

WHAT'S OUR MISSION?



In light of our Savior's purposes for us, and in response to the grace He's shown us, our mission at Eastville Baptist Church is to equip our members with the light of Christ so they can show it to those around them. We cherish faithful, authentic worship, impactful study, loving fellowship, and wise stewardship, all with the end-goal of humbly blessing the world with the light of Christ.

WHAT'S OUR PLAN?



Here are our plans for this year:

- **YOUTH GROUP.** Once the youth group is comfortable meeting again, if this idea is welcomed by those it partners with, we will recruit teachers within the church to take over the Thursday Bible Study so that Pastor Andrew can assist with the youth group. The specific role he would take that would most help the youth group would need to be determined in conjunction with the volunteers already there.
- **COMMUNITY GROUPS.** Later in the year, when COVID is even further behind us, we will replace the Thursday Night Bible Study with weekly Community Groups, so that discipleship, study of Scripture, and outreach can reach more people in more meaningful ways.
- **FULL-TIME ASSESSMENT.** As part of the annual budget process, we will evaluate the church's tithe and income in October, and if there's enough coming in consistently, we will have a church-wide discussion and take a vote to move Pastor Andrew from part-time to full-time.

The next page shows the areas of growth we hope to invest in over the next five years. We encourage you to talk with others in the church about your strengths and gifts, and see if there's something here you can minister through:

- **Outreach:** Develop opportunities for relationships with those who don't know Christ to be organically grown, so that members of the church can witness and care in the context of those relationships.
 - Initiate "front porch" activities for Community Groups, families, & the church as a whole to offer (Book clubs, BBQs, walking groups, etc!)
 - Develop a way to follow up with visitors / guests to let them know they're welcome and valued.
 - Invest in outreach opportunities within the Northampton County Public School system

- **Missions:** Provide ways for the church to support those who do ministry around the world, especially in areas that have not heard the gospel.
 - Sponsor an international mission team.

- **Discipleship:** Help followers of Jesus serve him the way he's taught us to and to know him better, and equip them to do the same for others.
 - Train church leaders in the area of discipleship.
 - Provide a program for new Christians that matches them with mature Christians to ground them in their faith and teach them how to grow daily in their walk with the Lord.

- **Christian Education:** Grow the church in its understanding of and love for God's Word, so it can perceive Him more clearly and respond to Him more faithfully.
 - Develop a children's program.
 - Offer various Sunday School classes for adults on Sunday mornings, with different learning interests and levels.

- **Fellowship:** Foster meaningful interactions with other believers so we can share our lives in Christ and support each other.
 - Partner with other churches in reaching the Shore with the gospel.
 - Expand the reach of the Women's Retreat and Men's Breakfast.
 - Encourage more multi-generational activities that encourage relationships throughout the congregation.
 - Investigate options for additional property and better use of space.

- **Governing Structures:** Openly explore ways of improving the church's governing structures and meetings, to foster more participation and unity, and to see if there are ways of observing biblical practices more effectively.