

# Why is vision important?

## Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

<sup>18</sup> Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

## (ESV)

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.



We are created to create. Healthy creation produces life. It begins with a God-inspired idea or vision. At some point the idea/vision requires action. Let's reflect on the journey up to this point and where we feel God is taking us.



# Tree Painting

*Current vision released in 2018.*

Leaves represent “Explosion of Impact”

- ❖ Will only be produced if roots are healthy and it flows through the trunk.

Trunk represents Community.

- ❖ It is where the strength is.

Root System represents Spiritual Health.

- ❖ We will only be as healthy as what we are rooted in.

# Why?

## Vision, Mission, Values

### Why?

- “Worthy is the Lamb to receive the reward of His suffering” – Moravian expression

### Our Vision (what we are establishing)

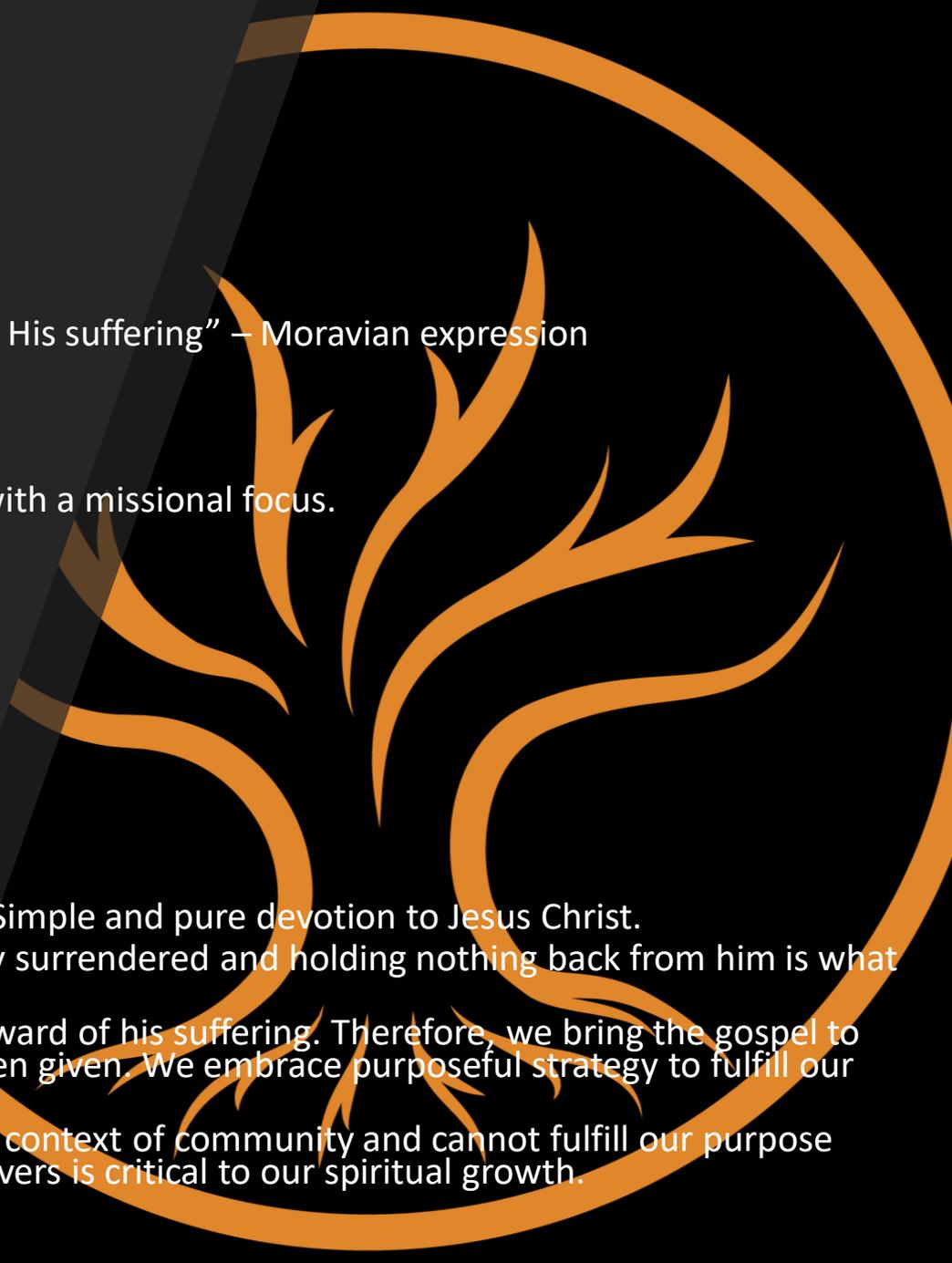
- Establish a presence-centered community with a missional focus.

