

# WHY ARE WE THE WAY WE ARE?

Grand Opening Sunday

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**We are:**

1. **GOD**-centered.

*“One of the teachers of religious law...asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And **you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.**” (Mark 12:28–30, NLT)*

2. **GOSPEL**-driven.

*“For I am not ashamed of the **Gospel** of Christ, for **it is God’s power working unto salvation** to everyone who believes...” (Romans 1:16, AMP)*

3. **GRACE**-based.

*“**Christ’s love** has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from this **focused center**: One man died for everyone. **That puts everyone in the same boat.**” (2 Corinthians 5:14, The Message)*

4. **GROWTH**-focused.

*“This is the kind of life you’ve been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, **step-by-step.**” (1 Peter 2:21, The Message)*

## OUR 10x10 VISION

- 1) We will **OPERATE** this new auditorium beyond the Sunday worship experience as a **community resource** for gatherings of all kinds.

*“I will bless you and you will be a blessing to others.” (Genesis 12:2, CEV sel)*

- 2) We will **INITIATE** a **Latino** worship service designed to reach the unchurched Spanish-speaking people of our area.

*“I saw a large crowd [in heaven] with more people than could be counted. They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood before the throne and before the Lamb...” (Revelation 7:9, CEV)*

- 3) We will **INNOVATE** our **online platform** to reach over 10,000 people weekly.

*“My goal was to spread the Good News where the name of Christ was not known...”  
(Romans 15:20, GW)*

- 4) We will **ACTIVATE** our members to use their gifts and skills in order **serve** others both inside the church and out in our community.

*“Each of you should **use whatever gift you have received to serve others**, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10, NIV)*

- 5) We will **EDUCATE** the next generation of church leaders by **launching a seminary** that will grow their knowledge of the Bible and provide hands-on opportunities for ministry in the local church.

*“For **you must teach others** those things you and many others have heard me speak about. Teach these great truths to trustworthy [people] who will, in turn, **pass them on to others**.” (2 Timothy 2:2, The Living Bible)*

- 6) We will **RENOVATE** the adjacent **kids space** to become a world-class children's ministry center.

*“Jesus said, **“Let the little children come to me**, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”” (Matthew 19:14, NIV)*

- 7) We will **UPDATE** the **Oak Ridge Commons shopping center** to become a destination for families with athletic fields, walking trails, a coffee shop, food vendors, a park, and a chapel!

*“There you will be together with the LORD your God. **There you and your families will eat, and you will enjoy all the good things for which you have worked**, because the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:7, NCV)*

- 8) We will **FACILITATE** monthly community **give-back initiatives** that demonstrate **compassion** and **cooperation** with our community partners in our new **PEACE** corner in the lobby.

*“It’s criminal to ignore a neighbor in need, but **compassion for the poor**—what a blessing!”  
(Proverbs 14:21, The Message)*

- 9) We will **ALLEVIATE** the surging **mental health** crisis by expanding our care ministries that address anxiety, depression, addiction, and the myriad of disorders that are crippling hearts and homes.

*“[The Lord] renews our **hopes** and **heals** our bodies.” (Psalm 147:3, CEV)*

- 10) We will **CELEBRATE** 10,000 **lives changed** by the love of Jesus Christ!

*“Everybody comes alive in Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:22b, The Message)*

*“For I’m going to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you see it?” (Isaiah 43:19, The Living Bible)*

## **ACTION STEP**

**Attend our new Welcome Home series!**