

Lisbon Baptist Church

Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Mission Priorities

2010

In June 2010, Lisbon Baptist Church (LBC) undertook a strategic planning process to develop a mission statement, vision statement, and a set of mission priorities. With a growing church body and ministry, the congregation felt it was important that unity and direction of purpose be put in writing in order that all members could help guide the church towards its goals and objectives.

Mission Statement—a mission statement describes an organization’s fundamental purpose. It answers the question, “Why do we exist?” LBC’s mission statement is as follows:

We at Lisbon Baptist Church desire to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost, grow mature believers through discipleship, and serve others through missions in the community, state, nation, and world. By studying the inerrant Word of God and prayerfully seeking His will, we aim to become a lighthouse to people of all ages and walks of life, with the ultimate goal of worshipping and glorifying our Creator in all that we do.

Vision Statement—a vision statement is a picture of your organization’s future. When creating a vision statement, you are describing your hopes and dreams of the church. It reminds us of what we are trying to build. LBC’s vision statement is as follows:

Within the next five years, LBC plans to complete its Family Life Center and hire additional staff in order to support a prayerfully-led ministry that meets the needs of our congregation, community, and world by:

- **supporting local, national, and international missions through such means as an expanded bus ministry, a Missionary House, and supporting/commissioning missionaries to do God’s work.**
- **providing Christian educational opportunities to our area’s youth through the planning of a Christian school.**
- **providing area youth with a safe, Christian-centered facility and opportunities for physical and emotional growth**
- **providing emergency and crisis assistance in the form of a food pantry and support/recovery groups.**
- **providing Bible-based instruction through the creation of in-depth, ongoing Bible study groups.**
- **seeking to reach the unchurched to add to God’s kingdom.**

Mission Priorities

LBC supports a number of missions both directly and indirectly. In order to assist the Deacons and the various committees charged with carrying out the work of the church, the following mission activities were discussed and prioritized. In most cases responsibility was assigned to a committee or individual to see that attention was given to that mission area. Periodic reports to the congregation are to be given at business meetings during the coming 18 months to track progress.

The missions discussed by the congregation were grouped into seven (7) categories. These categories were:

- New Life Center and Programs / Activities – This includes the new property and first building that has been planned, site improvements, cemetery, and ball field.
- Youth Missions
- Crisis Missions
- Senior Outreach Ministries
- LBC Commissioned Ministries
- State / Other Missions
- Bus Ministry

Within these seven categories there were seven (7) activities that received a predominance of support for action during the coming months. (Note: This excludes the New Life Center project which has already been deemed a very high priority.) In order of support, these mission activities are:

1. Youth Missions (Chris) – Includes VBS and various forms of enrichment, missions, excursions, sports, and related activities.
2. Senior Outreach Ministries (Wendi) – Includes visits to shut-ins and residents of nursing home, sunshine lunches, other activities.
3. Crisis Ministries (Deacons) – Includes emergency and crisis assistance through the Benevolence and Alsup funds, food pantry, and support/recovery groups.
4. LBC Commissioned Ministries (?) – Includes support for individual/group missionary trips, prison ministry, hunter's breakfast (DG).
5. Programs for New Life Center (New Growth Team) – Specifically includes the development of plans for the first stages of a Christian school (18) and youth/senior programs (11).
6. Bus Ministry (Tracy) – Securing of licensed drivers and development of routes for youth and seniors.
7. Support for State and Home Missions (WMU) – Continued support of missions through the NC Baptist State Convention and others for such missions as Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and Children's Home.