

Implementing the Vision Sunday – January 8, 2012

On Sunday, January 8th during the 10:10 AM Adult Education time, we will develop our plan to implement the new vision for Prince George. The active involvement of our congregation is vital to the success of the vision. Your rector and vestry are encouraging everyone who can **to attend this Sunday session** and to come prepared by reading carefully this short document and then praying for God's guidance and for the spiritual gift of discernment so that each of us can find the role we are called to play in implementing the Vision. Our agenda for Sunday consists of 6 items:

1. **Brief overview of the Vision**
2. **Review the Implementation Strategy (see below V. Strategic Plan:)**
3. **Discuss the role of the small group Holy Spirit training.**
4. **Discuss the role of the seven "Coordinators" (described at the end of V. Strategic Plan)**
5. **A time for prayer to discern individual's calling to become part of the implementation of the vision**
6. **If time permits, discuss the various ideas under each of the 5 emphases to determine our initial priorities.**

While our relationship with The Episcopal Church has been troublesome, nevertheless these are exciting times at Prince George. **Growing in maturity** as a learning, loving, worshiping, serving and proclaiming church, and sensing the power of the Spirit in our midst, are stirring, challenging prospects. Join us as we seek to be Christ's body in our community!

V. Strategic Plan: Translating the Five Emphases into Plans of Action

Within 5 years, we hope to see the following initiatives take off as the Holy Spirit motivates and equips us to embody Christ in word, thought, and deed. To help raise up folks with a heart to serve, we will be offering a small group experience of worship, study, prayer, and Holy Spirit empowerment to church members each year.

1. *A Learning Church: Prince George is committed to in-depth study of scripture, Christian theology, and church doctrine as foundational to all we do as a Bible-based congregation*
 - a. *Bible study (men, women, couples)*
 - b. *Sunday Adult Education programs*
 - c. *Episcopal Church Women (ECW) programs*
 - d. *Weekday book study (men, women, couples)*
 - e. *Youth and Tweens Groups*
 - f. *Children's Sunday School; and Vacation Bible School*
 - g. *Home prayer and discussion groups*
 - h. *Outside conferences and events (men, women, families)*
 - i. *In-depth study and discipleship programs*
2. *A Loving Church: We are committed to loving one another with God's love, praying for one another, helping one another in times of need and celebrating with one another in times of joy.*
 - a. *A broad variety of Fellowship events at church*
 - b. *Small group monthly dinners in homes*
 - c. *Home prayer and discussion groups*
 - d. *Monthly breakfast between 9AM and 11 AM Service*
 - e. *Prime Timers (70+) monthly luncheon*
 - f. *Shepherd's Ministry or outreach ministry to congregation members in need or crisis*
 - g. *Funeral Guild Ministry (providing food and support to congregation members who lose a loved one)*
 - h. *Men's quarterly steak dinner; women's quarterly hors d'oeuvres evening event*
3. *A Worshiping Church: Prince George is committed to growing in our passion, discipleship, joy and intimacy with the Lord through times of corporate worship and individual devotions.*
 - a. *An evening service which includes increased opportunity for worship in song, prayer, including prayer teams, the operation of the gifts of the Spirit, and fellowship*
 - b. *Instruction, encouragement and prayer for increased participation in worship on Sunday mornings, including most singing – and for private devotional practice*
 - c. *Development of an "every Sunday" worship culture/ethos*

4. *A Serving Church: Prince George is committed to giving our financial and personal resources to help needy or vulnerable people in our community and beyond, always seeking to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ (examples below are illustrative of potential outreach ministries):*
 - a. *Continued financial support of several outreach ministries in our community and the Diocese of S.C.*
 - b. *Local project or partner with local organization in an outreach project (possibly in West End neighborhood)*
 - c. *Outreach ministry to youth such as a mentoring program at Prince George or possibly a Tara Hall Men's Ministry (men spend 1 night a month eating with the boys at Tara Hall plus Bible study and mentoring)*
 - d. *Men's Fix-Up Ministry (monthly Saturday Habitat-type fix up of houses in the area)*
 - e. *Mission projects (team goes outside the area – including out-of-the country – on a service ministry)*

5. *Proclaiming Church: Prince George is committed to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, witnessing to God's grace and love in Christ's redeeming sacrifice, to one other, to friends and neighbors, and to people we encounter in ministry (examples below are illustrative of potential proclaiming ministry).*
 - a. *Concerted effort to invite friends and neighbors to attend worship or Bible study or social functions as evangelism outreach*
 - b. *All outreach ministry and service projects include witnessing to God's grace and proclaiming the Gospel*
 - c. *Offering a worship service beyond our sanctuary, perhaps at Morningside or a downtown location*
 - d. *Adding a proclaiming element to the Plantation Tours*

Because of their expertise, special education and training, the staff will likely focus on emphases 1 (Learning Church), 3 (Worshipping Church), & 5 (Proclaiming Church). The congregation will likely focus on 2 (Loving Church) & 4 (Serving Church). Folks from the small group Holy Spirit training will help lead for emphases 2 and 4, but we need at least 7 members of the congregation commit to the following leadership roles:

- 1. Coordinator of Volunteers – a person to work at least one day a week to coordinate the efforts of volunteers and to communicate volunteer ministries to the staff and the congregation**
- 2. Coordinator(s) of “Loving” ministries – 1-2 people to work at least 2 days per month to coordinate fellowship dinners, supper clubs, monthly age groups gatherings (20-40,40-70, 70+ Prime Timers), men's quarterly steak dinners, and women's quarterly hors d'oeuvres events)**
- 3. Coordinator(s) of “Serving” ministries – 1-2 people to work at least 2 days per month to coordinate continued financial support, local projects, outreach ministry, and mission trips outside the area**
- 4. Coordinator of Shepherd's Ministry – a person to work at least 1 day a month to coordinate the Shepherd's Ministry including updating the Shepherd Teams, recruiting leadership, developing ways to communicate when parishioners are in crisis or need**
- 5. Coordinator of Funeral Guild Ministry – a person to work at least 1 day a month to coordinate the work of the Funeral Guild Ministry and be the point of contact for the congregation**
- 6. Coordinator(s) of local service project – 1-2 people to work at least 1 day a month to coordinate a special local service projects and be the point of contact for the congregation for that service project**
- 7. Coordinator(s) of outreach ministry – 1-2 people to work at least 1 day a month to coordinate any new specific outreach ministry and be the point of contact for the congregation**