

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Ephesians 4:11-12 states that Evangelism as a spiritual gift from God: "11It was he [God] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ..." God calls us for a purpose and the Evangelism Committee is striving to provide opportunity to fulfill that purpose in progressing our Vision of making disciples.

2005 Accomplishments:

Over the course of the past year, we have targeted efforts in several key areas that we believe is foundational to a successful evangelism program and longevity of our church. We've been sending welcome letters and invitations to new residents of Dearborn and the surrounding area welcoming them to the community and inviting them to our church. Over the course of 2005, several hundred households have received this letter of invitation.

Our multi-media ministry is designed to extend our reach beyond those who enter our physical church doors. We've been video taping each Sunday service and other special events that are broadcast on COMCAST local access channels 16 and 18 on a weekly basis. Our plans in 2006 are to make these broadcasts available in DVD format in our Church Library; pursue daily broadcasts on area hospital televisions; and provide video-on-demand from our church website. We're also seeking to expand the programming format for 2006 to include more diverse topics of interest from a Christian perspective. To progress our plans in multi-media and the World Wide Web, we have secured two websites www.ChristProvides.org and www.PillarProductions.org designed to spread the good news of what Christ provides on a global scale.

The Evangelism Committee has been advertising our church in the Dearborn Press & Guide and Times Herald to promote our Sunday and Wednesday ALPHA/FISH programs along with special events like SonSounds and other activities. We have also established an advertising presence in the area Yellow Pages and Dearborn Performing Arts Center.

Church "business cards" have also provided an opportunity for our members to personally advertise our events and invite others into our family of faith. We also publish a welcome booklet (available in the Narthex) that highlights many of the activities and programs to engage our church family and guests into becoming stronger disciples.

2006 Concrete Missional Objectives:

The Evangelism Committee continues its focus on progressing our Church's vision by developing and implementing strategies and plans that reach into the community with opportunities to share, learn and serve in Jesus Christ. Our Evangelism plans are published on the Committee Bulletin Board as part of our Concrete Missional Objectives. Please take a moment to read our progress and plans throughout the year.

Doing Your Part in Evangelism:

The Evangelism Committee is always looking for members who are excited about being part of this wonderful ministry opportunity. We are seeking prayerful people who sense God's calling to share their gifts and talents toward making disciples for Christ. If you sense God leading you toward a new level of action in evangelism, please talk to any committee member to discuss what role you can fill in this exciting and dynamic ministry opportunity.

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