



2020 VISION



Our mission

Transform Lives Through Jesus Christ.

New Life Friends,

Ever since a young age, I have put on other people's glasses to see what they see when they look through the lenses. Both my parents wear glasses so I had many opportunities. Back then, I could see fine and looking through their lenses was strange. However, now that I am older and need correction myself, I know just how important it is to have 20/20 vision.

One of the greatest blessings of being a pastor is the opportunity to be able to work together with leaders of the church to collectively see God's vision for the church. Vision teams were formed and helped plant this church in 1997 and were a regular part of guiding it through the early years. Recently, we've had vision teams in 2009, 2012 and 2016.

As we have prayed, dreamed, and imagined together in ministry teams, with The Unstuck Group, and one on one, the vision has become increasingly clear. At certain points in the journey there seems to be a greater sense of urgency to see clearly.

This particular season is mission critical for New Life.

We cannot continue to do what we have been doing and expect different results. We can, however, build upon the strong foundation that has been laid over the almost 20 years New Life has existed and become significantly more effective for God.

As you read this action plan, attend worship and participate in some of our gatherings, I pray you will be as inspired as I have been by God's 20/20 Vision for New Life which will faithfully carry us to the year 2020.

Imagine everyone standing collectively behind a giant pair of glasses and seeing the same incredible view at the same time. The only way for God's vision for New Life to become reality is for us all to see it and walk towards it together.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19)."

May it spring up in you and me!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Mike



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**Unique
opportunity**

From its inception, New Life was intended to be at
the center of the community.

It was planted **to reach** those far from God and **engage them** in ways other churches would not or could not do, but especially by putting **faith into practice** through mission and ministry.

God has a good thing going here at New Life.

We just need to leverage it & let more people know about it.

We...

have warm hospitality & generous hearts.

are active about our faith and our worship is uplifting & relevant.

are willing to try new things so we don't become stagnant & stale.

are down to earth & meet people wherever they are on the journey.

try to do a few things well rather than many things mediocre.

are team oriented & don't get sidetracked by church politics.

believe the Bible.

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**Pressing
needs**

The community needs to be in the heart of the church.

Thousands of people less than a mile from us are caught in the whirlwind of pursuing life at blurring speed that doesn't lead to abundant life. Bigger houses, better cars, brighter careers and broader vacations don't seem to fill the void, but leave people empty, financially strapped and looking for something more. We have great hospitality when people come to New Life, but we haven't intentionally carried new life to our neighbors.

The church needs to be in the heart of the community.

Yet, our presence and influence isn't being felt. More than 350 new families have moved to the immediate area over the past 10 years and we've only reached a handful of families. We have more people from our immediate neighborhoods coming to our preschool, Cub Scouts and MOPS than coming to our church. When we share we are from New Life, people don't know where we are located or they reference the church that is further out Hull Street and closer to the city.



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Growing
vision

What if...

the community started to become more in the **heart of the church**
and the church started to become more in the
heart of the community?

we started to take new life into the community
and when the community came into New Life they
experienced multiple expressions of new life?

we had less tied up in mortgage and more was freed up **for ministry?**

**Putting the community in the heart of the church
so the church can be in the heart of the community.**

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Plan of action

Ministry Initiatives • \$50K

- Marketing and Connection Strategies
- Lobby and Worship Space Enhancements

Strategic Staffing • \$240K

- Full Time Worship Leader
- Full Time Connections Director
- Part Time Family Ministries Director
- Part Time Digital Marketing Director
- Technology Contractor

Debt Elimination • \$210K

- Reduces Current Debt by 1/3
- Completes Note on First Building

Call to action

Pray about your role in
God's 2020 Vision for New Life
- this will take faith!

Be the church that transforms lives
- **connect** someone
to Christ & His church.

Consider what you can **give** sacrificially
over & above your regular giving
towards God's 2020 Vision for New Life.

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imagine...

- everyone in our community knowing who New Life is & where New Life is located.
- a vibrant invite culture & connecting events that lead to monthly baptisms and regular stories of transformation.
- a third service & streaming capabilities so we can accommodate twice as many people and connect them when they are not in the building at a service.
- a multilayered Discipleship Path that helps people at all stages of the journey take their next step.
- a Connections Process focused on retention & growth that effectively connects people to life fulfilling ministry and truly makes a difference in the world.
- a Generosity Strategy that encourages tithing, reduces our current debt by 1/3 and pays off the first building, thus freeing up more funds for ministry.
- strategic staffing positions that are not ruled by opportunity management but are singularly-focused and able to raise up and release hundreds of servant leaders that coordinate numerous transformative ministry opportunities.
- a vital Family Ministry that builds strength in marriage, unity in parenting & a love of Jesus in kids.
- an enhanced lobby & worship space that helps people experience radical hospitality and a consistently creative encounter with God.



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Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10



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