

Russellville Presbyterian Church
Vision, Mission, and Values: Ministries and Outcomes

From our founding, we have been committed to the authority of Scripture, to proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, and to serving our community. These commitments led us to a new beginning in 2011 when we affiliated with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and renewed our commitment to following Jesus and inviting others to follow Him as well.

Therefore, motivated by the grace of God poured out on us in Jesus Christ and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Russellville Presbyterian Church believes that God is again calling us to renewal.

Our renewed **vision** *is to be faithful followers of Jesus.*

Our renewed **mission** *is to glorify God and share His love with our neighbors.*

The core **values** that we share as Christians *call us to renew our commitment to sharing in God's redemptive work in this community.*

Faith: *We are called to be faithful in our relationship with God and with our neighbors. God is faithful to His people in many ways. Faith is more than belief; it is action.*

Hope: *We are called to share the confidence that hope offers us. Hope is no guarantee that bad things will not happen; it is a conviction that God has prepared the Way for us through the bad times.*

Love: *We are called to accept the unlovable - no exceptions - even one's enemies. The meaning of life is found in God's unconditional love through Jesus Christ. Love is more than just an emotion.*

Grace: *We are called to share the undeserved gifts from God with our neighbors. God has shown His amazing grace toward us. Without the totally undeserved gifts of God, we would be lost.*

Our renewed **ministries** not only grow out of our commitment to the core values cited above, but also from an assessment of the spiritual and physical needs of families within our community. Our ministries will begin first with young people and develop into programs that serve the other groups listed below:

- (1) *Ministry to young people.*
- (2) *Ministry to those adults not currently involved in faith activities.*
- (3) *Ministry of counseling for those who struggle with family issues.*
- (4) *Ministry to the ill and lonely as well as elderly shut-ins.*

The **vision of our youth ministry** is that young people will become confident, compassionate followers of Jesus. The whole congregation will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to nurture young people. Every member of our congregation has a gift to offer to the youth ministry. One may be a teacher, another a musician, a pew buddy, a cleaner, a cook, a mentor, an organizer, or simply a good listener. (See Paul's counsel in I Corinthians 12: 4-7)

The **mission of our youth ministry** is to plant the Gospel seed in the hearts of young *people* so that the Holy Spirit will call them to public profession of faith, baptism, and active membership in the church.

Youth leadership continually **re-visit core values** in order to periodically **re-align youth ministry** with our renewed commitment.

We expect the following **outcomes of our youth ministry:**

1. *Members of the congregation strive to model Christian discipleship that youth can emulate.*
2. *Youth experience the reality of God's love and seek to become followers of Jesus.*
3. *Youth are active participants in worship services: sharing, singing, reading, and praying.*
4. *Youth make public professions of faith, seek baptism, and become active in the church.*
5. *Youth mature into eager students of the Bible, becoming life-long followers of the Holy Word.*
6. *Parents know that the Russellville Presbyterian Church is a good place for youth to be.*