

Vision of Star of Bethlehem

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Church Vision Statement

We are a GROWING Church for GIFTED
People who are GLOWING for God.

Church Vision: *A Growing Church*

Acts 2:42-47 (New International Version)

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Church Vision: *A Growing Church* (Acts 2:42-47)

We achieve this by being devoted disciples of Christ who:

- Faithfully attends worship & study sessions.
- Develops authentic relationships within the body.
- Strive to be unified under the banner of Christ and by embracing the Pastor's vision.
- Cheerfully gives back to God and meets the needs of others.
- Willingly praises & worships God.

Church Vision: *Gifted People*

1st Corinthians 12:1-7 (New International Version)

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Church Vision: *Gifted People* (1st Corinthians 12:1-7)

We achieve this by being informed disciples of Christ who:

- Actively seeks to discover of their Spiritual Gift(s).
- Respects those who have different gifts than ourselves.
- Utilizes our gift(s) in service unto God and God only.
- Works only in ministries that match our gifting.
- Celebrates the same God who gives diverse Gifts.

Church Vision: *Glowing Church*

Matthew 5:14-16 (New International Version)

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Church Vision: *Glowing Church* (Matthew 5:14-16)

We achieve this by being knowledgeable disciples of Christ who:

- Unapologetically shines the light of Christ.
- Strives to live a lifestyle that visibly represents Christ.
- Intentionally seeks people who live in dark places and spaces.
- Do good deeds in order to meet the needs of others.
- Never takes credit for our results, but instead gives all Glory to God.