

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH STRATEGIC SESSIONS
RESPONSES FROM THOSE IN ATTENDANCE
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(Responses Grouped by Sections)

Missionary Mentality

Section No. 1:

Missionary Mentality – Summary Statement

To develop a group that teaches our members how to reach, teach and develop witnessing techniques

This church has a “growing” desire to serve young families outside this church. We have apprehension about becoming missionaries.

We need to be innovative and figure out how to reach those outside church. Help our members see it is up to us to reach our community – personally invest.

Action Priority

Develop more activities outside the church.

More personal contact from SS teachers and members of the class as well as class meeting.

Determine the needs of the community and inform the church.

Develop ways to meet those needs and intentionally ask the visitors their needs.

We need to bridge the gap between the desire to help and the needs of the local community and young families.

Section No. 2:

Missionary Mentality – Summary Statement

FBC should be more intentional about reaching our local community of Christians and non-Christians specifically young families by employing new and innovative ways to attract families to FBC.

FBC is aware of the need to reaching unbelievers in the community, but individually we lack intentionality in pursuing the goal.

We recognize the need to reach the community but lack the leadership, initiative, skill to do it.

Action Priority

Need to reach young families/individuals

Create awareness and a strategy to reach this group.

Develop evangelism group

Develop strategy to build relationships with new families to keep them here.

Innovative Ideas

1 - Date Night

2 - Parenting Classes

3 - Financial classes

4 - Different classes on Sunday morning

5 - Coffee social – Sunday morning

Section No. 3:

Missionary Mentality – Summary Statement

(involvement, innovation, meet people where they are in life, church members perception of self) While we recognize the need for involvement in our community through innovative techniques and meeting people where they are in life, we feel ill-equipped to minister and lack motivation/vision.

We want to be missionaries in our community but don't know how to get there (effectiveness)

We sense a need to be involved but we don't know how, or don't know if I want to. Sometimes it's easier to give money than ourselves.

Action Priority

We need to learn to become more effective missionaries.

We need to develop the desire to become missionaries in our local community.

Our mission efforts need to be in line with God's desires versus our desires in our community.

Equip our people for missions and make the most of opportunities to share the love of Christ in our community.

Challenge to give ourselves completely to the Lord.

Section No. 4:

Missionary Mentality – Summary Statement

God is leading First Baptist Church to learn and interact with the Garner community by using previously unused methods.

We should be treating our local community as our primary mission field and every member of First Baptist Garner is trained to be a missionary.

We need an emphasis placed on meeting people (in the community) where they are and showing them that we care – which will show them the love of Jesus.

Action Priority

Look to see where God is working (in the community) and train our membership to meet Him there in innovative ways.

Develop an effective process to be productive missionaries within our community

Be aware of, or sensitive, to the needs within our community. After ministering, we need a system of follow-up and relationship building.

Section No. 5:

Missionary Mentality – Summary Statement

Church/individuals – need to see ourselves as missionaries to our community, seeking ways to reach the lost/unchurched where they are.

As a church we realize the need to be involved, but we are not sure how to be effective.

A greater understanding of our community would help us to be more effective in our outreach as missionaries – both reaching and teaching others to reach.

Action Priority

Identify the needs in our community.

Get involved in the community and be effective.

Develop as means to teach all members of FBC to be able to share the Gospel with people we know and with people we have just met.

Make sure all members of FBC know that reaching the lost around us is a priority in everything we do.

Do what Jesus said – to tell!

Show the glory of Jesus WHERE you are.

Relational Intentionality

Section No. 1:

Relational Intentionality – Summary Statement

As church members we need to be more intentional about including new people into our programs and building relationships

Define (better) our discipleship process

Make it more personal – personally invite a person or help them grow in their discipling process

We invite others to come to something – need to personally invest in others

Encourage people to get together to hear and see what is already available

Action Priority

Invest in:

Develop means for fellowship

Offer training for new members

Our church members should be equipped to disciple and nurture others into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Inform members of doctrine and personal relationship with Christ.

Section No. 2:

Relational Intentionality – Summary Statement

Our church family is willing to share our facility but lacks responsibility and willingness to get connected and build relationships in order to disciple.

We're very willing to share our facilities but not our lives and our faith.

Discipleship is a multi-stop process. FBC does a good job using its resources and programs but needs to work to be more intentional about developing relationships and making disciples.

