

# Facing Our Future

## *"Experiencing and Sharing the Full Gospel"*

**Luke 4:14-21**



### **OUR VISION:**

#### **To be AN ISLAND OF SANITY in a crazy world**

- 1. DISCERNMENT** - Being discerning and wise ... not getting sucked into the craziness and lies of the world around us
- 2. GRACE** - Being devoted to receiving and living in the grace of God ... and demonstrating grace with one another
- 3. TRUTH** - Being devoted to learning and living in truth ... recognizing that kindness and compassion do not mean that we compromise our moral commitment
- 4. PUBLIC FAITH** - Seeking to live out our faith in political and social spheres in Christ-like ways ... which requires humility and care
- 5. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED** - Being devoted to service to God and others ... service that is fueled by Divine Power
- 6. MISSIONAL** - Recognizing that our culture is changing ... and focusing on it as a mission field
- 7. HEALING** - Being a place that helps people find spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical healing ... made available through the Gospel of Jesus

#### **FULL STATEMENT ABOUT HEALING:**

*We will devote ourselves to being a community of healing from the hurts people struggle with so intensely today ... namely meaninglessness, mental health struggles (anxiety, addiction, and depression), and relational brokenness (marriage and family struggles). These needs are all multi-faced to be sure, but they have a fundamentally spiritual core, and the message of the Gospel — and the blessing of Christian community that the church offers — provides tremendous help in meeting these needs. This is what we will focus on as our means of outreach to our broken world. In doing so, we will also keep in mind the principle: "You can't give what you don't have." Our desire to help our broken world with these struggles will continually motivate us to work on our own healing and well-being as well.*

**WHY THIS UNDERSTANDING OF "GOSPEL" MATTERS:**

1. This is the Gospel that \_\_\_\_\_

- This was his \_\_\_\_\_

*(Lk 4:18-19)*

- This was what he used \_\_\_\_\_

*(Mt 11:2-6)*

- This was what his \_\_\_\_\_

*(Acts 5:12-16)*

2. Whether \_\_\_\_\_, healing is part of our work ... because \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Every generation has its blessings and its suffering ... today's suffering

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**IF THIS IS SO OBVIOUS, WHY ARE WE DOING SUCH A BAD JOB AT IT?**

1. Maybe it's because we \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Maybe it's because we \_\_\_\_\_

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