

VISION

2026





An Open Letter from Us to You

At Gulf Coast Church, we have big dreams for you and your family! We believe that a shared vision has the power to unite us and help bring God's plan to life. In the pages of this vision, you'll get a glimpse of our dreams and goals, along with a year-in-review of what God did in 2025.

Our Vision:

We exist to Know God, Build Community, Live Free, and Leave Legacy. This guides us as we serve Largo and beyond.

Our Journey So Far:

- **2023** — Strategic Plan 1.0: Our first step toward clarity and alignment.
- **2024** — 3D Vision: Double, Disciple, Debt Reduction.
- **2025** — Strategic Plan 2.0: Strengthening and scaling what was built.
- **2026** — 4D Vision: A year of Declaration, Discipleship, Deliverance, and Demonstration.

We believe this journey is a partnership. As you read through this vision and reflect on what God has done, we pray your faith is stirred, and your heart is strengthened. Together, we are moving forward, believing we can make a lasting impact that echoes far beyond this moment.

Lead Pastors:

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2025 IN REVIEW

Spiritual

- **Salvations:** 129
- **Water Baptisms:** 63
- **Child Dedications:** 8

General

NEW VISION:

Know God. Build Community.
Live Free. Leave Legacy.

GROWTH:

- First-Time Guests: **468**
- Connect Cards: **397**
- Serve Team Members: **235**

ATTENDANCE:

- Avg. Sunday Overall: **501**
- Avg. Kids: **93**
- Highest Sunday: **803**
- Get Connected: **116**

STAFF ADDED:

- Executive Pastors
- Youth Pastors
- Office Administrator

Financial

- **Heart for the House:**
\$74,311.67
- **Cornelius Offering:**
\$108,568.30
- **Debt Eliminated:**
\$48,800.72

Life Groups

- **Total Life Groups:**
32 (24 in Fall Session)
- **Total Trained Leaders:**
52
- **Avg. Weekly Attendance:**
167 people
- **Peak Weekly Attendance:**
227 people (Fall Session)

Missions

- **Trips:** 1 (Africa)
- **Financial Support:**
\$66,157.76
- **Missionaries Supported:** 5

2026 IN 4D

Theme Scripture

Luke 4:18 –19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

This is Jesus' mission statement — It calls us to:

Declare, Disciple, Deliver, & Demonstrate the Kingdom in 2026.

Our Journey So Far

- 2023 – Strategic Plan 1.0: Our first big step forward in clarity and focus.
- 2024 – 3D Vision: Double, Disciple, Debt Reduction.
- 2025 – Strategic Plan 2.0: Refining, strengthening, and scaling what has been built.

2026 – 4D Vision

This year, we move into 4D living — **Declare, Disciple, Deliver, Demonstrate**.
Not just hearing about the Kingdom but living it out in every dimension.

KNOW GOD → DECLARE

"PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR..."



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Digital Discipleship

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24/7 platform for spiritual growth

- Weekly Sermon Notes
- Daily Devotionals
- Congregational Spotlights
- Biblical Resources

SOCIAL MEDIA EXPANSION

Target each platforms demographic

- Short-form sermon clips
- Create on-ramps for creatives
- Share worship moments



Prophetic Training

GROWING IN THE GIFTS

Equipping & training people to:

- Operate in the gifts daily
- Recognize their unique gifts
- Discern the voice of God
- Grow in boldness & faith

GUARDING THE GIFTS

Equipping & training people to:

- Minister in love & humility
- Discern timing & context
- Grow in character



Growth Track

LEADERSHIP INTENSIVE

A clear on-ramp into leadership

- 4 week sessions
- 1 on 1 investment from Pastor Josh
- Focus on Character & Calling

NEW BELIEVERS GATHERING

Go from being new to known

- Basics of the Kingdom of God
- Introduce culture & vision
- Clear next steps



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BUILD COMMUNITY → DISCIPLE

“HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED...”

Life Groups

1. COACHING – STRENGTHENING OUR LEADERS

- Identify and equip **6** new Coaches
- Raise up **8** new Leaders
- Develop **15** Apprentices

2. CARE – EXPANDING SHEPHERDING THROUGH GROUPS

- Partner our Care Network with our Life Groups

3. COMPASSION – MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

Launch Groups that are designed to address specific areas of need:

- Financial Peace
- Parenting
- Celebrate Recovery
- Marriage
- Grief Care
- And more...

4. COMMUNITY – GROWING BOTH ON-CAMPUS & OFF-CAMPUS

*Transition to a **50/50** Life Group model & expand options:*

- 1/2 of the groups meet on campus
- 1/2 in homes or community spaces
- Launch activity-based groups

General

EXPAND DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAYS:

- Launch a new believers gathering
- Launch a leadership growth track
- Create a digital discipleship hub
- Increase our devotional resources



LIVE FREE → DELIVER

"PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES..."



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RESOURCES

Freedom Focus

FREEDOM GROUPS

Pathway to healing and freedom

- Launch seasonal groups throughout the year
- Make available for Men, Women & Young Adults

PARTNERSHIPS

Helping solidify lasting change

- Foundation Counseling
- Spirit-led mentors

We are believing God for

**STRONGER FAMILIES &
HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS**



Prayer

EXPAND OUR PRAYER TEAM

- Raise up **25** trained members
- Provide ongoing training

CORPORATE PRAYER TIMES

Consistent weekly opportunities

- On Campus
 - Mon | Wed | Fri
- 6:30 - 7:30am

*My house shall be called a
house of prayer*

MATTHEW 21:13

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LEAVE LEGACY → DEMONSTRATE

"PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD..."

Weekly

HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACHES

Every Wednesday during lunch

- Osceola High School
- Seminole High School

CLOSET 2:45

Clothing Outreach Ministry

- Saturdays: 1st & 3rd
10:00am - 12:00pm
- Wednesdays: 2nd & 4th
5:00 - 6:15pm

JAIL MINISTRY

- Sunday livestream

Monthly

JAIL MINISTRY

- In-person discipleship
- Once monthly

SENIOR LIVING / NURSING HOME

- Last Saturday | 11am
- Expand our Serve Team to **20**
- Adopt a **2nd** Senior Living Facility

POSITIVE IMPACT

Grocery Distribution Partner

- Last Saturday | 8am
- Special Holiday Opportunities
3x per year:
*Easter, Thanksgiving,
& Christmas*

Annually

MISSIONS TRIPS

Serving our global partners

- **2** trips per year

LOVE OUR CITY

A church-wide outreach day

- Dedicated to serving our community through practical acts of love.

EVANGELISM TRAINING & OUTREACH WEEKEND

Equipping believers to share their faith confidently

- Practical teaching & hands-on outreach.

HOW TO SUPPORT



Hebrews 10:25



Mark 10:45



Faithful Attendance

Commit to gathering regularly—your presence strengthens your walk with God and encourages our church family.



Prayer

Pray for Gulf Coast Church's vision, leaders, and people. Ask God for guidance, wisdom, and blessing over all we do.



Serving

Use your gifts to serve. When we serve others, we reflect Jesus and help build His church.



Financial Giving

Give generously to support our ministries, mission, and ongoing growth as we reach more people for Christ.



Philippians 4:6



Deuteronomy 15:10



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