

ASSOCIATED GOSPEL CHURCHES

Purpose, Vision & Values Statement – June 2006

OUR PURPOSE:

We exist to glorify God by partnering together in obedience to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Matthew 22:37-40; 28:19,20

OUR VISION:

Our vision is to be a movement of healthy, reproducing churches.

Matthew 16:18

Acts 2

I Thessalonians 1:3

OUR VALUES:

1. Biblical Authority:

We value submission to God and His will as revealed in the Word of God, the Bible.

Romans 12:1,2

II Timothy 1:14; 3:14-17; 4:2.

2. Dynamic Spirituality:

We value a passion for God as expressed through faith, love, hope, worship, and obedience to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:37-40

John 17:20-26

Acts 2:42-47

Romans 12:1,2

I Corinthians 13

I Thessalonians 1:3

3. Loving Relationships:

We value the expression of love, grace and respect for all people and seek to embrace the unity we have been given in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-6

Titus 2:11,12

Galatians 6:10

I John 3:11-20

4. Effective Disciplemaking:

We value making disciples who are fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:19, 20

Ephesians 4:11-16

II Timothy 2:2

5. Intentional Reproduction:

We value an intentional commitment to birth new ministries, cell groups, congregations and churches.

Acts 13:2, 3; 16:1-15; 17,18,19

6. Strategic Partnerships:

We value the interdependent relationship within the AGC family of churches, while recognizing the uniqueness of each church. We will encourage networking with other evangelical churches and agencies.

Acts 15:1-35

7. Cultural Transformation:

We value understanding, engaging and influencing our culture with a Christian world view.

Matthew 5:13-16

I Corinthians 9:19-23

8. Leadership Development:

We value the process of working together with the local church in leadership development; identifying, developing, approving and caring for both pastoral and lay leaders.

II Timothy 3:1-7

Hebrews 13:7,17