

Desert Christian Center

Foundation Class - Rebar 101 - Vision of DCC

Vision/Focus/Purpose of the church.

Where and when did it all begin.

1975 Apostle Dave and Pastor Vivian – The founders of Desert Christian Center and Rancho International Ministries.

God granted them (like Moses) a vision and heart for the city followed by a building permit. In 1988 Apostle Dave led the first church service and DCC was born.

1 Corinthians 4:15 for even if you had 10,000 others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the good news to you.

1 Corinthians 9:2 - “even if I am not an apostle to others, surely I am to you” **God is the Design Architect and Apostle Dave is the Builder**

- We see in Ephesians 2:20 the foundation of the church is established by Apostolic and Prophetic ministry...We are an Apostolic led church

Founding Scriptures that are a part of the building permit.

Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

Isaiah 43:18-19 “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness, *And* rivers in the desert.

- **We should always be asking the Lord to help us walk in these scriptures as a part of fulfilling the vision**

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“Vision” is what we “focus” on and embrace. Something we commit to and invest our lives in.

Habakkuk 2:2 then the Lord answered me and said, write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

- **The vision of this house should stir you to want to run with us.**

2 Corinthians 3:3 clearly, you are a letter **from Christ** showing the results of our ministry among you. This letter is written not with pen and ink but with the **Spirit of the living God**. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.

- After you hear and embrace the vision it should become a part of what is written on your heart.
 - You are not just called to a building or a pastor, you are called to a vision, its foundation, leadership, and its purpose.
 - Not just called to live in the house but to help build the house.
 - **Vision is more about calling and a family than it is about just choosing a place to go to church....so get planted.**

Be planted

- **Psalm 1:1-3** Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

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Fulfilling the vision is about embracing the Word, Worship, and Relationship.

The Word - pursuit of the logos “and” the rhema

- **John 1:1-5** in the beginning was the word..
- **Psalm 107:20** He sent His word and healed them..
- **Hebrews 4:12** The word becoming, living, active and powerful in the believer
- **2 Tim 3:16-17** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Worship – A life of honor, submission, humility, sacrifice to Jesus- it’s not lip service, “These people honor me with their lips but their heart is far from me”**But there is a heart that God is looking for!!**

- **Romans 12:1-2** And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. **This is truly the way to worship him.** ² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- **1 Thessalonians 2:4** For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. **Our purpose is to please God, not people.** He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

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Relationship - is not out of the soul (feelings). It is a decision and a commitment that we make - **like love, relationship requires honesty, vulnerability, and accountability**. It has to be in place before authority and real victory comes in your life.

1 John 1:1-4 We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. ²This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. ³**We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship (relationship) with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.** ⁴We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

- **John 17:3** and this is eternal life, that they may know you Father and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- Relationship is becoming true sons and daughters carrying the heart of the Father

Embrace the process – the continual dedication to being Spirit-filled, Spirit-formed, and Spirit-led;

- **Acts 2:1-4** And they were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit
- **Galatians 4:19** I am again in labor until Christ is **formed** in you
- **Psalms 143:10** **teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good spirit lead me on level ground.**
- **Galatians 3:3** What you begin in the Spirit you cannot finish in the flesh.
- **Romans 5:8** A commitment to walk in, demonstrate, and model Jesus, the fruit of the Spirit