

# Clarifying God's Vision for Our Future

## Part 2—Why We Do What We Do, State of the Church-2025

Matthew 16:18—<sup>18</sup>*I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it.* (TLB)

1 Corinthians 3:6-7—<sup>6</sup>*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.* <sup>7</sup>*So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.* (HCSB)

### 1. Our Purpose and Mission.

- We believe a great \_\_\_\_\_ to the great \_\_\_\_\_ and the great \_\_\_\_\_ will grow a great \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 22:37-40—<sup>37</sup>*Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.* <sup>38</sup>*This is the first and greatest commandment.* <sup>39</sup>*And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.* <sup>40</sup>*All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* (NIV)

Matthew 28:19-20—<sup>19</sup>*Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* (NIV)

- “It is the mission of Neuse Baptist Church to create disciples who love God supremely (worship) and love others sacrificially (ministry) by living out and sharing the Gospel (evangelism) as they identify with the body of Christ (fellowship) and are dedicated to the Word of God (discipleship).”

- “To \_\_\_\_\_ Him and make Him \_\_\_\_\_”

### 2. Our Strategy.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23—<sup>22</sup>*I have been all things to all sorts of people that by every possible means I might win some to God.* <sup>23</sup>*I do all this for the sake of the Good News.* (Phillips)

- We want to reach the ones that are called the “\_\_\_\_\_”
  - Strategy acrostic:
    - **N**—Non-Clergy ministers
      - Every member has a \_\_\_\_\_
    - **B**—Behavioral preaching
      - Focusing on \_\_\_\_\_
    - **C**—Climate of acceptance
      - We offer \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_
    - **K**—Keep the structure simple
      - Simple so you can \_\_\_\_\_
    - **I**—Identified target
      - Ones who \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord or who are \_\_\_\_\_
    - **N**—Neighborhood groups
      - Be a part of large group \_\_\_\_\_ and small group \_\_\_\_\_
    - **S**—Seeker sensitive services
      - \_\_\_\_\_ and doing things in a way our guests will \_\_\_\_\_
    - **T**—Growth Track training
      - Help you become all \_\_\_\_\_ wants you to be
    - **O**—Operate on purpose
    - **N**—Network of leaders
      - You lead by \_\_\_\_\_
      - If you want to lead, then purpose in your heart to \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. How Did We Do in 2025?

- Worship:                    **A   B   C   D   F**
- Fellowship:                **A   B   C   D   F**
- Discipleship:              **A   B   C   D   F**
- Ministry:                    **A   B   C   D   F**
- Evangelism (Mission): **A   B   C   D   F**
- Overall grade:              **A   B   C   D   F**

#### What's Next?

- If you want to be a part of Neuse's mission to know Him and make Him known, then join me by:
  - **ATTENDING** as often as I am able
  - **LOVING** the unchurched by inviting them to attend and putting their needs ahead of my own
  - **GROWING** in my spiritual journey by taking next steps
  - **CONNECTING** with other believers through Life Groups
  - **SERVING** in a ministry that matches my S.H.A.P.E.
  - And by **GIVING** financially to support the mission and vision of Neuse Baptist Church
- If you agree with these statements and you want to be a part of something bigger than yourself, then all you need to do is check the circle on the Connect Card: **I'm in**