



VISION 2020
“Commit Sacrificially”
Ephesians 2:10
 February 15, 2015

THE CHALLENGE: A Renewed Vision - Transformation
We desire to be radically transformed by God into a people He can use to transform others.

The CRITERIA: **Commit** Your Time and Resources to Serving Christ and Others

THE CALL – A DNA Shift: A Call to **Commit** Sacrificially

Discover Your Shape & Place to Serve

Spiritual Gifts Every believer has a spiritual gift

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Abilities You have specific abilities that you do well

Personality You have a specific personality unique to you

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Involvement in Ministry

Sees Unmet Needs and Meets Them

Created to Serve God

Others Focused

Value God’s Command

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Rewards are Eternal



MINISTRIES ALIGNED

- ✓ Ministry Teams – Hospitality /Father’s Children / Family Supper Teams / Food Pantry / Greeters / S.O.A.R. /etc.
- ✓ Class 301

TARGETS TO LOOK TOWARDS

- ✓ We Want to Intentionally Help and Encourage People Find Their S.H.A.P.E. and Where They Can Find Their Place to Serve the Body of Christ.
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- ✓ We Desire to See Every Person Serving in at Least 1 Ministry in Our Church
- ✓ We Want to Have a Clear Process of Identifying New Leaders and Then Equipping & Empowering Leaders to Lead Ministries
- ✓ Using the Generosity Ladder – Every Person Taking the Next Step Each Year Until They Get to at Least the Tithing Level.

TEAMS TO CONNECT WITH

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- ✓ Leadership Team – Training
- ✓ Other Teams – Wed. Night Supper / Hospitality / Food Pantry / Orphan Ministry & Other Teams To Be Created

OUR CONTRIBUTION & COMMITMENT

Take the Next Step for The Sake of the Call

- ✓ Commit to Praying Every Day for Vision 2020
- ✓ Identify and Take the Next Step Up in Each of the 4 Areas (Connect / Grow / Commit / Go)
- ✓ Take the Next Step Up and Commit to Serve on One of the 4 Teams: Connect / Grow / Commit / Go Teams
- ✓ Take Your Next Step Up on the Generosity Ladder
First Time ➔ Occasional ➔ Intentional ➔ Tithing ➔ Extravagant

VISION 2020

“GROWING Deeper”

Ephesians 2:10

February 15, 2015 AM Service

The Challenge – A Renewed Vision – Transformation

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It firsts start with our transformation in every area of our lives. This is the prerequisite and the requirement before we can do anything.

Once we allow the Lord to do this transformational work in our lives then the Lord can begin to use us to be a conduit, a vehicle through which He can move in the lives of people so their lives transformed as well!

The Criteria

- ✓ **Connect** Yourself & Others to Christ and the Church
- ✓ **Grow** In a Deeping Relationship with Christ
- ✓ **Commit Your Time and Resources to Serve Christ & Others**
- ✓ **Go** Share the Love of Christ With Everyone Everywhere
- ✓ **Resources**
- ✓ **Praying for leaders for each of these teams**

The Call – A DNA Shift

- ✓ A Call to Connect Deeply
- ✓ A Call To Grow Deeper
- ✓ **A Call to Commit Sacrificially**
- ✓ A Call to Multiply Rapidly

The Chart – A Transformation Journey

It's a process – it designates movement – We are never called to stand still – we are called to mature, to grow in our walk and as we do that we share the love of Christ with others and then help them walk that same path.

COMMIT

You were made to make a contribution, not just to consume. God made you to make a difference. And what matters is not how long you live, but how you live. We're all meant to give something back. We're all meant to make a contribution. The Bible says we're created to serve, we're saved to serve, we're gifted to serve, we're shaped to serve.

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God has prepared a place for you to serve here at Petal FBC or a ministry that is connected to our church. If you only come and attend even though you might be a member, but you only attend, you are missing out on your calling from the Lord. There is some place for you to serve.

Sees Unmet Needs and Meets Them

We are planning on creating many new teams in the coming years to meet unmet needs and ministry opportunities, but perhaps one that suits you is not listed – then our prayer is that you listen to the Lord and look for unmet needs and begin to the process of creating a ministry to meet those needs. You don't have to wait for someone to tell you hey we are creating this team – we believe the Lord can lead you within the parameters of our overall vision to see a need and come with a plan to meet it – you don't have to wait for the staff to create it.

