

Values, Mission and Vision Statements

In preparation for this section it is helpful to examine the questions in the Introduction as well as the section on Transformational Ministry.

A Values Statement

Key question: Who are we?

Values are the foundational beliefs of the church. Values may never change. It usually takes either a long time or a dramatic life-changing event to bring about a values change.

Example:

The values of _____ Covenant Church are:

Biblical: We are a church under the authority of Scripture.

Missional: We are called by God to daily share the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed throughout the world.

Discipleship Oriented: We are called to nurture persons toward a deeper faith and a daily walk with Jesus Christ through a life long journey of discipleship.

Grace Oriented: Salvation is by grace through faith alone. Equally so, the Christian life is to be lived by faith, relying on the powerful work of God's saving grace in our lives.

Inclusive: We believe the whole body is called to worship and minister together regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, ability, or culture, and we celebrate our diversity in Christ.

What are the values of our church?

What are the values of our children's ministry?

Vision Statement

Key question: What are we about?

What do we desire to be? Where are we going?

Vision statements tend to be constant as they are a general statement of what we are about.

Examples:

- Children coming to Christ and growing deeper in Christ
- Families engaged in a deeper walk with Christ at home and in the world
- A church body of interacting generations who embrace each other and follow the heart of God into the world

Our Vision Statement:

A Mission Statement

Key question: How are we going to get there?

Mission statements change. In a changing world we may change the way we approach our vision.

Example:

The children's ministry at _____ Covenant Church will...

Reach out to children in the community by:

- Collecting and distributing school supplies
- Offering after school tutoring
- Collecting food for the food shelf
- Offering ministries for persons with disabilities
- Partnering with a church of different ethnicity to explore issues of racial righteousness

Nurture children by:

- Exploring God's Word
- Practicing sharing Christ story and their place in it
- Offering opportunities to serve inside and outside the church

Nurture families by:

- Encouraging families to participate in outreach opportunities
- Providing resources for bible reading, prayer, and sharing story
- Providing opportunities for serving within the body as families

Nurture church community by:

- Worshiping together as a church body
- Offering intergenerational service opportunities
- Sharing story with each other

Our Mission Statement: