

Sunday, January 1, 2023  
VISION 2023

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed  
is he who keeps the law.  
/// Proverbs 29:18

Vision is very important to people. It gives them something to focus on – a goal to work toward. If vision is absent, then everyone begins to create their own and unity begins to break down. It is important that a vision that unites people brings them together around godly direction. This week is Vision Week at Capstone. Today, we will share the vision and mission that unites us – sending us forward into a godly direction.

What is our vision? What *should* our vision be? The church is the body of Christ. Therefore, when people see the church it is follows that they should see what? Jesus! Who He is and what He does. Our vision at Capstone is:

### TO PRESENT JESUS

Jesus told His disciples that the only way to the Father was through a relationship with Him.

John 14:8 (NIV)

If eternal life is knowing God, then show us the Father so we can come to Him.

John 17:3 (NIV)

Jesus responded to Philip:

John 14:9 (NIV)

Knowing Jesus' words created the vision for Capstone Church – to present Jesus to a lost world.

**This vision determines our actions, attitudes, and motives.**

To accurately present Jesus means that He must be the Head of our church. Anything less than lordship doesn't accurately reflect who He really is:

Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body. He is also the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So, He is first in everything. /// Colossians 1:18 (NLT)

This is the guiding message you will hear from this church. The vision God gives us creates a mission. If God is speaking today, then His people are obeying. If our vision is to present Jesus, then we must be equipped to do so. Our goal is to see each member saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Without these steps, how can we accurately present Him? The mission of Capstone is directed through 4 primary biblical goals or directions:

### 1. Worship – Cultivate His Presence

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. /// Psalm 16:11

In His presence is the revelation of His life. We need His presence to reveal that He is alive.

### 2. Outreach – Circulate His Story

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. /// Acts 2:42

Jesus said to "go". We are a "going" people – taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

### 3. Relationships – Cherish His Family

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." /// Galatians 5:14

Without love, our relationship with God becomes nothing more than religion. Love is the defining characteristic of Christ's body.

#### 4. Discipleship – Create His Champions

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you. /// Matthew 28:19-20

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. /// Romans 8:37

It is our calling to become like Him. It is our destiny to overcome the world. One more thing: You cannot present Jesus unless you love Him more than anything else. This is our heartbeat:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. /// Matthew 22:37

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