

The Vision for the Church of Christ in Manchester

Matthew 5:14-16: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 28:18-20: Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Our mission is to reach out into the Manchester area community and bring the good news of salvation through Jesus through our words and deeds.

Our vision is to be a place where we live by faith, reach out in hope, and reach up in love.

We shall fulfill this mission and achieve our vision through working towards the following goals:

- Identify community needs
 - Romans 13:8-10, Galatians 6:9-10
 - We will seek to be involved in community events, at local colleges, Friendspeak, GAD, food pantry, and others
- Empower people to action
 - Romans 12:3-11
 - We encourage all to use their God given talents as they see fit. Be prayerful and pursue it. We will encourage and support you in your endeavors.
- Community friendly worship that glorifies God and builds up the family
 - Colossians 3:14-17, Psalm 108:1-5, Psalm 95:1-7
 - We will work to make our worship time welcoming to our visitors while remaining intentional and authentic. We wish to glorify God in spirit and truth while providing an encouraging and evangelistic environment.
- Focused Bible education
 - John 17:6-26, Matthew 28:20
 - We will emphasize study of the Bible with a view towards spreading the Gospel
 - We will consult contemporary sources to investigate the best and most effective evangelistic practices that are consistent with Biblical teaching
- Building Relationships
 - Acts 2:42-47
 - We believe outreach is about building relationships. We support activities such as small groups that are about sharing life together and being open and inviting to others.
- Emphasis on group and personal prayer and group and personal Bible study
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Ephesians 6:10-18
 - We urge all to stay connected to God and His Spirit always. Keep your relationship with God fresh every day.
- Emphasis on connecting younger and older people
 - 2 Timothy 1:3-5, Titus 2:2-6
 - We believe older people are able to make a difference in young lives. We urge all to use the energy of the younger with the wisdom of the older to connect experiential examples of Christ's love in culturally relevant ways