



ACTS 2 JOURNEY

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PURPOSE FOR ACTS 2 JOURNEY

The Acts 2 Journey has been a year-long process of discovery, discernment and development that builds on the strengths of the congregation to learn from the past and envision the future.



A landscape photograph showing a field of tall grasses or reeds in the foreground, a large tree silhouette on the left, and a sunset sky in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid on a dark semi-transparent rectangle on the right side of the image.

PURPOSE FOR ACTS 2 JOURNEY

It will enable congregational transformation for the main purpose of maximizing the congregation's potential, through renewed vision, commitment, and appropriate strategy.



OUR DREAM STATEMENTS



FELLOWSHIP

We dream of a church
where fellowship is...

Known as meaningful
relationships with
people who genuinely
care



DISCIPLESHIP

We dream of a church
where discipleship is...

Helping people to become
followers of Christ,
through equipping with
the Word of God and the
infilling of the Holy Spirit.



SERVE

We dream of a church
where gift-oriented
ministry is...

Joyfully using God given
abilities to further the
Gospel of Jesus Christ
through selfless acts of
servanthood



EVANGELISM

We dream of a church
where evangelism is...

Practiced
compassionately to reach
all people, so that they
may know the true
meaning of the Gospel



WORSHIP

We dream of a church
where worship is....

A vibrant expression of
spirit and truth with a
passionate
acknowledgement of
gratitude for God's Love

OUR
VISION
STATEMENT

Pursuing God

Empowered by Faith

Embracing All People



OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

- Connect (Fellowship)
- Grow (Discipleship)
- Serve (Gift-Oriented Service)
- Go (Evangelism)
- Worship (Lifestyle)

CONNECT STRATEGIC GOALS FOR FELLOWSHIP

- Train greeting teams for entry and exit of our services
- Follow up on all connection cards with a phone call, email, or home visit
- Coordinate invitations for guests to attend “Discovery”
- Implement gift assessments for those coming to join us
- Develop a team to help build new and stronger relationships within the church body

GROW STRATEGIC GOALS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

- Develop a Leadership Training Class
- Offer Biblical Growth classes and practical life courses such as:
 - Time Management
 - Financial Planning
 - Breaking Addictions

GROW STRATEGIC GOALS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

- Train our children to understand basic and fundamental Christian principles
 - Continue to coordinate Growth Classes and Kids Ministries

SERVE STRATEGIC GOALS FOR GIFT-ORIENTED MINISTRY

- Implement a “Discovery” class where people can identify their spiritual gifts
- Encourage everyone to understand their personality types and how they interact with other personality types via web resources such as “Uniquely You”
- Create new brochures to provide guidance on how to be active at Tulare First and its ministries

GO STRATEGIC GOALS FOR EVANGELISM

- Adopt families during the holidays and provide gift opportunities for families in need
- Encourage participation in our annual Missions Convention, planned Mission Trips, as well as connecting with visiting Missionaries
- Continue with Faith Promise giving and teach people to give sacrificially to the cause of World Evangelism

GO STRATEGIC GOALS FOR EVANGELISM

- Continue to reach out to the new homes around our church, as well as our individual neighborhoods
- Adopt a school and use local hubs for donations to include school supplies



WORSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN FOR WORSHIP

- Continue to develop our prayer team ministry
- Emphasize our gratitude for God's love in all of our prayers
- Encourage altar prayer times



WORSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN FOR WORSHIP

- Promote congregational participation in worship
- Continue to develop our worship team, vocalists, musicians and audio/visual teams



THOSE WE NEED TO REACH

- Tulare population in 2017: 62,211 people
- Households in Tulare: 14,517
- Ethnic Majority: 57% Hispanic/Latino
- Population within one mile of church: 6,286 people
- Households within one mile of church: 1,575

TULARE BY THE NUMBERS

- Active in Religious Congregation: 2010 - 38% 2017 - 31.25%
- In 2017, 37.25% of people in Tulare strongly agree that Jesus actually rose from the dead.
- In 2017, 47.5% of people in Tulare think that believing in Jesus doesn't require participation in a church.
- In 2010, 3.41% were Pentecostal with 3.09% in 2017. That's a decline of 0.32%
- Christian congregations have declined across the board with the exception of non-denominational churches.



ACTS 2 VISION TEAM PRAYER

Father,

We ask that You would continue to guide all of us who have worked on this project. We have called on You throughout this process and we believe we have heard from You. Now, as we step out in faith to accomplish these things we ask for Your continued blessing. Work in us to produce much fruit in this body of believers and our community.

In Jesus name,

Amen

ACTS 2:47 NKJV

...AND THE LORD
ADDED TO THE
CHURCH DAILY THOSE
WHO WERE BEING
SAVED.

