

Vision 4 - Serve

Redemption Church Plano Tx

Welcome back to Redemption Church of Plano Tx! My name is Chris Fluitt and I welcome you.

Thank you for coming to worship with us today in person, and thank you for joining us online. I am thankful for all the new people we have been connecting with online.

Wherever you are, God is there! God has a plan for your life.

Vision

LOVE, GROW, SERVE GO

Love God, Grow Faith, Serve others, and Go change the world.

We think this is a vision to be excited about, and we welcome everyone to join us in the vision.

This is step 3 of our Next Steps

Step 1 - is for you to LOVE GOD and be connected to a local body of believers who LOVE GOD.

In step 1, we gave you our version of a church membership class. That was Step One. The fact that you are still with us tell us at the least you are contemplating your involvement in Redemption Church... or even better you are happy to be a part of this vision.

We value that you call yourself a member, but we want more for you than that. We want to see you Grow Faith!

Step 2 - we talked about your unique design. Last week in step 2 we set aside time to discover our personality and leadership style and to also realize our spiritual gifting. There are natural giftings and styles within you that we don't have to motivate you towards, you are already motivated, excited, and predisposed to accomplish the design of your Creator, God. As a Church we are going to facilitate what God's design is for you.

Please join me on page 3.

WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY

NAME, I AM THERE WITH THEM. MATTHEW

18:20

We believe that gathering in the name of Jesus is powerful. We believe that He is here with us right now.

So let's pray...

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

The purpose of today is to get down into the details of what makes us different from other churches. We are talking about denomination, historical tradition, or even Church doctrine and Scripture interpretation. We are talking about VISION.

God has given Redemption Church a unique vision, and we want to show you how you can be a part of that vision. We want to share with you our focus as a church, what we value, and a few principles that will help us step fearlessly into the purpose that God has for our lives.

I like to think about it like this. We are going to give you the reasons of why you will love it here.

There are Churches all through out our city, and we count them all as our brothers and sisters in Christ. However, if you have visited many Churches you probably will agree with what I am about to say.

Not all Churches fit your life. (No friends in the Church)
Not all Churches fit your depth. (Don't really learn or grow)

Not all Churches fit your calling. (There is not a place for them to use their gift)

What we will go through today is our effort to be a Church that fits your life, depth, and calling.

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any splits in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” 1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)

Do you agree that our world is unified and harmonious?
Neither do I!

Our world is full of arguments, war, prejudice, that divide us in so many ways. It makes many people feel alone and isolated. This is the culture of the world.

We need our Church culture to be NOT like the world. We need REAL HARMONY. We need to be united in THOUGHT and PURPOSE. Although we are all uniquely different, we are 1 in Jesus Christ.

No one is alone here!

If you have something to celebrate, we will celebrate with you.

If you have something to mourn, we will mourn with you.

If you have questions, we will ponder them together.

This community needs the Church of Jesus Christ.

Demographics of Plano

Around 300,000 people call Plano, Tx Home.

Within a 15 mile radius we have other growing cities...

The median age is 38

A growing diversity.

52% white

21% Asian

15% Hispanic

9% Black

7% poverty rate

8% children experience pverty

9% Seniors experience poverty

7% disability

15% non-Us citizenship

27% Foreign born

Do you see the need for Redemption? This community needs the Church of Jesus Christ.

In order for us to meet the needs of the community, we need you to do more than attend. We need you involved in your community. We need you living out the VALUES of the Church.

THE SEVEN VALUES:

1. _____ SPIRIT FILLED _____

CHURCH.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. Romans 8:11

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Old Testament Hebrew word - Ruwach – a wind, breath, a violent exhalation, blast of breath.

“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”
Genesis 1:2

New Testament Greek word Pneuma – a current of air, blast of breath, a strong breeze.

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” John 6:63

1. The Holy Spirit is our _____HELPER_____.

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.” John 14:16

2. The Holy Spirit is our _____TEACHER_____.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” John 14:26

-We embrace the supernatural.

-We believe supernatural things are possible.

2. _____BIBLE BASED_____ CHURCH

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God’s way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (LB)

We believe that the Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative and unfailing Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. A vibrant relationship with God is sustained through Bible study and prayer.

“The earth is filled with your love, Lord; teach me your decrees.” Psalm 119:64

- _____ACCEPT_____ that God's Word is my highest authority.
- _____RECEIVE_____ God's Word with an open heart.
- _____RESPOND_____ to God's Word with obedience.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

We must avoid the temptation to pick and chose what in the Bible we will believe and obey. We must let God's Word speak and we mts obey.

