

INTERNAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH
Penn Colvin – Group Leader

Vision Statement:

“To glorify God by growing to maturity disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ toward the integration of faith and practice through inspired worship and nurturing ministries focused on biblical teaching, prayer, discipleship training, encouragement and compassion.”

Members: Greg Delleney, Penn Colvin, John Lewis, Neil Love, John Jordan, Jamie Faircloth, Terry Tinker, L.B. Cannon, Hennies Railey, Tony Pope

1. NEEDS & ISSUES

- a. Fellowship - Outside normal church hours
- b. Prayer Ministry
- c. Integration of Faith and Practices
- d. Biblical Knowledge
- e. Evangelistic Training
- f. Youth Groups
- g. Spend time with children
- h. Officer Training
- i. Distractions
 - i. Declining population
 - ii. Declining God Culture

2. CURRENT MINISTRIES

- a. Prayer concern list – email – call list private
- b. Sunday School
- c. Bible Studies - Friday/Wednesday
- d. Wednesday Evening Fellowship
 - i. Youth Groups
- e. Worship
- f. Choir Ministries
- g. Children’s Ministries - Money

3. EFFECTIVENESS

- a. Sunday School
 - i. Parents
 - 1. Children until Middle School (Effective)
 - ii. No Adult Commitment
 - 1. Boring
 - 2. I may have to teach
 - 3. I get up early 6 days a week
 - 4. Fear of public praying
 - 5. Lack of Biblical Knowledge

- b. Wednesday Evenings - Effective
 - i. Adults
 - 1. Good Time
 - 2. Good Fellowship
 - 3. Possible Elective Format
 - ii. Children and Youth
 - 1. Through Middle School (Effective)
 - 2. High School (Not Very Effective)
 - a. Timing Issues
 - b. Busy Schedules
 - c. Sunday Afternoon youth groups

4. HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THE MINISTRIES

- a. Prayer
- b. Specific on how people can help
- c. Training people
- d. Recruit new volunteers
- e. Ask outside people for advice
- f. Whittle down issues

EXTERNAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH
Bill White – Group Leader

Vision Statement:

“To glorify God by demonstrating and sharing Christ’s love with our surrounding community and the world through ministries of outreach and mercy with a passion for bringing lost souls to Christ and bettering the world through the gospel’s impact.”

Members: Sam Stone, John Taylor, Chuck Crocker, Ed Mauney, Brian Gibbons, Larry Whitesides, Bill White, Joe McElwee, Tom Simpson, & Bill Marion

1. COMMUNITY NEEDS & ISSUES

- a. Manufacturing to Unemployed Populace
- b. Psychologically Hurting – Ecoomics/No where to turn
- c. Teenage Pregnancies
- d. High Drop out rate among students
 - i. Uneducated Populace
- e. Low-income
- f. Poor Leadership
 - i. Bickering and infighting
- g. Breakdown in Culture
 - i. Generational
 - ii. Racists
 - iii. Socio- Economic

2. OUR EXTERNAL MINISTRIES

- a. Radio/TV
- b. Food Pantry
- c. Benevolence Fund
- d. Personal Evangelism
- e. Retention of Visitors and Members
- f. Nursing Home Ministry
- g. WM Prison Ministries
- h. Feed Families at Thanksgiving
- i. Angel Tree Program

3. POSSIBILITIES OF NEW MINISTRIES

- a. Yard work (manual labor)
- b. Partnership with Ethnic Churches
- c. Partner with downtown churches
- d. Recreational activities
- e. Bus Ministry
- f. Identify tragedies in Community
- g. Free Clinic Support
- h. Seminars (variety of subjects)

- i. Youth – Young Life
- j. CEF
- k. Invite different people

4. HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THE MINISTRIES

- a. Prayer
- b. Specific on how people can help
- c. Training people
- d. Recruit new volunteers
- e. Sincerely Ask outside people for advice
- f. Whittle down issues

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
Doug Marion – Group Leader

Vision Statement:

“To glorify God by improving the facilities of Chester ARP Church to best serve the congregation to carry out her internal and external mission.”

1. NEEDS AND CONCERNS

- a. Larger Choir Loft
- b. Sound issues in Sanctuary
- c. Classroom space
- d. Chapel
- e. Large Meeting Room
- f. Fellowship Hall Expansion
- g. Recreational Facilities

2. PLAN OF ACTION

- a. Approval of Proposed plan for Sanctuary
- b. Contact Architect about renovations/additions
- c. Survey Congregation about needs
- d. Initially investigate possible future capital campaign