

2011 Vision Statement

For



Christ Bible Church of Chicago

**Elder James Ford Jr.
Senior Pastor**

The Lord has given us great vision for reaching the lost at any cost and teaching His people His Word so that we can worship, witness, work, and walk in His grace, glory, and goodness.

James talked about how foolish it is for people to make plans without consulting the Lord.

AGo to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get grain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.@ (James 4:13-15)

I thank God for guiding us to the implementation of His will for His local body at Christ Bible Church. We commit this vision to the God who gave it to us. Because Awhere there is no vision, the people perish:...@ (Proverbs 29:18a)

Yes, God has greater things in the fire for us. The best of the blessings are yet to come.

Thank God for the many acts of Christian love lavished upon Sister Leslie Ford and Pastor during this time of her illness. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, along with Sis. Joyce Moore.

ANow unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.@ (Ephesians 3:20-21)

AFor I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.@ (Jeremiah 29:11)

ANow unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,@ (Ephesians 3:20)

AFor I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will it until the day of Christ Jesus.@ (Philippians 1:6)



Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Psalm 106:1)

We give God praise and thanksgiving for His gracious provisions during fiscal year 2009/2010.

The Lord blessed us with the addition of 51 new members to our assembly.

We were privileged to baptize 11 individuals.

7 babies were dedicated to the Lord.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study has remained steady, averaging 15-20 people in the morning and 85 in the evening.

Through our Evangelism ministry 600 people were presented with the Gospel
158 professions of faith in Jesus Christ
212 individuals rededicated their lives to the Lord
230 were undecided

We distributed food to approximately 15,600 family units.

We are still paying the salaries of 3 pastors in Ghana, Africa.

We built a school in Ghana.

Held a community cook-out and school supply distribution.

We added 3 new missions to our missions budget.

Moody Radio took on sponsorship of the Treasured Truth For Troubling Times broadcast.

We held a community cookout with the following results:
400 people attended
40 people received medical treatment from our medical team
5,000 items (book bags, notebooks, etc.) were distributed
15 professions of faith in Jesus Christ

We reorganized the music ministry and placed it under the umbrella of the new Worship Arts Ministry

We gave over \$15,000 in the form of benevolence to members.

Had our first Christmas program.

Added 4 elders to the Board of Elders.

Distributed care baskets to our college students.

Unveiled a new church logo.

Began a hot meals feeding ministry on Wednesday evening.

Resumed our television broadcast on Mondays at 6:30am over Channel 25.

We contributed (financially) and participated in the Greg Laurie Harvest event where 14,000 people received the gift of salvation.

IDENTITY STATEMENT

Christ Bible Church of Chicago (hereafter referred to as CBC) is a local fellowship of blood bought, Bible taught, believers in Jesus Christ, committed to the Lordship of Christ and walking in obedience to the Great commandment and the Great Commission, and adhering to seven non-negotiable doctrines of the Bible.

1. *Verbal Plenary Inspiration - II Timothy 3:16*

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2. *Deity of Christ - Colossians 2:8,9*

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

3. *Doctrine of the Trinity - 1 Timothy 3:16*

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

4. *Deity of the Holy Spirit - 2 Corinthians 3:18*

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

5. *Vicarious Substitutionary Blood Atonement of Jesus Christ- 1 Peter 1:18,19*

For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

6. *The Incarnation Through Virgin Birth - Matthew 1:21-23*

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was don, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

7. *The Literal Visible Bodily Return Of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Acts 1:11*

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

The **Goal** of Christ Bible Church is:

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” (Colossians 1:28)

The **Purpose** of Christ Bible Church is to:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:19-20)

The **Mission** of Christ Bible Church of Chicago is to:

Glorify God by exalting the Savior, equipping the saints, and evangelizing the lost.

“The **Vision** of Christ Bible Church of Chicago is to: develop Christ centered, Bible based, spiritually mature believers who will manifest Christ through serving the community.



