

Family Heritage Baptist Church

Our Vision Statement



Our Mission:

Encouraging people to learn diligently, to live passionately, and to love intentionally – for the glory of Jesus Christ.



Our Values:

Our mission is supported by 3 core values:

We open our minds to learn *diligently* of Christ.



We open our hearts to live *passionately* in Christ.



We open our hands to love others *intentionally* for Christ.



Our Guiding Principles:

These 6 questions guide our planning and decision making. They help our church stay on track with our mission and core values.



1. Will *this* encourage people to learn diligently of Christ?
2. Will *this* encourage people to live more passionately in Christ?
3. Will *this* encourage people to love others intentionally for Christ?
4. Will *this* cause greater unity and fellowship in our church family?
5. Will *this* result in a greater witness for Christ in our community?
6. Will *this* encourage those who are far from God to come to Christ?

Our Strategy:

The strategy for accomplishing our Mission is to focus church ministry on four key areas of spiritual development:



Worship, Connect, Serve, and Share.

As we *worship, connect, serve, and share* on a consistent basis, we will learn diligently of Christ, we will live passionately in Christ, and we will love others intentionally for Christ. When these things are done well, Jesus Christ will be glorified.

1. **Worship:** 

where a gathering of the church family leads us to draw closer to Christ through inspiring music, joyful singing, sacrificial giving, and the learning of relevant truth from the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

2. **Connect:** 

where smaller groups within the church family come together to build meaningful Christian relationships – through fellowship and hospitality – in which we encourage one another in the Scriptures toward deeper spiritual growth and more passionate living in Christ.

where individuals and small groups from our church form meaningful relationships with people in our extended community by engaging in service projects and civic responsibility, which allows us the opportunity to be salt and light in the world.

3. **Serve:** 

where individuals and small groups are meeting ministry needs within the Body of Christ through the giving of time, abilities, and resources according to their spiritual gifts and passions, while intentionally looking for opportunities to demonstrate God's love within the church family as well as with those who may be far from God. (Our Haggai Board helps us to facilitate this strategy.)

4. **Share:** 

where individuals and small groups are declaring and demonstrating the story of redemption anywhere and everywhere with those who may be far from God; practicing a culture of invitation by actively inviting people into the fellowship of Family Heritage Baptist Church.

Our Life Change Indicators:

How do we know we are succeeding in fulfilling our mission?
By a set of life-change indicators – a dashboard of spiritual attributes that demonstrate spiritual maturity.



We know we are succeeding in fulfilling our mission...

1. When we are consistently seeking the mind of Christ in all our decisions
2. When we are living consistently and passionately in deep union with Christ
3. When we are consistently and intentionally looking for opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ by meeting the needs of people in our church and in our community
4. When we are faithfully exercising the spiritual disciplines of studying God's Word, praying, and worshipping with the Body of Christ
5. When we are supporting the church by joyful giving of our resources, and by serving with our time and talents in at least one area of ministry within the Body of Christ
6. When we are consistently and intentionally looking for opportunities to witness our faith to others who may be far from God

Our Invitation:

This is the vision statement that drives our church forward for the glory of Jesus Christ. As we grow and mature spiritually – both as individuals and as a church family – we will make progress in fulfilling the Mission and Values of our church. Our Guiding Principles will help us stay on track. Our Strategies will help us to move our Vision forward. In all of this, our aim is not perfection, but direction. Our Life Change Indicators will help to show whether we are moving in the direction of fulfilling our Mission and our Values.



If you choose to attend Family Heritage Baptist Church, you will find that our shared vision will frame our journey of faith. It is our hope that you will find spiritual fulfillment and opportunity in our church as together, for God's glory, we seek to live out the Vision that we believe He has laid upon our hearts!