City-Wide Redeemer

Loving God

Loving Neighbor

Transforming our City

By intentionally equipping and setting God's people free to use their gifts in mission we hope to plant five churches in North Las Vegas, and help to plant two churches globally, by the year 2013.

We Envision:

Renewal

A city-wide church filled with individuals and families who increasingly take on the character of Jesus.

City-Wide Coverage

A city-wide church made up of multiple community-based congregations.

Localized Care and Impact

A city-wide church filled with locally-based missional communities that regularly gather for mutual encouragement, prayer, projects of service, activities of recreation, and conversations about applying God's word to their lives.

Purpose

A city-wide church that helps its members discover gifts and passions for service and regularly equips them to creatively live out the gospel in their vocational contexts and to communicate it in all their relationships.

Mercy

A city-wide church that works to rescue the weak, vulnerable, and victimized, and looks to bring about justice for the powerless.

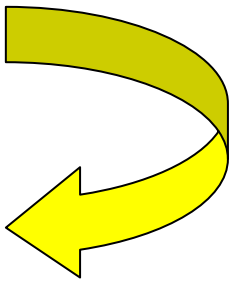
Unity in Diversity

A city-wide church whose Christ-centered worship styles and membership reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity already present in each community.

What Biblical Convictions Guide our Mission?

Gospel

The Christ-centered gospel of grace is God's unique message and means for the redemption and transformation of Las Vegas.



Life Transformation

God's Spirit gives new life by uniting us to Christ Jesus in faith. Based on our new relationship, identity, and security, everything about us and the way we relate to others begins to change from the inside out. Increasingly we take on God's character in the world, becoming more loving, joyful and peaceful; we begin to be known as people of patience, kindness and goodness; more and more we exercise faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

True Community

The gospel creates a new community that not only nurtures individuals but serves as a sign of God's coming kingdom. Here we see varieties of people loving and learning from one another who previously could not have gotten along without the healing power of the gospel.

Equipping God's People for Service

God has given pastors and teachers and evangelists to work for the equipping of his people to do their unique works of service which He uses to build up the body of Christ to maturity in the faith.

Sacrificial Service

Though we joyfully invite everyone to faith in Jesus, we are committed to sacrificially serving our neighbors whether they believe as we do or not. We do this by employing our gifts and resources for the needs of others, especially the poor. And more than merely meeting individual needs, we work for justice for the powerless.

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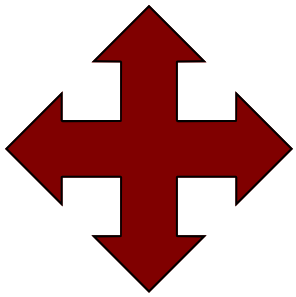
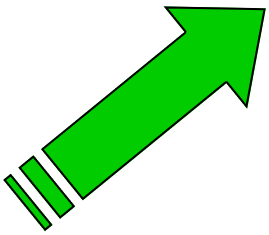
God Dependent

Though we are called to work for the coming of God's kingdom with all our might we do so knowing that apart from Jesus we can do nothing. No lasting transformation will occur apart from the direction and enabling power of God's Spirit. This conviction makes us a people actively committed to prayer.

Kingdom Advancement

God is advancing his kingdom through his people, the church. We are part of an advancing kingdom that is bigger than ourselves. We have no false illusions that God plans only to use our single church or Presbyterian tradition in the renewing of Las Vegas. We are therefore committed to planting (and helping others plant) churches that surround Las Vegas, while at the same time working for a renewal of gospel vitality in all the congregations of the city.





Outward Faced

Jesus makes us a people for others. His gospel gives us deep respect and great hope for every non-Christian, and empowers us not to live for ourselves, but for our friends, neighbors, and associates who have yet to embrace the gospel. We become a people and place where non-Christians are expected, welcomed and respected. Their questions are invited; their struggles taken seriously. They are loved not so we can evangelize them, but we share the gospel because we love them.

Our Values....Our Direction

How will We Carry out His Mission in NLV?

As a church committed to equipping God's people for their work of service (Eph. 2:10; 4:9ff) how will we be faithful to God's purposes for his church in North Las Vegas?

Corporate Worship: Each week as a community of believers we join together in a service of worship for the purpose of praise, prayer, proclamation of God's word, confession of faith, edification, equipping, and participation in the means of grace. Christ is lifted up so as to encourage God's people in their growth and to lovingly challenge those who have yet to embrace the gospel.

Missional Communities: These mid-sized groups of 30-50 are formed to help people participate in biblical community around the purpose of mission. In these groups individuals find ample opportunity to employ their gifts for the sake of others in the MC and on behalf of those in the city whom the group is serving. These groups are an essential part of discipleship at City-Wide Redeemer and the main point of entry into the body-life of the church.

Community Groups: Every other week smaller portions of our community gather together for the purposes of 1) mutual encouragement and edification, 2) dialogue about current teaching and growth in biblical understanding, and 3) to experience mutual care. These smaller groups of 6-12 are typically formed out of the missional communities.

The Journey: New members are regularly invited to participate in a six week series aimed at developing one's larger sense of God's world mission and his or her unique role within that mission. This is only the beginning of what we call The Journey. Members will then be invited into groups of 2-4 (usually men with men and women with women) that will meet for an hour or so each week (whenever the group decides) to discuss the application of God's word to each other's lives, to provide the context for intimate honesty about sin, and to encourage one another in each other's role on mission. Many groups may use a series of theological and worldview discussions mapped out over a three year cycle.