### Our Mission (how we accomplish the vision)

- Encounter God
- Make Disciples
- Change The World

### Our Values (guide our decision making)

- Simple: Knowing and being known by God. Simple and pure devotion to Jesus Christ.
- Authentic: Really following Jesus. Living fully surrendered and holding nothing back from him is what defines an authentic disciple.
- Intentional: We intend to bring Jesus the reward of his suffering. Therefore, we bring the gospel to bear on every sphere of influence we’ve been given. We embrace purposeful strategy to fulfill our mission.
- Community: We are meant to live life in the context of community and cannot fulfill our purpose apart from that. Fellowship with other believers is critical to our spiritual growth.



# Rhythm of Church Life

OUR GOAL IS TO EMPOWER THE CHURCH TO BE THE CHURCH. WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ESTABLISHING A “RHYTHM” OF ENCOUNTERING GOD THAT SUSTAINS THE FIRE IN OUR HEARTS. ACTS 2:42 IS THE PATTERN WE WANT TO FOLLOW IN OUR CHURCH LIFE. THEREFORE, WE HAVE THREE PRIMARY OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO BE EXPERIENCED COLLECTIVELY.

*Likely how people connect*

- *Personal invitations or relationships*
- *Online presence*
- *Ministry Night*
- *Community Groups*
- *Prayer Room*

### Ministry Nights

Our primary goal is to host the presence of God and allow Him to touch our hearts and transform our lives!