3. _____OTHERS-FOCUSED_____ CHURCH

"For the Son of Man came to see and save the lost."

Luke 19:10

It's been said that the only institution that exists for the benefit of its non-members is the church. We embrace that completely! Everything we do is geared toward giving glory to God and getting as many lost people saved as possible.

4. _____Vision Driven_____ CHURCH.

- LOVE God. Attend weekend services.
- GROW in faith. Join or start a small group.
- SERVE others. Complete Next Steps.
- GO change the world. Join the Dream Team.

God is center in our vision.

You are center in our vision.

If we can set God free to move in our Church, there is no telling what can happen.

If we can set you free to work in your God ordained gifting and calling, there is no telling what can happen.

“You are a 10.” Each person is a perfect 10 in something. Let’s find that gifting and get to work. With God’s help there is no telling what can happen.

5. _____ Giving _____ CHURCH

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

The Gospel is the ultimate demonstration of God’s generous nature towards mankind. The Bible consistently teaches that God blesses us so that we may bless others.

The happiest people on earth are givers! God's Word speaks about cheerful givers. We are talking about developing a lifestyle of being a giver. Give away what you most hold on to.

We celebrate givers! Whatever you give, however you give, whenever you give, you become a part of what God is doing here at Redemption and throughout the world.

THREE AREAS OF GIVING:

1. Give of our _____ Time _____.

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16

2. Give of our _____ Talent _____.

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other." 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

3. Give of our _____ Treasure _____.

"If your gift is... giving, give generously." Romans 12:8 (NLT)

Jesus gave His Church a mandate to reach the world around them in three areas:

"You shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

**1. “In Jerusalem” – OUR CITY – the areas closest to you
(Your home, your job, your school)**

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble.” James 1:27

The primary way we reach our city is by going beyond these walls through our daily life and through Community Outreach efforts.

**2. “In Judea and Samaria” – OUR STATE & NATION –
these are the areas beyond our daily routine.**

“To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.” 1 Corinthians 9:22

The primary way we reach our State & Nation is by starting new churches and strengthening existing churches and through prayer.

**3. “To the ends of the Earth” – OUR WORLD –
everywhere on the planet!**

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

Redemption IS A GIVING CHURCH. We generously and strategically give to mission works all around the world with a focus on missionaries, unreached people groups, children, and church planting.

6. _____JOYFUL_____ CHURCH

Serve the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:2

We insist that every volunteer serves the Lord with gladness.

If you can't GLADLY do a particular ministry, we either need to pray for you in this altar or we need to find another area where you can gladly serve.

**The worst kept secret:
Every member is a gifted minister.
Every task is important.
Every member is a 10 in some area.**

Do you know what it looks like for someone to work in their gift?

EXAMPLE- JOSEPH THE DREAMER and JOSEPH THE ADMINISTRATOR.

From the pit, to Potiphar's house, to prison, to the palace – Joseph was FAITHFUL!

1 TIMOTHY 4:14 Says "Do not neglect the gift that is in you..."

In that prison Joseph used his gifting to interpret dreams. That gift landed him in the palace where he interpreted Pharaoh's dream.

This is where Joseph's other dream took over. As 2nd in command in Egypt, Joseph led a huge effort to store up food before the famine in Pharaoh's dream.

Because of Joseph's administrative gift, countless lives were saved, including his brothers who had thrown him into the pit.

(THE PASSION CALL)

HOW MANY PEOPLE COULD BE SAVED IN THIS CITY IF WE ARE ALL WORKING IN OUR GIFTINGS?

THAT QUESTION BEGS THE SECOND QUESTION. HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE LOST IF WE DON'T?

7. A CHURCH OF _____ HONOR _____.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

- A. We celebrate one another.
- B. We value one another.
- C. We are accountable to one another.

HONOR COVENANT

(INSERT COMMENTS OF WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT) PRESENT AS A POSITIVE. IT IS CALLING ONES-SELF HIGHER.

(THE HONOR COVENANT IS DESIGNED FOR THE MOST ENTRY LEVEL MINISTRY, NEW CONVERT, AND THE

MATURE CHRISTIAN ALIKE) SOME MINISTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE: PLATFORM MINISTRIES, HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF COMMITMENT. WE ALLOW THE MINISTRY LEADERS TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS WITH THEIR DREAMTEAM MEMBERS BY DIRECTION FROM THE PASTOR.

(Pastor closes in prayer.)