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OUR VISION

We glorify Christ... (Philippians 3:10)

OUR MISSION

...by making disciples... (Matthew 28:18-20)

Four Components of Our Mission:

- Share the Word.
- Show the Word.
- Teach the Word.
- Serve the World.

OUR GOAL

...of all nations (Psalm 67:1-2).

OUR VALUES

- Biblical Proclamation (Acts 2:42)
- Sacrificial Care (Acts 2:42)
- Wholehearted Worship (Acts 2:42)
- Desperate Prayer (Acts 2:42)
- Exponential Multiplication (Acts 2:47)

OUR STRATEGY

- Biblical
- Simple
- Intentional
- Reproducible
- Cross-Cultural
- Radical

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A church with this vision, mission, goal, values, and strategy will produce world-impacting disciple-makers.



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STRATEGIC NON-NEGOTIABLES

BIBLICAL...We align all of our plans with the Word of God.

- We are not creating plans and asking God to bless them.
- We are _____ with the plans He has already promised to bless.

INTENTIONAL...We purposefully equip people to make disciples of all nations.

- The success of the church is not dependent on creating the best programs; the success of the church is dependent on building the best _____.
- Therefore, church leaders are _____, not _____.
- Church leaders do not exist to _____; they exist to _____.
- The success of our mission rises and falls on _____.

REPRODUCIBLE...We organize our ministries and maximize our resources for rapid multiplication of the Gospel.

- What if God chose to add 10,000 people to the Kingdom this year in Birmingham?
 - ▶ Would we be ready to support such growth?
- We are currently organized for _____.
- We must be organized for _____.
- Brook Hills is not a _____ of ministry; Brook Hills is a _____ of ministry.
 - ▶ We must eliminate all references to the church as a building from our vocabularies!
- We must become decreasingly dependent on ministries that require large _____ and large _____.

CROSS-CULTURAL...Everything we do at Brook Hills, we do ultimately for the sake of God's glory in all nations.

- We are intentional about penetrating various _____ with the Gospel through various _____.
- In order to be effective in and equipped for cross-cultural ministry, we focus our energy here on Gospel ministry that transcends culture.
- At the same time, we wisely and _____ contextualize ministry methods in view of the culture around us.

SIMPLE...We focus all our resources on a straightforward process aimed at producing world-impacting disciple-makers.

- Three Primary Activities...
 - ▶ _____ that glorify Christ.
 - ▶ _____ that are making disciples.
 - ▶ _____ that impact the world.
- Three Primary Levels of Support...
 - ▶ _____
 - ▶ _____
 - ▶ _____
- In this process, we set free the _____ of God in the power of the _____ of God to accomplish the mission of God for the glory of God.

RADICAL...We are willing to risk everything to accomplish our mission.

- For the sake of the _____.
- For the sake of the _____.
- For the sake of the _____.
- Ultimately for the sake of _____.

STRATEGIC NON-NEGOTIABLES

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- We are not creating plans and asking God to bless them.
- We are **aligning** with the plans He has already promised to bless.

INTENTIONAL...We purposefully equip people to make disciples of all nations.

- The success of the church is not dependent on creating the best programs; the success of the church is dependent on building the best **people**.
- Therefore, church leaders are **equippers**, not **event planners**.
- Church leaders do not exist to **provide services**; they exist to **serve people**.
- The success of our mission rises and falls on **leadership development**.

REPRODUCIBLE...We organize our ministries and maximize our resources for rapid multiplication of the Gospel.

- What if God chose to add 10,000 people to the Kingdom this year in Birmingham?
 - ▶ Would we be ready to support such growth?
- We are currently organized for **routine addition**.
- We must be organized for **rapid multiplication**.
- Brook Hills is not a **place** of ministry; Brook Hills is a **base** of ministry.
 - ▶ We must eliminate all references to the church as a building from our vocabularies!
- We must become decreasingly dependent on ministries that require large **budgets** and large **buildings**.

CROSS-CULTURAL...Everything we do at Brook Hills, we do ultimately for the sake of God's glory in all nations.

- We are intentional about penetrating various **cultures** with the Gospel through various **means**.
- In order to be effective in and equipped for cross-cultural ministry, we focus our energy here on Gospel ministry that transcends culture.
- At the same time, we wisely and **responsibly** contextualize ministry methods in view of the culture around us.

SIMPLE...We focus all our resources on a straightforward process aimed at producing world-impacting disciple-makers.

- Three Primary Activities...
 - ▶ **Worship Gatherings** that glorify Christ.
 - ▶ **Small Groups** that are making disciples.
 - ▶ **Short-Term Missions** that impact the world.
- Three Primary Levels of Support...
 - ▶ **Assimilation**
 - ▶ **Administration**
 - ▶ **Communication**
- In this process, we set free the **people** of God in the power of the **Spirit** of God to accomplish the mission of God for the glory of God.

RADICAL...We are willing to risk everything to accomplish our mission.

- For the sake of the **lost**.
- For the sake of the **poor**.
- For the sake of the **church**.
- Ultimately for the sake of **Christ**.