



**Our congregational growth
goals and strategies
for 2012:**



**Why our church must never stop
growing:**

1. Because God loves people.

The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.—2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

2. Because God commands us to reach out.

"Go out...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full."—Luke 14:23 (LB)

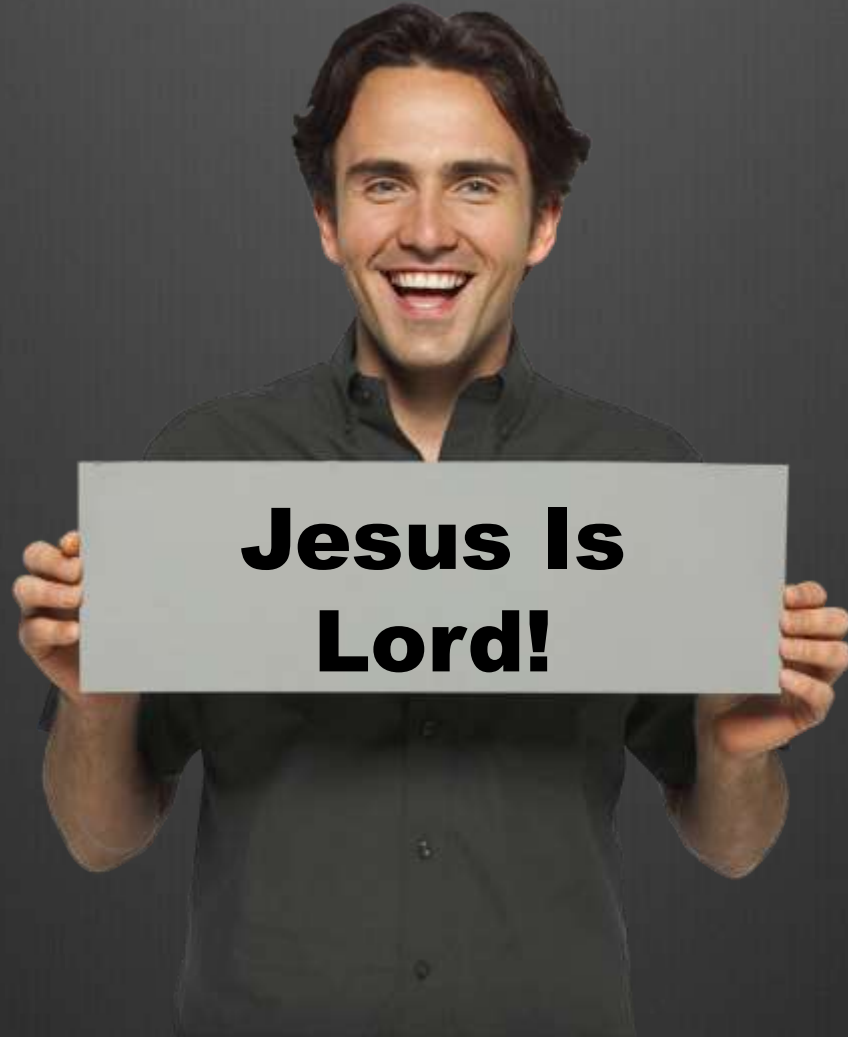
3. Because growth is God's will.

Under Christ's control, the whole body is nourished...and it grows as God wants it to grow.—Colossians 2:19 (GNT)

Some unbiblical excuses for not growing:

- “God isn’t interested in numbers.”
- “We want quality not quantity.”
- “Large churches are impersonal.”

1) Professions Of Faith



**Jesus Is
Lord!**

Goal:

- 14, not counting confirmands (1 per every 25 people in attendance in 2011)

Strategies:

- Offer three new member classes with assigned “climbing partners” for those attending
- Hold a “Discovering My Mission Class” to equip members in relational evangelism
- Continue to emphasize the supreme importance of salvation through grace by faith in Jesus Christ

2) Worship Attendance



Goal:

- 400 (about 50 more than the 2011 average)

Strategies:

- Add to the staff team a Director of Music Ministries to develop the overall music ministries of the church
- Continue to offer three Sunday morning worship opportunities
- Maintain the three-part worship style of celebration, inspiration, and preparation
- Cultivate the priority of consistent participation in worship

3) Mission Outside The Congregation



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Goal:

- An increasing percentage of people involved in intentional ministry outside and inside the church

Strategies:

- Continue monthly missions foci
- Offer both in-state and out of country (Jamaica) mission trips for youth
- Take an adult mission trip to Haiti
- Provide two “Discovering My Ministry Classes”
- Promote the value of having a servant-heart

4) Small Groups



Goal:

- 2 new adult Sunday School classes
- 5 more “Free Market” small groups

Strategies:

- Expand the number of ground floor rooms available for adult Sunday School
- Begin a multi-age, perhaps multi-generational Sunday School class at 11:00
- Hold three small group leader training sessions
- Encourage those who have been trained to offer groups
- Emphasize the importance of continual spiritual growth

5) Giving/Stewardship



Goal:

- 10% increase in giving overall and an increased number of those tithing or going beyond

Strategies:

- Offer Financial Peace University
- Have a visual review of the ministries that general fund giving made possible in 2011
- Begin to emphasize the building fund to pay for the adjacent property and to prepare for future expansion
- Continue to teach principles of proportional giving

Overall Strategies:



- Seek God's direction and power through prayer

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.—Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

- Honor the authority of God's word through study

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.—2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

- Renew our focus on Jesus Christ through fasting

*“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart, with
fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning...”—Joel 2:12 (ESV)*

