**Minister to Youth and Community Missions**

**About the Minister to Youth and Community Missions**

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**Vision Statement**

It is our mission to share the gospel, build intentional and meaningful relationships, make disciples of God’s people, and guide others to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Objective**

Our objective is to teach truth and do intentional ministry. We must create disciples and teach them to make disciples.

* **Teach Truth**
  + What is Truth?
    - Truth is an objective fact; is real; authentic
    - Truth with a ‘T’ is the truth above all truths. We, as Christians, believe Truth is the gospel of Jesus Christ.
  + How would we accomplish this?
    - Building relationships. No one cares what you know until they know that you care.
    - Experience. We will be hands on as we become the hand and feet of the church.
    - Looking carefully about the history, purpose, audience, and original meanings behind the books of the Bible. Only then should we dive into what/how we can apply its meaning for us today.
    - 2 Tim 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” We will use the Bible as a tool for teaching and training one another. I would like to equip both the youth and their parents with enough tools for their spiritual tool belt that they may be ready to answer the call whenever God speaks.
    - Encourage parents to continue teaching and doings. The youth need strong examples to what is important, but they need stronger examples as to why it is important. This cannot be done with a few hours of “church time” a week.
* **Intentional Ministry** 
  + What does this mean?
    - Everything should mean something. If we cut someone’s grass it should teach us craftsmanship, helps, and service. If we host a hot fudge sundae party it should teach us community and hospitality.
    - We should not do something for the sake of doing something**.**
  + How do we accomplish this?
    - Identify the needs of our youth and community.
    - Create a ministry based of these needs.
    - Create a ministry environment.
    - Being mindful of what is taught and the examples we set.
    - Providing the youth with opportunities.
    - Creating leaders.
    - Being present.
* **Make Disciples**
  + What is a disciple?
    - A lifelong learner who is following and has a growing relationship with Jesus
    - Francis Chan – Making disciples is far more than a program. It is the mission of our lives. It defines is. A disciple is a disciple maker.
  + How do we accomplish this?
    - By teaching truth and building intentional relationships.
    - Walking side by side with these youth and teaching them to walk with God as we do so ourselves.