

Vision Sunday
Fall 2019
November 24, 2019
Romans 12:9-18

The purpose of a vision Sunday is to take a look at where we've been and to take a look at the things God is calling us to in the future. A vision is how things can look in the future and it's good for a group of people like us to get together and talk hear about where we're heading.

I think it's vitally important, before we look forward, to see how we got here. And especially this week we should be thankful for the things God has done in our past...our long ago past as well as our recent past. This church has a legacy that reaches back to its start in 1924. As a church plant in a community that was just beginning to grow, the church was started with the intention of reaching people for Jesus as a part of the community. And I want to thank God for those who endured hardships, who sacrificed, who gave, taught, volunteered, and who relentlessly committed themselves to the communities where CrossPoint is now active. We are here today because of those who came before us. Many of them are gone. Most of those who started this church are now routing us on from heaven. It's my hope that we make them proud and that we make God smile.

I want to say thank you to those who have given so much to make this church what it is today. Thank you to the teachers, to the singers, to the band members, to the accountants and the counting team, to all of the hospitality team members who welcome us each week, to the Kids Quest and Kids Quest Jr volunteers, to the youth leaders, the office volunteers, the people who stuff envelopes, decorate the altar, refill the chair pockets, make coffee, serve food, sort clothing, and who play drums. Can we take a moment to thank those who do so much around here at the campuses of CrossPoint Church.

In 2006 we were a church of one campus and one language. Today, we are a church of two campuses, seven services, and three languages. We've been a part of starting new things and I want to publicly say thank you to the CrossPoint members who are a part of The Rock Church in Harrisburg that grew out of our Midtown campus. I am thankful and excited about the over 100 Napoli and Butanes people who are worshipping at our Rutherford campus on Sunday afternoons and the over 100 Middle Eastern people who worship each Saturday evening at the Colonial Park campus. I am thankful for the Justice House of Prayer gatherings that are happening each Sunday evening at our Rutherford campus and the people there who are praying for the success of CrossPoint Church.

In a week of thanksgiving I want to say thank you to all of you who continue to call CrossPoint your church family and who support, volunteer, give and commit to the life and people of CrossPoint. Thank you!!!

In Romans 13 **we are called to** not pretend but to **really love each other** and to love others with enthusiasm. We are called to not be lazy but, to keep doing the work of the Lord and to be ready to help, and to practice hospitality. We are called by God in Romans 13 reach out to others and live out loud in each of our communities so that we continue to make it hard to go to hell from Harrisburg. **People** all around us **are looking for** something deeper, **a lasting connection to something spiritual** that has impact and meaning. Jesus has called the people of CrossPoint Church to offer that family feel to the people around us.

Here's what that looks like...[Cody family video](#)

So, what will we as CrossPoint Church do in 2020 that will help us reach our three year vision of becoming *A family first church that supports, loves and equips families and communities to Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ*. There are several things we need to do in 2020 that will take the energy and efforts of those who have a burden for particular people who need Jesus. Here are some of the things that we believe God has called us to that we need to accomplish in 2020:

- Young adult focus
- Kids Quest and Kids Quest Jr. at 11:00
- Launch the Adopt-A-Grand project
- Start a story telling hour at our Rutherford campus
- Begin a new congregational care system that will look after those who are a part of the CrossPoint family
- Develop or refine the systems that assure the success of our care ministries such as: hospital visitation, prayer ministries, eucharistic ministry,
- We're also going to work on our communication portals so that we are easier to reach and easier to connect with
- Partner with organizations that already exist in our communities so that we can advance the message of Jesus

North Side Elementary School video

- We're going to continue to work with the congregations who are meeting at our Rutherford campus to see how we can do ministry to the greater Rutherford community

We've been called to be a part of these communities in such a way that **if the church disappeared tomorrow – we would be missed** by the community around us because of the impact we have in people lives.

Serve Day video

In 2020 we will ask our missions, outreach and evangelism team to lead the way in reaching out to our community by teaching all of us how to tell our stories and by leading the launch [Pic of Invite Your One logo] of the **Invite Your One** program that will provide invitational opportunities all year long. They will also identify one local and one national mission effort that will offer an adult mission trip each year for the next five years.

But, we're not going to stop there...

We believe we can advance our children and student ministry by 50% of what it is right now.

We can start a young adult ministry that draws a generation to Jesus through real life engagement and vibrant worship.

We can begin new small groups that help teach the truths of the Bible as well as create connections and possibilities.

Lastly, there are some of you who sat through the Nehemiah series and you were blessed to have God show you the burden He placed on your heart and how he wants you to be a part of the solution. We want to be the kind of church that asks...how can we help. If you have a burden that was stirred into a passion that is ready for action...talk with us and let us know how we can help.