

# Wheat Ridge Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## WHO WE ARE

WREPC is an intimate, rural church with a long history of commitment to Jesus Christ, the authority of the Bible, prayer, and concern for those in need.

## MISSION

*We are called to spread the gospel message of love and redemption through Jesus Christ in our local community and around the world.*

The Vision Team took two major steps toward our goal of discovering the Lord's will for the future ministry of our church:

1. We identified the geographic target for our ministry as a church. The boundaries of this target area are three major highways: Route 32 on the north, Route 247 on the west, and Route 41 on the east. Everything within the triangle created by those three highways will be within our target area. This does not mean that we will never be involved in ministry outside that area; but it will be where our work will be focused. You might call it the primary mission field of our church.
2. We identified our primary ministry focus: to build relationships with un-churched families, especially those with children. Let me break that down a little:
  - a. We said we would "build relationships" because that takes advantage of what we have identified as one of the greatest strengths of our church. We are like a warm friendly family. That's obvious to anyone who sees the way we greet each other Sunday morning or when we have a fellowship meal at the church. It's like a family reunion. We want to extend that warm greeting and love to more people who aren't yet part of our church family.
  - b. That points to the phrase "un-churched families." We want to build relationships with families not involved in any church. It may surprise you that we saw some research conducted by a professional organization that showed around 30% of the people in our community are not part of any church. Those are the people we want to reach.
  - c. And we say we want to especially reach those families with children. There are a couple of major reasons for this. For one thing, that reflects the age group our church does not currently involve. We don't have many young families, and therefore we don't have many young children. But more importantly, our church shows evidence of a deep concern for children. VBS is one of our most significant programs, and it reaches numerous kids from un-churched homes. But our interest in the LINK Mentoring Program, the Crisis Pregnancy Center and Compassion Ministry also shows how important kids are to us.

Of course adopting this as a ministry focus doesn't mean we'll abandon concern to care for our current members or for people in other age groups. It just means that in the immediate future we would focus on developing new ministries for this particular group.

## VISION

WREPC will be a body of believers who are deepening their spiritual life and effectively reaching their community for Christ.

Individuals are actively engaged in the following:

- 1.) Daily, vital relationship with Christ.
- 2.) Growing in understanding the Word of God.
- 3.) Encouraging and challenging each other in their walks with Christ.
- 4.) Praying earnestly for one another and for the needs of the community and world.
- 5.) Caring for the needs of those around them, whether material, emotional, or spiritual.

- 6.) Sharing the gospel of Christ with neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family members.
- 7.) Building families where Jesus is honored as head of the home.
- 8.) Applying the Bible to their lives, work, and business dealings.
- 9.) Using their God-given gifts to build the body of Christ.
- 10.) And where leaders are seeking God's direction and setting a positive, Christ-like example for the congregation.