CORE VALUES

1. God is sovereign over this church - Colossians 1:18-22

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:

2. We are God's people through faith in Christ's finished work on Calvary's cross - John 1:12

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

3. God has called us to be the incarnation of Christ to reach the lost, beginning with our community - Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and he shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

4. We are to make disciples of all people by evangelizing, baptizing, and teaching - Matthew 18:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

5. We are called to unity, responsibility, and accountability within the church body-Romans 12:3-12

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that ??? mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

See Ephesians 4:1-7; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Hebrews 13:7, 17

Update 2011 on CBC Loop Site



Please pray for our site, that the Lord Jesus Christ will establish this ministry according to Hebrew 13:21, “make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.”

The projected launch date is Resurrection Sunday, April 2011.

Several preliminary meetings will be scheduled and held at Grace Church in the South Loop.

God has provided a \$25,000 matching grant for the start up costs.

We have two campus pastors who will serve as the ministers to the congregation along with two church administrators.

We have a praise team leader for worship services.

Please pray for our current team:

Kenneth & Kisha Brooks
Judson & Rosalyn Roberts
Ed Cannon
Talmadge & Valerie Betts
Nolan Henderson
Cara Cocroft
Pastor James Ford Jr.

For information on the initial proposal go to [.cbcofchicago.](http://cbcofchicago.com)



“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

WORSHIP SERVICE GOALS

- A. That God would superintend our services so that a worship environment is consistently created that allows the Holy Spirit to minister to God’s people, enabling us to worship Him in spirit and in truth.
- B. Double Sunday morning attendance in one year.
“Praising God, and having favor with all people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were saved” (Acts 2;47)
- C. Horn section added to the musician’s ministry
- D. Music ministry to attend conferences and workshops
- E. Singing songs written by music ministry team
- F. Institution of sign ministry to minister to the deaf
- G. Praise dancers to minister every Sunday for every service
- H. Institution of a Mime ministry
- I. Organization of a youth choir
- J. Organization of a children choir

EVANGELISM GOALS



- A. Trained counselors for Sunday and Wednesday services.
- B. Two mission conferences that will encompass evangelism at home and abroad. The focus of one will be the world at large and unreached peoples in 10/40 windows. The focus of the second will be sharing Christ with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
- C. Increase saturation Saturdays to four Saturdays.
- D. Begin personal evangelism training.
- E. Winter evangelism toward the homeless that will share Christ, provide blankets, coats, and food.
- F. Institution of breakfast to the homeless two Sundays a month from 6:30 am – 7:30 am.
- G. Distribution of 25,000 tracts by members and friends of Christ Bible Church.
- H. Lead 1,000 to Christ as a congregation.
- I. Average 100 people evangelizing after the & Sunday services.
- J. More involvement from CBC leadership
- K. 25 men and 25 women to be committed to the Evangelism Team
- L. 75% of CBC involved in the witnessing process daily
- M. 10 male and 10 female youth to form a youth evangelism team
- N. Street evangelism to take place 3 days a week.

DISCIPLESHIP GOALS

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (II Timothy 2:2)

Implementation and effective execution of small group discipleship.

That each person has a 3-tier relationship in the body:

A mentor or discipler

A peer relationship

A disciple

Discipleship groups for men grow to 50 men, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

To have a more structured process which covers every aspect of new members assimilation from the time they walk through the door until they become ministry partners in the church, and directed to a sense of fulfillment as it relates to communion with the Lord Jesus Christ.

More married couples utilizing the ministries provided by God to strengthen and stabilize their marriage's development of counselors for ministry.

To train in reading the entire Bible in one year.

To train in memorizing 2 new Scriptures each week

To learn how to study the Bible and how to use Bible study tools

To train and develop new leaders



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GOALS

Sunday School would increase to 200 people per Sunday.

More teachers.

Original curriculum.

