far, we have viewed and discussed 7 sessions
- Provides Ideas Churches have used to Grow
- Two Simple examples of **SERVING**
 - VBS: Church Staff parked in the lower parking lot
Why? – Make it easier for parents to quickly find a parking spot and bring Children into building
 - Autism Church Breakfast: Our Youth Greeted Guest outside the door with Smiles and Friendly Voices
Why? – Welcome Guest and help them know where to go

Book – Simple Church



- Compares Vision and Ministry of Congregations who GREW, with Congregations who stagnated or declined
- Churches who GREW had simple, well defined PROCESS to help people **CONNECT, GROW and SERVE**
- Focused Time and Resources on “a few ministries” to **GROW** Disciples and to **SERVE** in “Needs Based” Mission Work
- Intentionally helped People **CONNECT** to small groups, who are FIVE times more likely to remain in the church

Sunset Drive UMC – Vision (Process)

Worshiping God
Through Music,
Word and Prayer

CONNECT



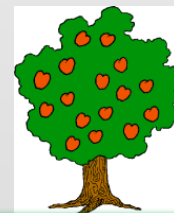
Building Friendships
Where People
Feel at Home

To Be Ever Growing
In Our Relationship With Jesus,
Sharing God's Good News
With People In Our
Community and World



SERVE

Joyfully Caring for People
in Our Congregation and
Community; Mission Projects



GROW

Nurturing Spiritual Growth,
Sunday School, Bible Study
Small Groups for all Ages

SDUMC – YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Sermon
Lead Worship
Usher

CONNECT



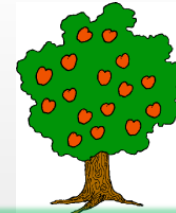
Wednesday Night
- Fun and Food
- Study and Share

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SERVE

Nursing Home Visits
Backpack Ministry
Mission Trip, Food Pantry
Using our Hands



GROW

Sunday School
Teaching VBS Classes
Knowing Jesus

SDUMC – FAITH CLASS

Prayer Circle
Share Joys &
Concerns

CONNECT



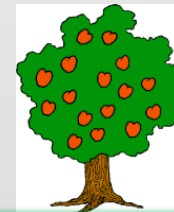
Class Meals
College Students
Road Trips

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Send Caring Cards
Fruit Baskets to Shut-Ins
Donate to Ministries



GROW

Lead/Teach the Class
Lead Prayer Time

SDUMC – Vacation Bible School

Opening Service
Lots of Music
Closing Service

CONNECT



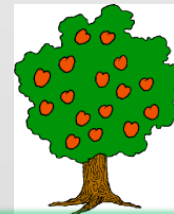
One-on-One Time
Thursday Meal
Games – Fun Time

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SERVE

700 Meals, Clean-up
Props/Art, Crafts
Parking in Lower Lot



GROW

Prepare/Teach Lessons
Lead/Teach Music
Group Leaders

SDUMC – Sunday Worship

Pray with Pastor
Scripture Images
Music

CONNECT

Sit with someone
who is alone,
Introduce someone

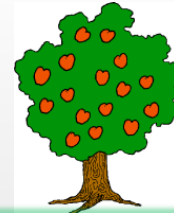


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Usher, Greeter, Nursery
Sound System, Communion
Follow-up Call or Note



GROW

Worship Leader
Children's Church
Children's Message

NEXT STEPS



- Utilize Projection Screen in Worship
 - ✓ Pictures/Images Related to the Message
 - ✓ Retain 20% of what we hear, 60% of what we see & hear
- Define Process for Congregational Care/Follow-up
Who, What, When and How – (Connect)
- Offer Spiritual Gifts Discovery Time (Serve)
Connect People's Passion & Gifts with Ministry
- Offer Multiple Times to Participate in Vision (Grow)
In Small Groups – Sunday School, Home Groups

OUR VISION



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Connecting
People's Gifts and Passion to Ministries,
that Bring Inner Joy & Purpose
through **Serving**

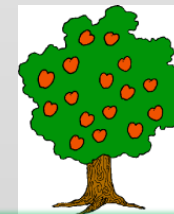


SERVE

CONNECT



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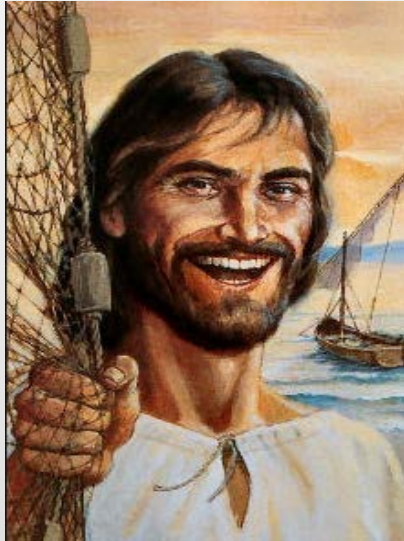


GROW

Growing
God's
Church by
Growing
God's
People

(Our Heart
& Mind)

How is Jesus Calling Me to Connect, Grow, & Serve ?



I am counting on YOU.
YOU are the only Hands and Feet I have.
Receive my Holy Spirit to help do all things.
I am waiting to greet you when work is done.
See YOU at Heaven's Gate.
BFF, Love, Jesus



Here I AM Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my Hand.