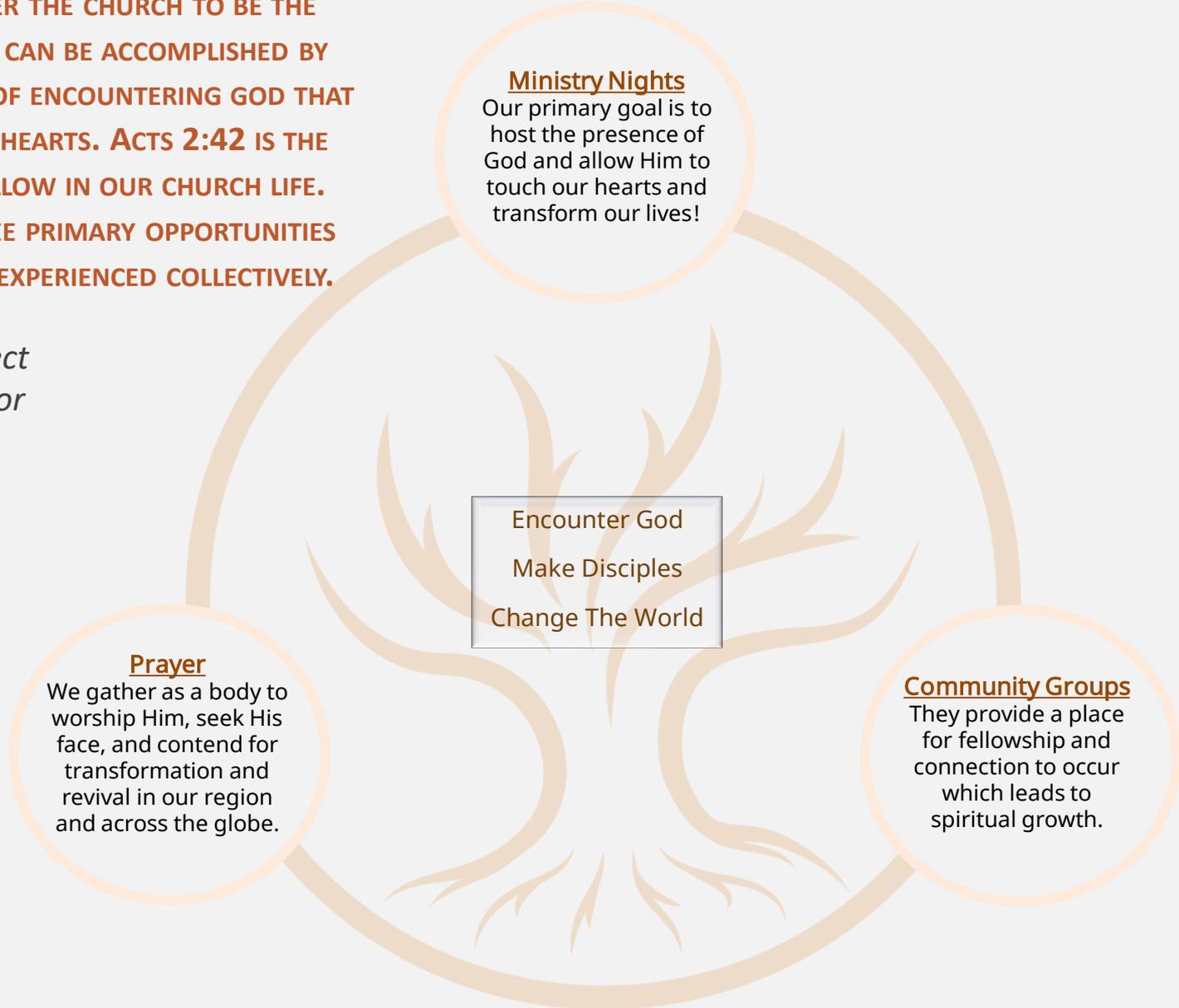
### Prayer

We gather as a body to worship Him, seek His face, and contend for transformation and revival in our region and across the globe.

### Community Groups

They provide a place for fellowship and connection to occur which leads to spiritual growth.

Encounter God  
Make Disciples  
Change The World





# Discipleship

How people can learn more about our church.

- Discover Class

## Growth opportunities

- *Baptism Message and Service*
- *Communion*
- *Discipleship Classes (name?)*
- *Mentoring*
- Transformation Prayer Ministry (TPM)
- Conquer Series



## Care Team

A team of people that are intentional about caring for people and journeying with them through challenging seasons.

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- ❖ Cards
- ❖ Calls, texts, encouragement etc.
- ❖ Visits
- ❖ Meals
- ❖ Flowers

*By the way.....it may come very naturally for you but not everyone can do this well 😊*  
**IT IS A GIFT!**



# Leadership Opportunities

**Invest time and talent.**

- Ministry Nights Team Leader or Member
- Worship Leader or Member
- Group Leader
- Prayer Leader
- Prayer Worship Leader
  
- Serve people in your day to day life!
- *Mentoring*

# Leadership Development

## Input and Growth

- Team Leader Meeting
- Group Leader Gathering
- VX1 (1<sup>st</sup> Session of personal development)
- VX2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Session of personal development)
- *Internship (2021?)*

## Retreats and Events

- Leadership Retreat
- Group Leaders Retreat
- Appreciation Banquet





# Missions

## Organizations

**(we are connecting with and/or investing resources into their mission)**

- *Love & Care (children's home, Uganda)*
- *Vision Beyond Borders (bible smuggling)*
- *YWAM Lancaster (training center)*
- *Gateway House of Prayer*

## Long-term missionaries

**(Branch Community is their home church)**

- *Jason & Amanda Stoltzfus (Haiti)*
- *Brandon & Jennika Stoltzfus (Uganda)*
- *Sam Petersheim (Kona)*
- *Matt Stoltzfus (Camp Andrews)*

*We are also hosting a bi-monthly gathering to connect with a few local pastors and ministry leaders.*

# Missionary Support Teams (MSTs)

The heart is to empower and support them to fulfill their mission while staying connected to the church.

## **Pastoral Care**

Occasional spiritual health check by phone or video chat, annual onsite visit.

## **Care Contact**

Regular communication and relational connection.

## **Prayer Contact**

Receive prayer requests and communicate to the prayer team.

