

# **A Biblical (A2) Vision**

**A biblical (A2) vision includes becoming a local church that is modeled after the Early Church described the Book of Acts especially Acts chapter 2.**

The qualities of such a church include the following:

## **1. A Pure Church**

We desire to build a local church that holds personal character over ability, holiness over charisma and spiritual strength over natural strength (Lev. 19:1-2; I Pet. 2:9).

## **2. A Servant Church**

We desire to build a local church that fully embraces the teaching of Jesus requiring all of His followers, especially leaders, to posture themselves as servants and to lay their lives down for others so that the people of God can become successful in reaching their God-ordained destiny (Mt. 10:44-45; Mark 9:35).

## **3. A Word-Based Church**

We desire to build a local church that accurately interprets the word of God, preaches and teaches the word of God without compromise and seeks at all times to align itself with the pattern of living reflected in the word of God (I Th. 1:8; II Tim. 3:16-17).

## **4. An Evangelistic Church**

We desire to build a local church that takes the commission of Christ seriously in preaching the gospel and reaching out to those who have not entered into the Kingdom of God through the new birth experience (Mt. 28:18-20).

## **5. An Authentic Community Church**

We desire to build a local church that is composed of people who have entered into a place of authentic community, deep fellowship and caring relationships that translates into a caring and compassionate body of believers (Acts 2:44-47).

## **6. A Family Church**

We desire to build a local church that recognizes and celebrates the sanctity of marriage, the value and importance of children and the indispensable contribution that the natural family has to the fulfillment of God's purpose in the church and in society.

## **7. A Multi-Ethnic Church**

We desire to build a local church that has no "walls" separating people culturally, racially, economically, educationally or generationally believing that our expression of the Body of Christ on earth should reflect God's heart for every nation, kindred, tribe and tongue (Rev. 5:9; 14:6).

## **8. A Worshipping Church**

We desire to build a local church that understands its priestly ministry to God in offering to Him the spiritual sacrifices of praise and worship according to the biblical prescription for worship reflected in Psalms (John 4:23-24; Heb. 13:15).

#### **9. A Praying Church**

We desire to build a local church that demonstrates its utter dependence on God, its passion to hear His voice and its recognition that God is the head of the local church by emphasizing an individual and corporate life that is saturated by prayer (Mt. 21:13; Acts 2:42).

#### **10. A Prophetic Church**

We desire to build a church that operates in the gifts of the Spirit as described in the New Testament with a strong desire to see prophetic ministry bringing edification, exhortation and comfort to the people of God (Acts 2:17-18; I Cor. 14:1).

#### **11. A Team Ministry Church**

We desire to build be a local church that practices team leadership ministry as reflected in the Godhead, the natural family and the local church consisting of a plurality of elders with a chief elder or senior pastor (Eph. 4:11; Acts 14:23; Heb. 13:17).

#### **12. A Generous Church**

We desire to build a local church that has the generous spirit of Jesus who said that “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:25) and “Freely you have received, freely give” (Mt. 10:8; Pro. 11:25; Acts 20:35).

#### **13. A Church of Excellence**

We desire to build a local church that reflects God’s nature to the world which includes the qualities of industry, efficiency, goodness and excellence in every area of expression taking our responsibility seriously to be the leaders and shapers of society (Ps. 16:3; Is. 12:5).

#### **14. A Church of Financial Integrity**

We desire to build a local church that is a wise and faithful steward over all of the resource provided from the Lord knowing that we will one day give an account of our stewardship to the Head of the Church—Jesus Christ (I Th. 2:5).

#### **15. A Powerful Church**

We desire to build a local church that is truly baptized with the Holy Spirit and power, that walks in the power of the Kingdom of God and that experiences the miraculous display of God’s awesome ability in our midst (Mark 16:15-18; Acts 4:32-33).

#### **16. A Global Church**

We desire to build a local church that is not only concerned about reaching its city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but is also interested in reaching the nation, the continent and the world (Acts 1:8).