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The following were the Guidelines by which the Building Committee was to operate:

B. Subordination to CBC's Mission, Strategy, and Vision

The committee's activities, proposals and recommendations should be guided by and made in accordance with CBC's Mission, Strategy, and Vision. These three items would provide a strategic focus to guide the committee and establish needed boundaries during assessment, evaluation, and planning during this step in the journey.

CBC's Mission (*Our Purpose or Reason for Existence*):

A local church really does not have much latitude in deciding what its mission is. Jesus made it clear that our mission is a co-mission: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 17:18) with God's mission that is spelled out in Matthew 28:19-20

The mission of Centreville Baptist Church is to glorify God by making fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

This mission is an on-going cycle that can be represented by the following diagram:





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CBC's Strategy (*How We Are Going To Accomplish Our Mission*):

The strategy of Centreville Baptist Church is comprised of three major objectives: evangelism, establishing, equipping.

We have five ministry divisions (Outreach, Education, Worship, Congregational Care, and Administration) to carry out these objectives as follows:

Evangelize non-believers by the gospel of Jesus Christ encouraging them to respond in faith and, therefore, become **members** of God's family. (**Outreach Ministry Division**)

The New Testament is clear that God's will for every believer is spiritual maturity (Eph. 4:14, 1 Peter 2:2, 2 Peter 3:17-18). But spiritual growth is not automatic. It will not happen just with the passing of time (Heb. 5:12)—even if one attends church services regularly. Therefore, we want to:

Establish these members in their faith by providing opportunities for them to **GROW**:

Give worship to God, (**Worship Ministry Division**)

Receive instruction from the Bible, (**Education Ministry Division**)

Obtain biblical fellowship, and (**Congregational Care Ministry Division**)

Walk in personal spiritual disciplines, (**Personal Responsibility**)

thereby, growing in Christ-like **maturity**.

Many believers are frustrated because they know what they should do but they've never been taught how to do it. Therefore, it is our desire to

Equip the mature believers in ministry skills so that they can labor as **ministers** by serving and evangelizing the church, community and world. (**All Ministry Divisions**)

CBC's Vision (*Our Preferred Future*)

The vision of Centreville Baptist Church is to be a church that is transforming!

From a biblical perspective, it is clear that Christian maturity, a fully devoted disciple, is not gauged simply by how much Bible information a person has or how committed a person is to the activities of a local church. The New Testament focuses more on transformation than information. Clearly, some information is needed to aid in the transformation of character and conduct but transformation is the goal, not merely information. To "transform" means to change



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the nature, disposition, heart, function or condition of something or someone. We want to see unbelievers transformed into believers. We want to see believers transformed from what they used to be into what God wants them to be.

Summary Statement

CBC is to be a transformed community of Christ's disciples who play a transforming role in the entire region and beyond. As we become increasingly like Christ in our thinking, speaking, actions and relationships, we will, like Him, seek out those who are lost and estranged from God. We will, by God's grace and in His power, share the life-changing message of the gospel and, subsequently, instruct and equip those who come to faith in Christ so that they will become fully devoted disciples of Christ—in order for them to reproduce that process in another person.

C. Focus Study on Enhanced Ministry and Service, not on Facilities

The elders emphasized to the committee that their efforts should be focused on enhanced ministry and service, both now and in the future. Focusing first on enhancing ministry and service would better identify overall strategic direction and needs that then could be translated into supporting physical facilities. There was a realization, that while physical facilities would ultimately need to be addressed, they should flow from, support, and enable ministry and not frame and constrain ministry. ***Facilities are only ministry and service enabling tools.***