Created to Serve God

Our first calling is to serve God. That is our clear and obvious objective.

The Word tells us that [“whatever we do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” Colossians 3:17](#)

And when we serve God by default we will be able serve others. It will be a natural outflow. We weren't put here just to take up space, consume and get a free ride through life. Now, some people want to serve God; they just don't want to serve others. But you can't do that. The only way you can serve God is by serving others. We must not lose sight of that truth. Serving one another indicates our love for the Lord & one another.

Others Focused

Our world is opposite of this – it is all about being me focused yet Jesus wasn't me focused – He said He came to seek and save those who were lost, He came to serve them and love them. We have to have an other's

mindset all the time – when we come in this building – who can I greet, who can I minister to, who can I serve?

Value God's Command

God's word is crystal clear that we are all called to serve. There is simply no exception – in order to mature and move around the transformation journey, then we need to value and heed God's call to serve Christ by serving others and not see it as an option.

Everyone is a Minister

We have the mistaken idea that the only ministers are ones that are called by God to serve in a church vocation, whether paid or volunteer. That is simply not the case, not the way it happened in Acts or in throughout the New Testament. Instead, the understanding and teaching was clear is that every believer is a minister called by God to serve Him & the body of Christ. There are no exceptions to that rule. Now, how we fulfill that calling & where we fulfill is certainly unique & different for each person

Rewards are Eternal

Clear distinction and reminder we find in [Matthew 25:31-40](#) That's why this part says commit our time and resources by serving Christ and others. This is our clear call and a clear indication that we are maturing and growing as a Christ Follower. And remember many times these rewards are eternal and we don't receive them here which makes them far greater and then sometimes we do see them here.

ILLUS: Boy from skating party – This is the best day ever – Free skating, Free Pizza, and now Free Shoes.

MINISTRIES ALIGNED

We want every ministry to line up under the vision and every ministry sees where it falls and how it helps to fulfill the vision. We are all on the same page and understand that any ministry we are involved with and in needs to fall under this Vision. So what falls under this particular part of the Vision. Let's see...

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We know that what we’re doing really matters. Now let’s be honest folks, most of what we do in life doesn’t matter. It isn’t going to matter next week much less next year or next decade or in eternity. But any time you’re serving in Jesus’ name, no matter how small, it matters. The Bible says this in [1Cor. 15:58](#), let’s read it aloud, *“Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort”* Notice “nothing”: that means it all matters, even the little stuff. Why? Because in God’s book, there is no little service. He said, “Even if you give a cup of cold water in my name to a child, that counts.” In God’s eyes, there is no little service.

We have no idea of the significance of small acts. So never, you know, belittle the little because it’s all important. Real servants do every task with equal dedication because they know it all matters. It doesn’t matter if you’re doing something important that is well known or if you’re doing something important that’s not well known. It’s all important.

Now I know what some of you are saying. “Well you know, a church this size, it doesn’t need my help.” Are you kidding? Spend a day with me.

I'll show you a lot of unmet needs in one day. Because there are always more needs to be met than people willing to get up off their seat and say, "I was shaped to serve Christ." Have you ever wondered why you're here at Petal FBC? I'll tell you why. You're here at FBC because God knew you had something to give back. **He did not bring you here just to sit and soak and enjoy. He brought you here to serve.** And He knew that you have something – background, talent, skill, ability, contact, network, or whatever, interest, hobby, whatever.

One day you're going to stand before God and He's going to say to you, "What did you do with what I gave you, the talents, the abilities, the background, the experiences, the freedom, the education, the family experiences? What did you do with your SHAPE?" "Well, God, I was a little busy with my ambitions and plan. I never got around to serving You." And God's going to say, "Wrong answer! What were you thinking? Do you think I put you on earth to live for yourself? I put you here to serve Me by serving others." Now you may be thinking nobody's watching you, and nobody's noticing what you do, but God's watching. *Matt. 25:21 "Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness."*

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All this will come together on Sunday, February 22 and March 1st. On the 22nd and March 1st we will have our 3rd Annual Ministry/Missions Fair but this one will be bigger than all the others combined. And also March 1st will be our Commitment/Generosity Sunday where we will commit to Vision 2020 our time, resources, and financial commitments and we will bring the 1st ones on that day. Then that night we will come back and celebrate the outcome. It's going to be a huge day!