Action Priority

Discipleship class (understanding what they are about)

Make sure classes are bible based

Personal invitations to classes

Be willing to go to class with them

Be willing to disciple one-on-one

FBC needs to invite and connect with new members/young families and visitors

Section No. 3:

Relational Intentionality – Summary Statement

Need a system of structured discipleship to connect families to small group, etc. (ignorance of discipleship systems in place, personal responsibility, involvement (time), not willing to give of ourselves)

We don't understand the discipleship process...period!

Informed involvement is everyone's responsibility.

Action Priority

To establish an entry point into the church family through new member class

Develop a clear understanding of our church's discipleship strategy

Develop a discipleship process

- teach to the church
- use process to connect all families to a small group
- use process to equip FBC to better connect with community

We must be intentional about establishing relationships and this begins with each person

Section No. 4:

Relational Intentionality – Summary Statement

We are not willing to get out of our comfort zone or put forth the effort to bring others into our comfort zone in order to build relationships and begin the discipleship process

We as a church are currently uninformed about the discipleship process and therefore feel ill equipped to be intentional with inviting others.

We need to move beyond superficial relationships to meaningful personal relationships and we need to learn how to effectively do this and commit to do the hard work to accomplish this.

Action Priority

Inform church family of the discipleship process.

May need to develop a discipleship process(?) [Note:] new member program, tour of church.

Pray – seek God's face – clean up the idols out of our lives

Commit time and effort to develop relationships

Section No. 5:

Relational Intentionality – Summary Statement

We need to be more intentional and purposeful about building relationships with outsiders.

We need to build personal relationships with people outside the church as well as church members and through that relationship get connected to discipleship training and SS.

No standard operating procedure to plug a new person into small groups

Action Priority

Invite people to Jesus (church) and mentor them.

Family to Family mentoring

One sheet – campus information

We need to clearly define what personal relationships are

Have means for improving our relational skills – have ways to practice and improve our skills

Community

Section No. 1:

Community – Summary Statement

Small groups are important

We need a clear and defined path to communicate this with new members

Concentrate our energy on developing our relationships with others through small groups (i.e., Sunday School, etc.)

We need to work harder to impress upon new families the importance of small groups

Action Priority

Develop relationships with the goal of connecting people to the body of Christ through small groups

Make a priority to include new people in your regular social gatherings with other church members

Give testimonies about small groups

Give more options for small groups

Section No. 2:

Community – Summary Statement

We love our Sunday School small groups but it appears we do not reach the following: young families, new members and the church members not connected to a small group

Sunday School (small groups) is vitally important to FBC. Every FBC member shares the responsibility in helping visitors and new members connect with a small group that meets the need of that individual or family.

We value our small group at the expense of helping others get connected.

Action Priority

A specific plan and procedures to greet and welcome visitors

Identify visitors

Adapt website – jumped ahead

Promote awareness of Sunday School classes and importance of activities

Create owners manual that will list our basic functions

Section No. 3:

Community – Summary Statement

While we value small groups, new visitors and members may not hold that same view.

We need to communicate the importance of small groups, esp. to young families.

(small groups are important, lack of communication of importance of small groups, disconnect because of struggles

While we understand the importance of small groups, we struggle to convey that importance to visitors and new members

Action Priority

Church and Sunday School need to emphasize the importance and purpose, benefits of a small group.

Highlight the value of small groups

Establish accountability within small groups

Blue group agrees with above ☺!

Small groups reach out to prospects and visitors

Section No. 4:**Community – Summary Statement**

Small groups are important; we should define a process so that every person is directed to small group participation, which includes activities and relationships both inside/outside church for all ages.

Even though we value small groups we need a process to get newcomers connected sooner rather than later. (new member 101)

People connected to small groups feel welcome in the church and new attenders struggle to find their place. Neither group are working to connect with one another.

Action Priority

Develop a process to get new members and visitors connected

Develop a new member orientation and/or discipleship program to help people to get to know “us” and help us lead them into leadership positions. Assign newcomers to a small group.....

And give new members a spiritual gift survey so they can know where to effectively serve.

(We all need to know

- 1) Who God is
- 2) Who we are in Him
- 3) How to effectively serve)

Section No. 5:**Community – Summary Statement**

Lack of information church wide regarding activities for different age groups. times-places Building separation – is confusing to new people.

We recognize the importance of small groups, but we do a poor job of drawing people into small groups by demonstrating the love of Christ.

Sunday School and discipleship class members need to help young families understand the value of classes through sharing their experiences and the importance of being connected with others and having personal relationships.

Action Priority

Generate a plan for making small groups desirable to be part of.

Develop a plan for making sure that everyone is part of a small group

Label buildings with signs that are LARGE, lit and clear

Develop mentoring programs to engage visitors/new members

Develop in-home small group gatherings where we can work on making close friends.