

Vision

We often define vision as thinking ahead, when, in reality, our “vision” frequently looks behind. Many churches will talk about vision, but really mean “how do we tweak and improve on what we have always done in the past?”

Vision serves as the starting point that guides our steps - the first step to the last. True vision may build upon the past, but focuses on life beyond the present. Vision’s guiding point, while blurred at times, should encourage a process that will ultimately bring focus and then fruition..

Visions create enthusiasm. Or, they should create enthusiasm. If we perceive a new vision as the “same old” vision with a slightly different spin, then the overwhelming frustrations of past failures can haunt our current efforts and we wind up with, “we should’ve known this wouldn’t work.”

Like binoculars that broadly sweep and then adjust its focus on a target, our vision should scan everything that surrounds us. Then we hone in on the essential elements, or element, of our search. Binoculars cannot scan the horizon and focus on one item at the same time. The viewer must decide ... sweeping views that see the whole in fleeting moments, or a laser focus - seasoned with time - that examines the depths of a select few.

Scan Summit Christian Church in 360-degree fashion that encompasses the past and the present. Scan it so you arrive at your definition of our ministry and mission. Then adjust your focus so you concentrate on what wells up inside you as a pressing ache, an ache that you cannot ignore because of the constant reminder of its presence. God may have given you that ache to serve as your vision that you need to address together with those who call Summit “home.”

What do you see as your binoculars scan and then focus on Summit Church? How would you describe your vision? Do it without “Christianese.” Tough to do, but vision comes with a price - and its fruit.

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OCTOBER 2018 Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 8 - Tony & Pam McKee
- 9 - Michele Elrod
- 12 - Hannah Moore
- 13 - Chris Leseneski
- 17 - Deanna Pottinger, John Michael Poulakos III, Lucas Leseneski
- 18 - Diane Grimes
- 19 - Sue Moore
- 21 - Gordon & Michelle Young
- 24 - Marilyn Shidler, Dave Lombardi
- 30 - Leo Lombardi

Calendar

Sunday - October 7, 14, 21, 28

- * Life Groups (9:45 a.m.)
- * Praise and Worship (11:00 a.m.)

Tuesday - October 9

- * Prayer Night (7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday - October 16

- * Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.) and Elders Meeting (8:30 p.m.)

Wednesday - October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

- * Life Group (7:00 p.m.)
- * Worship Team Practice (8:00 p.m.)
- * AA (9:30 p.m.)

Thursday - October 4, 11, 18, 25

- * AA (8:00 p.m.)

Saturday - October 27

- * Trunk or Treat (3:00 to 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday - October 28

- * Browns/Steelers game watch party (12:30 p.m.)

***** Upward Sunday on October 14!!!**