

2012 The Year of Restoration: Restoring the Vision

I. Three Unchanging Commitments for 2012

A. A commitment to the Gospel:

1. the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.
2. the promise of victorious living here on earth and forever in heaven.
3. The possibility of changing lives.

B. A commitment to our five-fold purpose as a church as given to us by Jesus.
Mark 12:30-31 (NLT); Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

1. To “Love God with all your heart” is “WORSHIP”.
2. To “Love your neighbor as yourself” is “MINISTRY”.
3. To “Go...make disciples” is “EVANGELISM”.
4. To “Baptize...” is to incorporate into FELLOWSHIP”.
5. To “Teach them...all things” is “DISCIPLESHIP”.

C. A commitment to fulfilling our vision: to become a healthy, growing church that sends healthy, growing Christians into *ministry* to our church and *mission* into our community and world.

II. Eight Ways We Are Fulfilling Our Vision:

A. **Caring and healing** where the hurting, the depressed, the frustrated and the confused can find love, acceptance, help, hope, forgiveness, guidance and encouragement.

B. **Sharing** the good news of Jesus Christ with thousands of residents of Arden Arcade and the greater Sacramento region.

C. **Welcoming** 1,000 members into the fellowship of our church — loving, learning, laughing and living in harmony with God and each other.

D. **Equipping** all believers for a significant ministry in and through CCC by helping them discover and develop the gifts and talents God has given them.

III. Fulfilling the Rest of Our Vision

A. **Developing** people in spiritual maturity through small groups, classes, seminars and retreats.

Small Groups Ministry sees every person, from the oldest to the newest attendee, as well as many from the community around us, connected in a healthy small group.

These groups are designed to help members become authentic believers who are successfully living out lives of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission.

Women's Ministries provides opportunities for women to connect with others in meaningful friendships, grow in their personal relationship with God, and be equipped to lend a helping hand to others.

CornerstoneMen equips and encourages the men of CCC to fulfill their manhood in and through Christ.

- **Connecting**...Men through Small Groups and various activities throughout the year.
- **Challenging**...Men to go narrow and deep through our new intensive "Life on life" discipleship program where we will be "Preparing to fulfill our manhood in and through Christ."
- **Changing**...We expect men to change. Not clothes, but character. It is not a cosmetic change, but a foundational one.

"And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ." I Corinthians 11:1(NLT):

- **Communicating**...That God has fantastic plans for you! Far greater than you have ever hoped or imagined for yourself and we'll show you how to get there!
 - Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

Student Ministries grows young people into healthy, mature, self-sustaining followers of Jesus Christ.

Family Ministries provides a safe, encouraging, life-changing environment for children and their families to know Jesus' love for them and to grow in their faith in God every time they attend CCC.

Family Ministries' Vision is that every parent grows in their faith, in friendships and fellowship; every child has healthy, growing parents, peers and people who care in their life; and every family has mentors, models and materials to help them grow together in their relationship with each other, other families and Jesus.

B. Sending out numerous missionaries and church workers into the community and around the world. We will send out CCC members by the score for short-term and long-term missions trips and projects.

Missions Ministry challenges every member of CCC to give of their resources regularly, and to participate in trips locally, nationally and around the world.

C. 7th area Planting at least one new church every year in the greater Sacramento region.

D. Occupying multi-site ministry facilities that include a worship center, community center, offices, counseling and prayer center as well as multi-use rooms for training, social and recreational purposes.

Facility Ministry maintains, develops and acquires the physical resources God gives to CCC to house and expedite the ministry He has called us to perform.

Administration/ Communication facilitates all aspects of Cornerstone Community Church ministries, providing every person who considers Cornerstone their church home with the resources necessary to fulfill their call.

E. Worshiping the Lord God Almighty, the Creator, Provider and Giver of Life with ministries and lives that glorify Him.

Worship Arts helps every CCC attendee discover how they are wired for worship, then gives them the tools, training, and outlets to express this individually and corporately for the glory of God.

IV. Why We Haven't Fulfilled This Vision...YET.

A. The absence of adequate resources: funds, folks, facilities

The LORD says, "I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you. Joel 2:25 (NLT)

- Ezekiel 37:12-14 (NLT)

They replied at once, "Yes, let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work. Nehemiah 2:18 (NLT)

B. The presence of considerable resistance. Cults, Satan, Secularism

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:28-31 (NLT)

C. The crippling fear of failure in Christians and the community Joel 2:21-24 (NLT)

V. Restoration Begins with You.

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved." Matthew 9:17 (NLT)

NEOS: something that is totally new that has never been seen before

KAINOS: something that has been restored,