

A Changing Vision for CenterPoint?

Why Here?

Why Now?

For nine months, the Changing More Lives Vision Team has prayed, studied and discussed answers to questions like these, hoping to discern God's will for our church; hoping to see our future as He would have us see it and then share that vision. One thing is certain. Jesus is up to something indescribably wonderful and He wants us to be a part of it.

What follows is a vision of how we can.

IT'S A VISION AS OLD AS THE CHURCH

Over 2000 years ago Jesus set out a vision for the church that hasn't changed. He used highly charged words designed to shape the life of every church that would bear His name, including CenterPoint. These are words we can't afford to forget.

"...I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it."

IT'S A VISION AS FRESH AS TODAY

A new chapter is about to be written at CenterPoint. This historic church, positioned "broadside at the wharf" for 190 years, has unprecedented opportunities and responsibilities in a rapidly changing world. People have a crying need to find a way to follow Jesus that is not mechanical, legalistic or self-defeating but instead dynamic and life transforming.

IT'S A VISION FOR REAL PEOPLE

The Future of CenterPoint Church is about faces, the faces of people in the Greater Capital Region and beyond; people of all ages needing help, direction, a place to belong, a place to grow; people needing a life-giving relationship with Jesus. We must never lose sight of those faces (Matthew 9:35-37, Mark 6:33-35).

IT'S A VISION ABOUT OUR FUTURE

The future of CenterPoint Church is about a mission and vision to reach out to these faces of real lives.

Yes, but how?

The future of CenterPoint Church is about Visionary Leadership. The strategic and spiritual importance of putting together the right team can't be overstated. If we get this wrong, energies and efforts will be wasted and opportunities lost. For that reason great care should be given to the recruitment, evaluation, and placement of leadership. Emphasis will be placed on:

- The expansion of the current staff and creation of new staff positions to carry out our commitment to help people grow in their relationship to God through Jesus Christ. The Lead Pastor, in counsel with the Elders and Finance Team, will identify new staff positions and personnel.
- Placing a high priority on the development of spiritual leaders by The Lead Pastor.
- Obtaining the services of ministry consultants to provide additional expertise and evaluation.
- The commissioning of a Changing More Lives Implementation Team to aid and assist the lead pastor and elders in the fulfillment process of our vision.

The future of CenterPoint Church is a vision of a church that is simply doing what God intended the church to do, but the implications are vast and might even seem a little overwhelming. At some point we have to honestly ask ourselves if this is a journey we want to take. Pursuing the vision God has for CenterPoint will cost us our lives, no exaggeration.

To set out on such a course might seem audacious, which is a nice word for crazy. Becoming a crazy church in the best sense of the word means being willing to go where we've never been before driven by a God-fueled passion. It means that we will not rest until we see more and more lives being changed, transformed more and more into growing Christ-likeness. We will settle for nothing less. We exist for no other reason.

NOTHING will bring God more glory!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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CenterPoint Church

...still growing



OUR MISSION

To lead people into a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

To become an ever-growing, grace-driven community centered in Christ, focused on others, committed to living out the Gospel.

The **ONE MESSAGE** we want you to hear is our desire to help you grow.

The future of CenterPoint is summarized in one essential commitment and one simple but personal question:

How are you doing growing?

Simply put, we believe that as followers of Jesus, growth ought to be happening.

We believe that every person who follows Jesus has what it takes to grow their relationship with Him in new and fresh ways. *CenterPoint Church exists to help people of all ages grow in Christ-likeness, for His life to increasingly become ours.* Creating environments of growth and excellence as a path to a growing relationship with God through Christ is at the heart of the vision we present.

GROWING ENVIRONMENTS...PURSUING CHRISTLIKENESS

AWESOME WORSHIP (Acts 2:42-47)

Worship is at the heart of growth. Making Worship Awesome is about creating the best opportunity for each person, regardless of where they are in their relationship with God. To experience firsthand God's love and grace through excellence in hospitality (acceptance & care), vibrant and uncompromising biblical teaching, inspirational presentations of the arts, and the consistent encouragement and guidance of "next steps" in the spiritual formation process. We will make our Worship Services Awesome by:

- Creating a worship arts planning team
- Adding an additional worship service based upon need and opportunity to reach/accommodate more people
- Showcasing service opportunities to plug people into areas of ministry
- Seeking professional assessment of current facilities, recommending improvements to accommodate ministry needs for the next 3-5 years
- Completing a study for possible uses of the Clinton Street property

STARTING POINT

The mission of Starting Point is to lead seekers, starters, and returners into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by creating an open and accepting environment where they can explore faith and experience community. This study will serve as an entry point for those who are new to a relationship with Christ as well as those who have some church experience but who have been away for a while. Starting Point will:

- Create an ideal small group for those with questions about faith and those who want to learn more about the Bible and Christianity.
- Provide a ten-week opportunity to help participants find their places in the Grand story of the Bible.
- Be offered on a regular basis throughout the course of the ministry year.

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

We believe spiritual growth takes place best in the context of authentic community in a life group environment. At CenterPoint we must be willing to allow Christ to reshape our hearts and lives through open and honest relationships with Him and with others. This will include the following:

- Creation of a full time staff position to develop and oversee the spiritual growth process through life groups
- Providing a life group experience for people of all ages. A process called NEXT will be designed to "meet people where they are" to help everybody understand the next step they should take toward spiritual growth
- Developing an assessment tool to help people gauge their spiritual growth
- Achieving and maintaining an 80% participation of adults based upon the average Sunday morning worship service attendance by 2013

ENGAGING OUTREACH

As we grow in our knowledge and experience with Christ we will extend His love and acceptance to others. With the grace and truth of the Gospel, we will actively reach out to the surrounding community in a creative, bold and highly relational manner. Engaging Outreach is an environment designed to provide tangible opportunities that will include:

- Bridge events
- Reaching the NXT Generation through campus-based high school ministries
- Becoming a center of influence in political, educational, artistic and other areas of cultural importance
- Strengthening families through a variety of initiatives and ministries
- Pursuing a multi-site approach to ministry will move our current scope of ministry into communities within a 50-75 mile radius of our existing ministry on 20 North State Street and Clinton Street campuses

MISSIONAL LIVING

Living out the gospel through continuous acts of generosity and mercy will be a growth environment designed to unleash increasing levels of generosity and mercy locally, regionally and globally. This includes the following:

- A Compassion and Mercy Team will be created to oversee these expressions and to find the most efficient ways to assist those in need as well as those who currently serve the needy in a compatible manner
- A new CenterPoint Church Care Center will become the hub for a variety of services to the community
- Outreach to the city of Boston, MA, including the possibility of planting new churches within the greater Boston metro region
- Rethinking and expanding the way we do global missions

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love. (Ephesians 4:15-16, The Message)