

NLBC's Vision for Loving Christ in 2013

Adore Christ – Exalt

Admonish One Another – Edify

Articulate the Gospel - Evangelize

Tonight's Purpose is to Identify:

- Who We Are
- What We Do
- Strengths and Weaknesses
- See Our Vision for 2013
- Understand How It Works
 - Adore and Exalt Christ
 - Admonish and Edify One Another
 - Articulate the Gospel and Evangelize the lost

Who We Are

- NLBC is a local gathering of Christ's disciples who in part:
 - Love the Bible
 - Believe in traditional family structure
 - Support home schooling
 - Support and send missionaries
 - Counsel those in crisis
 - Give generously

What We Do

- NLBC offers a variety of worship and ministry opportunities:
 - Sunday worship & Sunday school
 - Wednesday home groups and Bible study
 - Youth Bible Studies
 - Head of Household meetings
 - Biblical Counseling
 - LCA/Homeschooling support
 - Reformation Celebration
 - Evangelistic Outreaches: ex. Fiddlers Convention, Door to Door
 - Meal Ministry for families with newborns or with illness
 - First Sunday Fellowships
 - Family Worship
 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting
 - Music – Congregational singing/Choir/Special Music
 - Retreats and Father/Son campout
 - Bible Drill
 - NLEN
 - Women's Bible Study

Strengths and Weaknesses

- Strengths

- Church governance
- Expository preaching
- Safe haven for Biblical families and roles
- Spiritually-minded
- Value Children
- Harmony

- Weaknesses

- Communication
- Planning
- Isolation
- Expressions of worship
- Geographic dispersion
- Pride/Introspection

We must be purposeful to use the resources God has entrusted to our care to correct our weaknesses and to strengthen the body of Christ at New Life Baptist Church

See the Vision for 2013

The Vision for NLBC in 2013 is that we would be a church who loves Jesus and expresses that love by

- *Purposefully* gathering for whole-hearted, corporate worship (adore/exalt)
- *Purposefully* stirring up one another to love and good works, and (admonish/edify)
- *Purposefully* making disciples through consistent proclamation of the gospel (articulate/evangelize).

Intentional Family Worship Adore Admonish Articulate

- Emphasis Teaching for our Vision
 - Adore – Admonish – Articulate
 - One week of family devotions
 - Provided to each family for the beginning of each tri-annual cycle (January – May – September)
 - Scriptures to Read
 - Discussion Questions
 - Hymns to Sing
 - Additional resources to continue daily family worship

The first week of emphasis is scheduled for March 2013

Understand How It Works: Adore

Adore Christ

- Preaching Emphasis – Exalt Christ through word
- Worship – freedom of expression in the assembly
- Music – explaining why we sing and what we sing
- Testimonies
- Preaching Opportunity

Intentional First Sundays

Adore

- Morning Worship
 - Lord's Supper Emphasis – to love Christ more
- Fellowship Meal
 - Testimonies to spur us on to love and good works
 - Tables arranged to encourage investment in one another - breaking down barriers and conquering isolation
 - Afternoon and Evening free to continue fellowship in homes - developing relationships open to admonishment and edification

Understand How It Works:

Admonish

Admonish one Another

- Cultivate a community of spurring one another on

Intentional First Saturdays

Admonish

- Head of Household – Strengthening Fathers
 - January – May – September
- Helper of Household – Encouraging Mothers
 - February – June – October

Intentional – Sunday School Admonish

- Upcoming Classes
 - Way of the Master Evangelism Training
 - Biblical Finances
 - Christianity Home schooling:
 - Why is something so right, so hard?
 - Ladies' Class
 - Young Men & Fathers
 - Young Women & Mothers
 - Bible Books
 - Teaching Opportunity

Intentional Faith Family Celebrations

Admonish

- April
 - Picnic
 - Softball/Volleyball
- August
 - School Kickoff
 - Bike Trail Ride
- December
 - Christmas Celebration

Understand How It Works

Articulate

Articulate the Gospel

- Evangelism Training
- Missions Abroad
- As You Are Going

Intentional Community Outreach First Saturdays

Articulate

- March
 - Nursing Home Ministry
 - Pancake Breakfast
- July
 - Vacation Bible School
 - Backyard Bible Club
- Oct/November
 - Fiddler's Convention
 - Thanksgiving Meal
- Events to be platforms for the gospel
- Volunteers will be needed to plan and support
- Please submit ideas and suggestions for reaching out

The Beginning – Not the End

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Conclusion

To achieve NLBC's Vision for 2013
requires the power of the indwelling
Spirit and the prayers and participation
of God's people called together as His
body to the end that He receive Glory!