

Agenda for June 2nd conversation

Oakland Baptist Church
Third Congregational Meeting
June 2, 2021 at 6:30pm

6:30	Welcome	Jeff
6:35	Scripture & Prayer for Trust, Holy Indifference, and Wisdom	_____
6:40	Where We Are in the Vision Process	Jayne
6:45	Presentation of Second Meeting & Community Forum Learnings	_____
6:55	Introduce God-Sized Dreaming Exercise	Jayne
7:00	Two Rounds of Individual God-sized Dreaming	Facilitators
7:20	Return to Large Group – Instructions for Group Exercise	Jayne
7:25	Fleshing out a God-Sized Dream as a Table Group	Facilitators
7:55	Closing Remarks	Jeff



Purpose of today's conversation:

To look at our **Future** and envision/dream about what we might prioritize in the future



CHRIST CHURCH STRENGTHS

Community

Family/Legacy

Service/Outreach

Diversity

Worship/Spirituality

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Community

We look outward to the larger community around us and search for ways to address the divisions and needs in the wider world.

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Family/Legacy

Members believe that showing our values in action are an important part of our legacy to the community and our families.

CHRIST CHURCH STRENGTHS

Service/Outreach

Members take pride in Christ Church's legacy of service and are continually looking for ways to build on that legacy.

CHRIST CHURCH STRENGTHS

Diversity

We better understand the world as we embrace the increasing diversity of our church community. We recognize the need to continue to work on understanding each other.

CHRIST CHURCH STRENGTHS

Worship/Spirituality

Through our gatherings we find strength, guidance and peace on our spiritual journeys. Our music program in particular adds to the enjoyment of our worship experiences.

Provocative Propositions

“God-sized Dreams”



OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH CORE POSITIVES

Inclusive

Mission-Minded

Individual Freedom

Relationships

Welcoming

As you prepare for this exercise, focus on your 5 Core Positives

- Imagine it is 2025 (or 2030!)
- What do you hope is true about Oakland Baptist Church?
- Who do you hope you will see?
- What do you hope you will be doing?
- What kind of church do you hope you will have become more of?



Provocative Propositions

- are stated in the affirmative, as if already happening
- create new relationships, connections, partnerships
- bridge the best of “what is” toward “what might be”
- require sanctified imaginations, stretching the status quo by pushing boundaries
- necessitate new learning
- a little frightening, very exciting
- challenge organizational assumptions and routines
- construct a proposition of what is possible, expressed as if it were already true



Provocative Propositions...

- Affirmative
- Stretching
- Stated
- Exciting
- Grounded



Big Dreams lead to Big Results

- Stanford University, 1940's: ***Become the Harvard of the West***
- Microsoft, 1975: ***A computer on every desk and in every home***
- Uber, 2010: ***Transportation as reliable as running water, everywhere for everyone***



Sample Provocative Proposition: Authentic Relationships

We practice radical hospitality,
affirm everyone's journey and
celebrate the living Christ
working among us.

Baptist Church in Missouri



Sample Provocative Proposition: Community Transformation

Our church family has a profound impact on the health and well-being of our community. Spiritual, emotional, mental and physical needs are met through innovative efforts and active partnering with churches and community organizations.

Baptist Church in Missouri



Provocative Proposition: Spiritual Depth

Every adult at First Church is **biblically and theologically literate**. They are able to integrate their faith into their various vocations and life situations seamlessly. All adults are engaged in an ongoing process of personal transformation in the spirit of Romans 12:2.

Baptist Church in Georgia



Provocative Proposition: Leadership

Leadership: We develop and
deploy innovative leaders who
transform the world for Christ.

Christian University



Provocative Proposition: Matt. 25 Community Impact

We are changing our city for the common good.

First Church has a profound impact upon those in physical, emotional and financial need in our city. A majority of our members actively participate in at least one mission endeavor annually.

UMC congregation



Provocative Proposition: Virtual Community

Five times as many people engage with our church virtually as do physically. We reach people in every state and on every continent.

Community Church, Miami FL



Write a God-sized Dream

- We will have 2 “rounds” of opportunity for each person to create a God-sized Dream for Oakland Baptist Church, based upon your Core Positives.
- Each person is invited to start with 1 sentence that lays out the essential idea, then add up to 2 more sentences.
- Dream large, challenging dreams that “require divine intervention” to achieve.
- After a few minutes, we’ll invite you to try again Write another one about a different Core Positive of Oakland Baptist Church.
- Share your God-sized dreams with your table.



Write a God-sized Dream

- Select one God-Sized Dream from your table and flesh it out a bit.
- Add a few more sentences describing what the future will look like if this dream becomes a reality?
- What type of strategies may help you to move in the direction of this dream?



Our next step is for the Vision Team to synthesize our ideas into a series of proposals that will be brought back to the congregation for additional input.

