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RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE BY LOVING GOD, OTHERS AND OURSELVES.
Matthew 22:37-39

4G Vision Plan 2010

Fellowship of Love Church is more than just a church that is a part of a religion; we are a cause that is a part of a revolution. ***Our vision is to revolutionize the idea and the impact of church.*** In order to live into our vision, in 2010 we have a 4G Vision Plan that will guide who we want to be and how we want to look this year.

GROW

Fellowship of Love is placing a pointed emphasis on growing our Children and Youth Ministries in quality, members, volunteers, and workers. We are committed to building a top of the line Children and Youth Ministry. As a church located in a suburban county that attracts families because of its schools, our church must take tremendous care to make our ministry attentive to and attractive for children, youth, and their parents. Quality ministry for young people takes a collective commitment. We will need volunteers who have a heart and a passion for children and youth, parents who will support their children's spiritual development by involving their children in ministry, and young people to bring their energy and exuberance to the building of their ministry. As a church, we must be committed to investing the resources we have in our future generation. Children and youth will not be a side priority or an afterthought in the life of our church.

GROUP

A healthy church is a church with strong relationships and a deep spirituality. This year we need every one of our worshippers and members to give each other the benefit of themselves by becoming active participants in our Live in Love (LiL) Groups. It is imperative that we grow the quality of our church ministries as the quantity of worshippers and members grow. We CAN NOT simply be a worshipping church. Therefore, we have instituted "LiL" Groups for the purpose of fulfilling two of our five purposes (Fellowship and Discipleship). Live in Love Groups are clusters of people, ideally ranging from 15-20, that meet weekly to build each other through spiritual reflection, and ensure that we live up to our mission of "reflecting the life of Jesus" (Discipleship) and "sharing the Love of God" (Fellowship). These groups are meant to grow us spiritually deeper and connect us relationally closer. We truly believe that "people are discipled by living in community with other believers who love them and

Mark Bowman, Ray and Eddy Hall, in *When Not to Build: An Architect's Unconventional Wisdom for the Growing Church*. Baker Books: Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1992.

encourage them and pray for them and hold them accountable for obedience to what God is teaching them.”¹

GIVE

We intend to grow into a more giving church! In 2010 we have a responsibility to give of ourselves to this ministry in which God has entrusted us. Jesus says in Luke 12:48, “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” If we are going to be the church God has called us to be, we will have to properly respond to the talents, abilities, and finances that have been entrusted to us. In ministry, this means all of us should be actively involved in at least one ministry. Financially, this means accepting the invitation to tithe 10% of our income as an expression of our Love and gratitude to God. However, for those of us who have not grown to this level of giving, we must be intentional about giving proportionate to our income. This means prioritizing a percentage of our finances and dedicating it to higher purposes. AS we form our future we must internalize the reality that our church can only become what we make it, it can only go where we take it, and it will only have what we give it. God has made it this way! God chooses us to be a means to ministry and the instruments for God’s work. The strength of our church will continue to be defined and decided by the generosity of our members.

GAUGE

2010 will be a year for us to gauge the growth of our membership and our giving, so that we can make the most informed and strategic decision about progressing toward ownership of a state-of-the-art multipurpose facility. Jesus asks in Luke 14:28-29, “For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it. Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him.” As we move into constructing the future of this ministry we must be methodical in our movements and meticulous in our planning. Though our vision is clear and our passion is strong, we must not move hastily and hurriedly into our destiny. Vision is a long term reality! The prophet Habakkuk quotes God giving this profound insight: “For there is still a vision for the appointed time; *it speaks of an end* and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.” Since vision “speaks of an end,” we must gauge today, so that we can go tomorrow.

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