HELPING OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS

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Here at CBC our core values are <u>Loving</u> God, <u>Loving</u> Others, and <u>Reaching</u> Out.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Acts 1:8-9

God has called CBC with this mission:

- 1. Reach out to our <u>local community</u> with the good news of the gospel.
- 2. Reach out to the <u>younger generations</u>.

We refer to this mission as the <u>2020Vision</u>.

We want to be like Jesus, who viewed the spiritually lost with <u>compassion</u>, not judgment. (Matthew 9:36-38)

How has CBC been carrying out the 2020Vision?

- 1. Hosting Luthercare for Kids.
- 2. Renovating the TNT Youth Center into a Community Care Center.
- 3. Reorganizing the staff at CBC to be able to hire a Pastor of Outreach.
- 4. Hosting a Marietta Block Party.
- 5. Relaunching the Clothing Bank.

What is our plan to reach the younger generations?

- 1. Children's ministry.
- 2. TNT—Junior High ministry.
- 3. Student Body—Senior High ministry.
- 4. Anchored—Young adult ministry.

How are we hoping to carry out the 2020Vision in 2020? We are trusting God to pave the way for:

- 1. CBC to have a ministry to the women at Gatehouse.
- 2. Four community interns this summer.
- 3. July 4 outreach here at CBC.

The primary way we will carry out the 2020Vision is for each of us to come alongside others and help them follow Jesus.

Every follower of Jesus is Christ's ambassador in their <u>home</u>, <u>community</u>, and <u>work place</u>. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Coming alongside of others and helping them follow Jesus:

- 1. Begins with prayer.
- 2. Involves genuine relationships and <u>friendships</u>.
- 3. Involves spiritual conversations.
 - Ask questions about spiritual backgrounds and beliefs.
 - Seek to understand before being understood.
- 4. Involves helping others understand the <u>gospel</u>.
 - Through the Bible.
 - Through literature.
 - Through online resources and videos. (openthebible.org)
- 5. Involves <u>inviting</u> them to CBC.
- 6. Most importantly, be <u>available</u>.