

Realizing Vision...

Mission statement from the Green Book:

Bethel Christian Church exists for the purpose of bringing glory to God by leading people to the Savior and by helping them to grow in life-transforming relationship with Him.

Transforming Community

(Areas of primary focus in realizing our vision—The “Teal” Book)

“In” Connected to a Community of Grace

A family:

- able to connect to each other in meaningful and deeper ways
- being known and knowing others--beyond friendliness on Sunday morning
- interconnected lives sharing the journey together
- kingdom of priests--ministering and being ministered to
- smaller group intimacy and connection

“Up” Individuals transformed by the Gospel

Everyone moved toward Christ-likeness

Discipleship:

- Life on life passing on and working out what the faith means and looks like

Biblical teaching:

- whole counsel of God taught--grace and truth modeled

Worship:

- as both a specific focus and a lifestyle

Mission:

- understanding the purposes for which we have been saved

Spiritual/emotional maturity:

- wholes selves honestly open to change and growth

Everyone mobilized unto ministry

- gifting identified and developed
- training and equipping
- opportunities to serve

“Out” Surrounding community transformed by the Gospel

Serving the needs of the people God has placed around us
loving practically and building relationships of trust

Reaching out intentionally with the Gospel
seeking and saving the lost, speaking the truth in love—a relevant engagement with culture

The church as a lighthouse of hope in the community

Our community is understood through the Great Commission as:

Our immediate neighborhood (District 9)

that the surrounding lives near the church and far away from their creator
would be brought near to God

Our city

that San Francisco would be famous for the reality and presence of Christ

Our world

that the least reachable would know God’s love in demonstrable ways

We hold that each area of calling is of equal importance, but will be reached differently

Our uniqueness as a church body centers around diversity, but far more than ethnic, socio-economic or age, there are 3 Value centers represented in our body

The Traditional

Correct doctrine, faithful service, participation, church as priority, sacrifice:

The Pragmatic

Identifying needs, organizing ministry, developing leadership, effective stewardship

The Authentic

real people, safe place to share, intimacy and vulnerability, change and growth

That regardless of which group people are in, each person would see themselves as necessary
with something to give to others
and needing to receive from others to be more complete.

That there would be opportunities for each person to:
connect with a small group and share deeply,
be built up, challenged and grow,
serve in areas of passion and gifting.