## **Prayer Team**

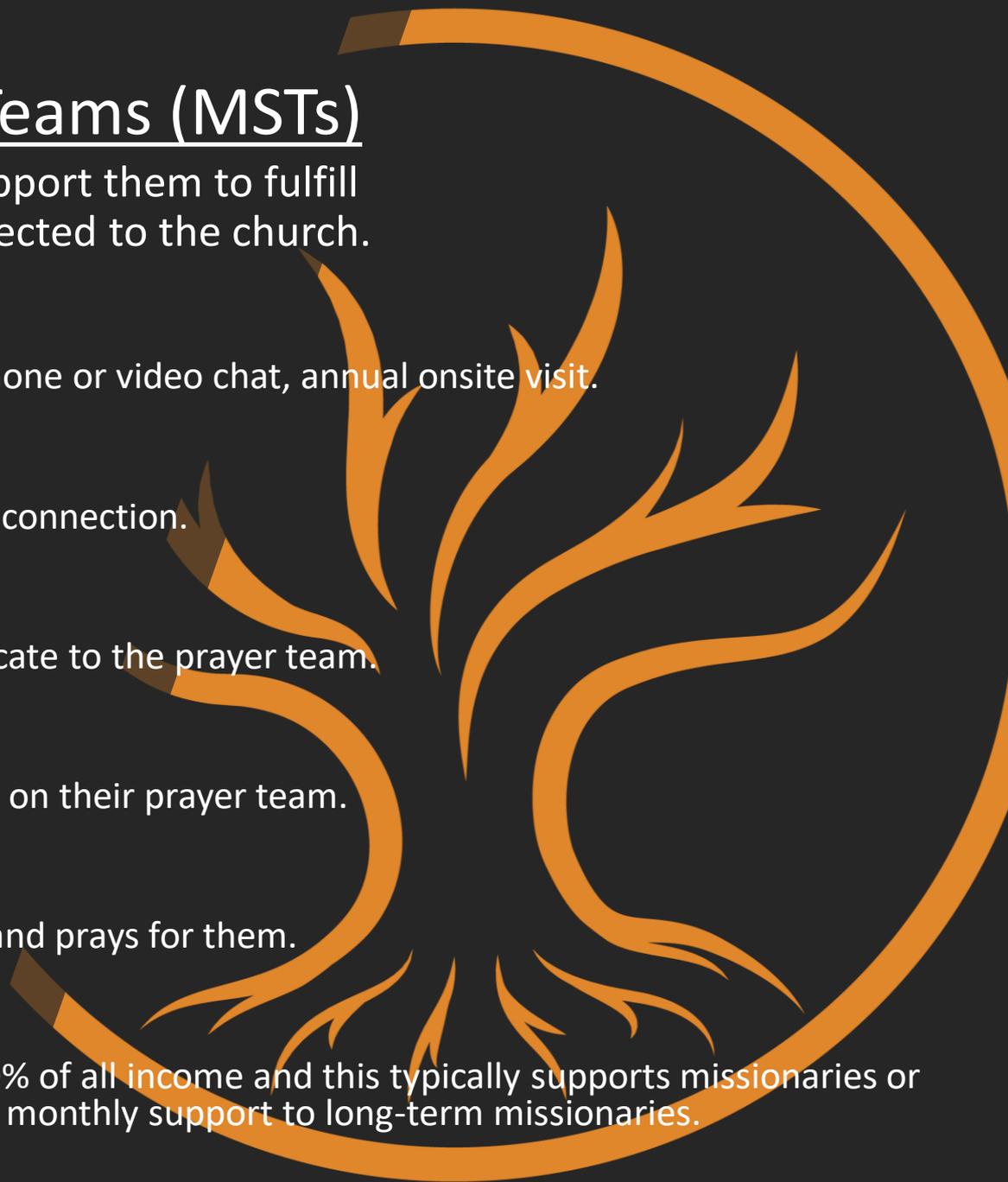
A group of people that signed up to be on their prayer team.

## **Community Group**

A specific group that stays connected and prays for them.

## **Financial Assistance**

As approved by the Board. We tithe 10% of all income and this typically supports missionaries or other ministries. The goal is to provide monthly support to long-term missionaries.



# Mission Trips

*\*Potential* Short-term Trips  
(as soon as borders reopen)

- Haiti (Jason & Amanda)
- Uganda (Love & Care)
- Cuba (remote villages)
- Iraq (refugee camps)
- Lebanon (evangelism)
- Turkey





# Opportunities to grow.

*How can I be intentional about spiritual growth?*

- Baptism (August)
- Communion (August – September)
- Discover Class (fall 2020)
- Discipleship Classes (fall 2020)
- Transformation Prayer Ministry (early 2021)
- Conquer Series (early 2021?)
- VX1 (late 2020 or early 2021?)
- VX2 (early or mid 2021?)
- Internship (2021?)
- Missions Trips (as soon as borders reopen)
  
- Serve in people in your day to day life!

## ***Resources***

We have connections with counseling and sexual abuse survivor resources and will be happy to discuss options and connect you if you wish.



## How can I invest time, talent and treasure?

*If interested connect with the person listed in parenthesis.....*

- Ministry Night Team Leader or Member (Steven)
  - Worship Leader or Member (Scott)
  - Community Group Leader (Dave)
  - Prayer Leader (Arlin)
  - Prayer Worship Leader (Arlin)
  - Care Team (Steven)
  - Mentoring (Steven or Dave)
  - Missionary Support Team (Dave)
  - Financial (ask the Lord what your part is 😊)
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- Invest in people in your day to day life!

# More Vision?

We have a lot of vision beyond what we are currently investing in. However, while we are seeing some early release there is still a lot that needs to be determined. Therefore, if you want to know more feel free to connect with Dave but remember there are still a lot of open questions and we are discovering together. We are not questioning the Lords plan....it is more discerning His timing and seeing it released.

*Some language you may begin hearing...*

- ❖ **Local Church (Branch Community)**
- ❖ **Regional Hub (Café, Community Center)**
- ❖ **Global Network (Missions, Church Planting, Ministry Empowerment etc.)**

