

VISION 2018: NEXT STEPS

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EPHESIANS 3:20-21



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NEXT STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPACT PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR JESUS CHRIST IN 2018.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

“At the center of the true leader’s heart and mind you will find convictions that drive and determine everything else . . . If you think about it, just about every leader who is now remembered for making a positive difference in history was a leader with strong convictions about life, liberty, truth freedom, and human dignity. In the long run, this is the only leadership that matters.”¹
– Al Mohler

“Change bridges the gap between what is and what should be.” – Carey Nieuwhof

1. Our Purpose/Mission

Reaching Palm Beach County, South Florida, and the world for Jesus Christ.

2. Our Vision

Grace Fellowship is a multicultural church on mission to bring glory to God through seeing lives changed and families transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We live out this vision by seeking to be as clear as possible in our teaching and meeting people where they are.

3. Our Values/Core Beliefs

- a. We are driven by a passion for God’s glory.
- b. We are committed to prayer. We believe prayer precedes results. We are dependent upon God.
- c. We are committed to compelling apologetics for the mind: Equipping members with the knowledge to intellectually defend the truth of Christianity.
- d. We are committed to social ministry for the body: Hands on ministry to the circumstantially helpless: “the least of these” (Matthew 25:31-46).
- e. We are committed to missions: Bring the Gospel to Unreached People Groups: The sharp end of the stick!

Three crucial areas for next steps in 2018

- 1) Share (Evangelism - Gospel conversations): so that your friends become followers of Jesus and obey His **command** to be baptized by **immersion**.
 - Evangelism training: *Go and tell...*
 - Evangelistic opportunities/events: *Come and see.*

- 2) Learn: Apologetics (being prepared to give a defense of the Gospel) & Missional engagement (head and hands)
 - Q: What are the next steps God is calling you to take?
 - How is God calling you to invest through **serving**?
 - Who is God calling you to learn **with** in a small group?
 - Where is God calling you to go? Who is God calling you to send?

 - Mission trips
 - ▶ Haiti (March 5-9)
 - ▶ Spain (Sept. 30-Oct. 6)
 - ▶ Riohacha, La Guajira, Colombia (July 28-August 4)

- 3) Give: Financial stewardship
 - What is your next step of financially investing in Jesus' work?

Proverbs 11:24-25

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

¹ R. Albert Mohler, *The Conviction to Lead* (Bloomington, MN: Bethany House, 2012), 24, 25-26.