Development of a Sunday School newsletter

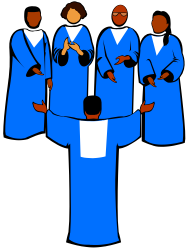
Implementation of Leadership classes

To add a new elective each quarter

To raise the Bible aptitude of the entire church

Worship Arts Ministry Goals

Quarterly worship ministry fellowships for all ministry participants and those interested in joining.



Conduct at least two required vocal training sessions held with an outside vocal coach

Conduct an off-site weekend choir retreat which includes Bible study, prayer, and accelerated musical workouts

Identify and recruit members of the congregation who play musical instruments to enhance our music department

Development of an additional band

Conduct musician retreats

Conduct at least one musical training seminar per quarter

Conduct one “musical” afternoon program per quarter, which would include guest choirs and artists

Produce major music/drama events for Easter and Christmas with significant focus on community outreach





Youth Ministry Goals

MARANATHA DAY CARE CENTER



Goal: Institute a day center at Christ Bible Church

Purpose: To meet the felt needs of the church and the community by providing a safe Christian environment for the small children of working parents.

1. To utilize the felt needs to minister to real needs – Christ. We would establish rapport with people in the community that provides opportunities to share Christ.
2. We will be presented with the opportunity to train up a child in the way he/she should go. We start at an early age, instilling Biblical values and mores in the children who participate.
3. We will provide jobs and opportunities to minister to members of our congregation and community. Primary data is being gathered.
4. “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

I believe this is the providence of God providing yet another opportunity for His people to impact the society and community in which they reside.

Nursery Ministry Goals



To have the nursery operate on a consistent schedule

To recruit and train more volunteers

Children's Ministry Goals

Growth in number of attendees

Increase the number of children serving as ushers, etc.

Begin Children's church during the 8:00 am service

Junior High Ministry Goals

Beginning a mentoring ministry

To continue building up youth church

YOUTH MINISTRY GOALS



A full time youth pastor

A part-time children's pastor

Evangelism spearheaded by the youth once a quarter.

Short term summer missions (Mexico or Indian reservations).

Teen church re-instituted.

Teen musicians for teen church.

Teen care leadership. Development of leadership through on-going leadership training.

Mime Ministry

Puppet Ministry

That we would resume our afterschool program via Impact Ministries

Leadership Training Goals

- To plan, facilitate and evaluate up to three interactive and participatory learning events relevant to the needs of Christ Bible Church leaders, members and guests.
- To provide instructional sessions that cover a wide range of topics and subjects based on a platform of three primary focus areas:
 1. Looking Upward: topics which encourage participants to examine their individual relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ (i.e.; prayer, quiet time, personal study, spiritual growth, etc.).
 2. Looking Outward: topics which concentrate on issues surrounding the commands and instructions of Jesus Christ to His universal body of believers (i.e.; evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, team building, spiritual gifts, etc.);
 3. Looking Among Us: topics which examine challenges that are being manifested in our local assembly (i.e.; leadership styles, rules and procedures, conflict resolution, ministry planning and evaluation, etc.).
- To provide supportive assistance as needed by CBC ministry groups for the development and implementation of trainings, workshops and teaching events. This may include planning meetings, materials and recommending outside resources.

Treasured Truth For Troubling Times

That God would raise up 1,000 prayer partners.



That God would raise up 1,000 additional financial supporters who would underwrite our programs.

That our radio broadcasts would be self – supporting.

That we broaden the number of television broadcasts

To begin producing our broadcasts with our own team.

That we would resume our Bible classes.

That we would host a major conference focusing on the family.

Development of a bookstore

MISSIONS GOALS



Support two more African pastors full time.

Build another school in Ghana.

Send a team to Ghana.

Send a team to Kenya.

Send a team to Cambodia.

God would identify a full time world missionary from our assembly.

A home missions conference focusing on missionaries in our assembly and city.

That our support for missions would be 20% of our overall budget.

