

7. A church that believes and INVESTS into children and teenagers.
 - ❖ They are not the future of the church they are the church of today.
 - ❖ Young men and women age 13 and older are esteemed as valuable members of the team.

8. A church that reaches beyond the WALLS of a building to fill a NEED in the community.
 - ❖ The Bible records Jesus' interaction with 132 people. Six were in the temple. Four were in the synagogue. 122 were in the field of life!
 - ❖ This church building is a locker room to prepare us for the real action on the daily field of life!
 - ❖ Back to School Bash: Saturday, August 12, 2017
 - ❖ City Serve Day: Saturday, September 30, 2017

9. A church that places a high priority on RELATIONSHIPS and building healthy marriages and families.
 - ❖ Ways to Connect:
 - You inviting others to connect
 - The Link: An open house at Pastor Dean and Kim's home
 - New Team Membership Class
 - Thrive Discipleship
 - Men's and Women's events
 - Hanging out before and after service in the café

10. A church that is passionately GENEROUS.
 - ❖ Giving is a blessing not a burden.

**All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*



Part 8: A Church Legacy

Sunday, August 6, 2017

WHY CHURCHES DIE?

1. Lack of fresh vision. They look through the rearview mirror rather than the windshield.
2. They become spiritually proud.
3. Members idolize another era.
4. Lack of TEAM participation.
5. They shift from reaching outward to INWARD. The primary focus moves from reaching the world to babysitting the members.
 - ❖ The church is not here for us. We are the church and we are here for the world.
6. They become STERILE and don't reproduce.
 - ❖ One of the most memorable and exciting things in ANY family is the birth of a new baby!
 - ❖ New babies keep the church young.
7. Failure to reach the next GENERATION.
8. Failure to change or adjust to the CULTURE.
 - ❖ The message never changes but the model might.

9. The facilities deteriorate.
10. Pastors burn out and quit.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 4:19 NKJV Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Matthew 28:18-20a Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

OUR MISSION:

To introduce people to the **LOVE** of Jesus Christ, bring **LIFE** to their family relationships, teach them the **LIBERTY** of a committed life and walk with God and to create a **LEGACY** of hope for generations to come.

OUR VISION:

ROCK: Connect with God and build our lives on the Rock of Jesus Christ.

FAMILY: Connect as a family and grow in covenant relationships.

CHURCH: Connect with our community and tell them the Good News.

THE LEGACY OF ROCK FAMILY CHURCH

1. A church that is committed to reaching the LOST.
 - ❖ Our number one purpose is to bring God's lost children home.
2. A church that authentically LOVES and accepts all people.
3. A church that makes DISCIPLES and matures the believer.
 - a. Life on the Rock: A four-week revolving class to lay a foundation for your spiritual journey. Meets from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Woodmen Campus on Sundays and will cover Hope, Faith, Prayer, and the Bible.
 - b. Thrive Discipleship: A weekly small group meeting of men and women to study scripture, grow in Christ, and build genuine relationships with one another.
 - c. Free Resources: All teaching materials are free of charge.
4. A church that embraces the power of God and the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit.
5. A church that values the TEACHING of God's Word for the maturity of the saints.

1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,
6. A church where members are empowered and actively SERVE to advance the cause of Christ.