

VISION SUNDAY



We exist to continue the ministry of Jesus in our homes, church, city and world. But what does that look like?

On Sunday, January 6, 2019, our Lead Pastor, Clint Nelson, shared more of what that looks like (big picture) and invited Parksiders to take three steps this year that will help our church see more of our vision realized.

Jesus is calling to build good people, a good church, and a good world.

"I believe this church will learn to build good people. Moms and dads, marrieds and singles (young and old), that are such a clear expression of Jesus in this world. That our city will look at Parksiders and say, 'I don't know what's in the water over there, but they are the kindest, most hard working, refreshing, honest and alive people I've ever met!'" - Pastor Clint

THE BIG 3



BUILD GOOD PEOPLE



BUILD A GOOD CHURCH



BUILD A GOOD WORLD



We believe our greatest contribution to our city will be in the kind of citizens we become and develop. We are the living evidence of the Gospel.

The Gospel takes deadbeat moms and dads and transforms them into legendary moms and dads. Addicts find freedom. The mentally ill find healing and support. From the inside-out and

outside-in, Parksiders will be trending towards the healthiest people you've ever met - the clearest expression of Jesus you've ever met! It's already happening here and there, now and then, in trickles and tremors, but we are called to more.



BUILD GOOD PEOPLE

Over the next three years we'll be renewing our leaders and introducing new spaces for each of us to learn the basics of the faith (Biblical practices for restoring us into the image and fullness of Christ).

Started in retreats and seminars. Sustained in learned disciplines, small groups (LIFE Groups, Celebrate Recovery, triads, etc.), counseling, and mentoring.



It won't happen overnight, but over the next three years we are in for some authentic and deep transformation in the practice of our faith. And as that takes place, it will lead very naturally to the next picture of our mission:



BUILD A GOOD CHURCH

A byproduct of good people is a good church. But it also requires a good structure and organization. We will need to be wise and patient in our planning and building.

We will complete our strategic planning this year and begin its implementation.



We need to learn how to do church better.

"I want to hand over to our kids a church that they love and can build on." - Pastor Clint

Our church is completing a strategic planning process this year aimed at making this a reality.

Some examples of things we can see changing in our lifetime:

- We see ourselves becoming less pastor or personality centric. There's way too much of Clint's face and voice on a Sunday morning and throughout the week. It will take a bit of time and trust, some risks and messes along the way.
- We see Jesus moving us to become less mono-cultural and more reflective of the ethnic diversity in our city.
- We see Jesus moving us to find ways where singles, childless couples, gay and transgender people don't feel like second-class citizens. While our morals remain true to Scripture, we must work to develop a depth of community second to none - so that the single or gay person might be led to trust God by practicing chastity but find in our church both dignity and community so rich it makes the average secular marriage look like a lesser experience.
- We see Jesus moving us to be more outward focused - locally and globally.

Which leads to the third big picture:



BUILD A
GOOD WORLD

*We will plan and work towards becoming a resource church.
Becoming a storehouse of people and funds to start, sustain
and strengthen churches and ministries.*

*Another byproduct of producing good people and a good
church will be healthy men and women (and healthy leaders)
with a heart and competency to advance the Gospel outside
our church community.*

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Similar to Pharaoh's dream that Joseph interpreted (Egypt was to fill up storehouses in times of surplus that would help them get through years of famine [and even help neighbouring nations survive]), Parkside is to do this with people and funds.

We will build storehouses of people and money - not for the purpose of hoarding or adding to our comfort/security, but to help us and others during hard times.

On the people side, this means that we'll raise and build up men and women to be given away to start new churches and ministries and strengthen existing ones. **We will become an exporter of people.** *(In the past we've sent music teams to other churches. Last fall, we gave away Isaac & Brittney D. and a couple families to pastor and bless another church in town. When you talk to their members and they get teary eyed in gratitude for our gift, you begin to see the truth behind Jesus' words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." [Acts 20:35])*

On the money side, we believe that God will call us in the years of surplus to set it aside for ministry purposes in lean years. Creating a ministry and witness of stability, dependability, sustainability, prudence, generosity and mercy.

However, the primary source for the funds that will fill these storehouses will be large gifts as God uses the wealth of this region and season to nourish ministry in years and generations to come. Through personal, business and estate donations (large and small) this part of our call will be realized. It will take all of us.

We have a blueprint for five storehouses (funds) from which the interest earned will ensure the skeleton and basics of ministry can carry a steadfast witness to our world:

 **Ministry Funding Storehouses:**

Leadership Development Church Planting Local 1st Stage Local 2nd Stage Missions

Ministry expenses paid from interest bearing funds. Goal of raising \$5M per storehouse, generating \$150-500k annually in interest per storehouse.

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1. **Leadership Development** will see funds invited in discipling and training men and women to lead and plant churches and ministries.
2. **Church Planting** will provide start-up funds for new churches and ministries.
3. **Local 1st Stage Outreach** will help meet the basic needs our sick and poor neighbours. (We won't start every outreach from scratch but will seek to work collaboratively with existing organizations that share in our values and goals).
4. **Local 2nd Stage Outreach** will help those neighbours ready to help themselves find the support they need to find and walk in health.
5. **Missions** will invest in projects and people outside our region that have a call, character and competency to advance the Gospel.

"I believe that within my lifetime we'll see at least \$25 million given to accomplish this. Some of us won't be alive to see it, but with eyes of faith they will!" - Pastor Clint

The above is the big picture. What are the steps we can take this year to move closer to our vision becoming a reality?

Each Parksider needs to consider their level of participation and commitment to this vision and the Parkside family - specifically as it relates to our participation on Sunday's! Sunday's are the hub for all the ins and outs of life at Parkside. For Sunday to work well we need every Parksider to:

NEXT STEPS 2019



1. SHOW-UP

Be a part of our family gatherings. Show-up and participate in 3 or more Sundays a month.

2. SERVE

Sign-up wherever there is a need.

3. SAVE A SEAT

Save a seat for a friend, neighbour or stranger. We need 50 more Parksiders to make the next step.

Show up! We're not advocating a return to the era where if you missed a Sunday and didn't have a doctor's note you were going to Hell, but the pendulum has swung to the other extreme. We threw the baby out with the bathwater.

Serve! At least half of us need to be serving on Sundays at least once a month to make the load healthy for everyone. Sign-up!

Save a seat! Be welcoming and inviting. Invite a neighbour, friend or stranger to join you at church. We need 50 more people by September 2019 to become a part of our church family. We want 50 more because that's 50 more! How exciting and awesome for those looking for Jesus and/or a church home! 50 more will also build up our storehouses so that we can give more people and funds away!

There are three additional sobering realities we need to consider:

1. We are called to live this vision while living in a time where culture and our government generally are seeking to shut us up or shut us down.
2. We are called to do this when materialism and self-love are at an all-time high in the church and our culture.
3. And yet - Jesus is faithful and stronger than any threat or obstacle!

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

As we consider the faithfulness of those that went before us and the faithfulness of God throughout history, let's pick His way not ours. Let us look to Jesus to start and perfect our faith. **Let us look to Jesus so that we might labour with joy at what it will produce if we do not give up!**