Single Ministry Goals

Increased prayer

To solicit more participation in singles events by the single population of the church



Marriage Ministry Goals (With This Ring - W.T.R.)

To continue ministering by means of fellowship, Sunday School class, counseling

To edify married couples by through Bible based instruction and interpersonal interaction

To strengthen married couples

To identify mentors for married couples

To gain the trust of those who are suffering in silence

Greater preparedness of CBC Elders in counseling

Young Adult Fellowship Ministry (Y.A.F.)

To encourage and facilitate spiritual maturity

To build a Biblical community among the young adults of CBC

To bridge demographic and generational gaps within the body of CBC



Women's Ministry Goals (Women Ambassadors For Christ - W.A.F.C.)

To train, teach, and reach women in the body of CBC

To reach women in the community

To engage women through Bible study, evangelism, and electives

To make disciples through mentoring

Men's Ministry (My Brothers Keeper - M.B.K.)

To better promote the monthly breakfast meetings to the men and young men of Christ Bible Church and to the community through announcements in from the pulpit, the church bulletin, flyers, and telephone to gain a larger attendance.



To be consistent in meeting every month as per our monthly breakfast meetings schedule and to seek alternative dates to keep the continuity of monthly meetings with the ministry.

To seek and recruit more men who are spiritually mature and are willing to move into service within the core team of the ministry.

To serve the women of Christ Bible Church in the month of May for Mother's Day as an annual event.

To support the ministry through strong leadership by pastor and elder led training and worship sessions.

To schedule fellowships opportunities for the men of Christ Bible Church outside of the church walls in members homes and other meeting places in different parts of the city and suburbs, i.e., Westside, Southside, South Suburbs, downtown Chicago to form small group relationships.

To seek service projects within and outside of the church where men can serve others and express the love of Jesus Christ through service evangelism.

To seek the support of the elders within the Christ Bible Church family.

Family Fun Fellowship Goals (3F)



To conduct at least one scheduled recreational event each quarter

To bring the CBC family together to engage in family oriented activities

To promote unity in the body of CBC

Jail and Prison Ministry Goals



To train and recruit churches into jail and prison ministry

To recruit more members to the ministry

To train members via Prison Fellowship Ministry

Have members become permanent members for Illinois Department of Corrections (I.D.O.C.)

To expose members to different areas of prison ministry

Provide mentoring to ex-offenders

To begin a pen-friend writing program

Silver Saints Ministry Goals



To edify the senior members of the body

To acknowledge the usefulness and significance of our older members

To assist the senior members in their spiritual walk

New Members Assimilation Goals



Attract new comers to CBC

Get people excited about becoming involved in the life of the church

Form relationships with members of the congregation

Prepare new members for ministry opportunities

To increase the attractiveness of CBC to newcomers

To facilitate group participation

To have a more structured process

S.W.A.T. Ministry Goals



Video production of our services to provide to our sick and shut-ins.

Audio ministry to evolve into a full time position.

Experienced and committed sound engineers.

CDs and DVDs available after every service

To provide professional quality audio services and technical support to all worship services

To train new and committed team members

To have consistency in meeting the needs of all worship services and events

To professional quality broadcast editing capabilities

To record chats with the pastor to be placed on our websites

To fully train 4 additional audio engineers



Technology Ministry Goals

To increase the technical skill level of the members of CBC

To recruit members to the ministry

Use technology to present the Gospel, aid in spiritual growth

To increase outside interest in CBC using technology

To have a fully staffed IT department

Maintain a website for CBC

Provide on-going computer training for CBC and the community

To update the computer lab

To manage updates to CBC's on-line presence

SERVANT-LEADER GOALS

- 6-8 new teachers for junior and children's church
- 8-10 financial secretaries
- 6-8 counselors for each service
- 8-10 people to work with children on Wednesday nights
- Security team for all service
- 10 more volunteers for the parking lot
- Leadership for our marriage ministry
- Someone to head up our counseling ministry

Prayer Goals



- Increased attendance at all prayer meetings
- Two day church shut-in for prayer
- Institution of a 24 hour prayer line
- People who will participate in pre-service prayer

- Prayer for every service
- Increased percentage of leaders in training sessions
- Increased communication and coordination between ministries
- More effective ministries
- 100% participation of adults in ministry.

