

## **Living Water Community Church Vision Statement**

**The vision of Living Water Community Church is characterized by the following four statements:**

*We dream of a church that is inspired by the Spirit of God and grounded in the Truth of His Word.*

- A church where people's lives are changed by the communication and teaching of God's Word in culturally relevant and dynamic ways, as well, as changed by the supernatural movement of God's Spirit.
- A church that provides a Biblical balance between the reality of God's Word and the reality of God's Spirit.
- A church that utilizes various genres of music, the creative arts, and technology to provide inspiring, multisensory, culturally diverse, and – most importantly – authentic worship opportunities which usher people into the very presence of God as they worship in Spirit and in Truth.
- A church where both individual and corporate prayer permeates every aspect of the ministry.
- A church that provides a wide variety of dynamic and age appropriate opportunities for worship, Christian education, fellowship, and service.
- A church which possesses excellent facilities; a competent, multi-ethnic, and empowered staff and leadership team; and an effective infrastructure that provides for lay mobilization.

*We dream of a church whose members are actively living out what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.*

- A church where people of all ages are trained, equipped, and committed to regularly sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
- A church where new Christians are mentored and trained to become growing disciples and where growing disciples are mentored and trained to be fully devoted followers who reproduce even more disciples.
- A church where terms like authenticity, forgiveness, generosity, grace, humility, sacrifice, and submission are more than just inanimate words found in a dictionary but rather are living attributes found in the lives of every member of the church family.
- A church where leaders are regularly being identified, trained, and deployed to minister both within the church, as well as within the secular arena.
- A church with an ever growing small group ministry that connects people together for weekly Bible study, prayer, accountability, and fellowship – with each group being led by trained pastors and leaders who lovingly lead, equip, and care for every member of the group.

- A church where every person has identified his/her spiritual gift(s) and is actively using his/her gift(s) in the ministry of the church.
- A church where every person has a Biblical understanding of personal finances and is committed to sacrificially providing financially for the ministries of the church.

*We dream of a church that is significantly impacting the lives of those living in our region.*

- A church where people from every ethnicity, culture, and socio-economic class worship and serve God together as brothers and sisters.
- A church that – through its outreach and compassion ministries – is widely known for its love of those both inside and outside the family of faith.
- A church where those around us might not agree with everything we do, say, or believe, but they respect us for the love that we show and the difference that we are making in our region.
- A church that offers after school programs that provide tutoring, physical education, Christian education, and a nutritious meal for children with working parents.
- A church that provides free or low-cost medical, dental, and mental health care for those in our community who cannot obtain it on their own.
- A church that actively attacks the gates of hell as we lift people from the chains of poverty and hopelessness through educational and transitional housing programs.
- A church whose members actively live out their faith in their neighborhoods and their workplaces.

*We dream of a church that is actively involved in influencing both the church and our culture regionally, nationally, and internationally.*

- A church that is committed to planting a minimum of one new church in our region every three years.
- A church that actively seeks out and invests time, staff, and money in other ministries within our region who possess a similar vision but lack adequate resources or training
- A church that actively engages in the leadership and support of efforts to implement Christ-centered solutions to social justice issues such as racism, poverty, domestic violence, etc.
- A church that has an ever growing number of internship opportunities that allow students to experience ministry firsthand while also being influenced by Living Water Community Church's purpose, core values, and vision.
- A church that identifies, trains, equips, supports, and sends missionaries from within its own ranks to both domestic and foreign mission fields.
- A church that regularly increases its giving to both domestic and foreign missions activities.
- A church that identifies, trains, and equips like-minded foreign nationals who have a passion for planting churches in their native countries.