STEWARDSHIP GOALS



- \$2,000,000 church budget with 100% giving participation from members and friends of at least 10% income.
- 200 in attendance at Wednesday night prayer and Bible study
- 50 in attendance at Wednesday morning prayer and Bible study
- More effective stewardship of our current facilities, equipment, etc.

- Development of revenue streams
- Network with suburban churches
- To assist our members in employment opportunities

We thank God for our care groups. The Lord is using them to nurture members of our assembly and build relationships as well as to facilitate greater fellowship among God's people.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, That there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me."

(I Corinthians 16:1-4)

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

Please keep our Staff and Ministry Leaders in your prayers

Meet Our Staff



Staff

Pastor James Ford Jr.	Senior Pastor
Pastor Arthur Lyles Sr.	Assistant Pastor
Pastor Carthy Dixon Sr.	New Member Assimilation
Sis. Marie Rogers	Administrative Assistant to Pastor Ford
	Church Administrator
	Treasurer
Sis. Tina Harris	Church Secretary
Bro. Dennis Conrad	Custodian/Facilities Manager

Ministry Leaders

Ministry	Leader	Ministry	Leader
Worship Arts	Eld. Von Matthews	Youth Ministries	Pastor Arthur Lyles Sr.
Adult Choir	Kim McEwen Marie Rogers James Womak	Children Jr. High Youth Nursery/Preschool	Marshall Matthews Dante Burress Eld. Willie Wilson Alicia Warren
Praise & Worship Musicians Drama	Kim McEwen Chester Bowens Verletta Conrad		
S.W.A.T. Audio Video CD/DVD I.T. Radio/Admin.	Mark Ingram Jonas Lloyd Wilbert Adams Rebecca Love Billy Cunningham Marie Rogers	College/Young Adult	Richard Wilson
Evangelism	Eld. Sampson Green	Family, Fun, Fellowship	Kim McJunkins
Food Pantry	Via Harrell	Helping Hands	Kathy Kerney
Leadership Training	Eld. Talamadge Betts	Jail & Prison	Eld. Stanley Hinton
Men's Ministry	Eld. Judson Roberts	Loving Care	Sarita Triplett

Scholarship	Willa Conley	Pastor's Aide	Ramona Israel
Singles	Eld. Geoffery Avery	Senior's	Judith Mayfield
Singles	Eld. Wilbert Adams	Christian Ed.	Eld. Russ Knight
Ushers/Greeters	Delores Green	Van	Nate Williams



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

Marriage	Mike & Pat Ross	Women	Leslie Ford
----------	-----------------	-------	-------------

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

We can do great things for Jesus but not without Jesus. By ourselves we cannot influence lives, overcome bad habits, build churches, make disciples, help the helpers, feed the hungry, house the homeless, feed the hungry, or support ministries. There's nothing we can do for Christ in our own power, but Jesus and us – well that's a different story! We can proclaim with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Paul wasn't talking about preaching to vast crowds, planting large churches, healing the sick or raising the

dead, although God did use him to perform such things and more. He was just saying I can fulfill God's will through God's strength. I can do whatever He commands because He is working in me and through me to accomplish His purposes. Paul is saying that He can ever be content in chains because of Jesus. CHRIST PLUS NOTHING EQUALS EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING WITHOUT CHRIST EQUALS NOTHING. Therefore, we need to submit to the sovereign Savior.

Let's launch out into the deep knowing that, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6)

Pastor James Ford Jr.

Maranatha

Being led by the Holy Spirit, I would like to be contacted about serving the Lord in the following area

Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Name

Address

Day phone

Evening phone

E-mail