

**Bringing
the Future
into Focus...**



Proverbs 29:18

***Where there is no vision,
the people perish...***

(King James Version)

***Where there is no revelation,
people cast off restraint...***

(New International Version)

***When people do not accept
divine guidance, they run wild...***

(New Living Translation)

Mission vs Vision

Mt. Comfort Church's mission is to transform our lives, our community, and our world through the power and love of Jesus Christ...

Mission tells us
what we are doing.

Vision focuses on
where we are going.

**Vision
Comes
From
God**

**Vision isn't invented,
it's received...**

*“For I know the plans I have
for you,” says the Lord.
“They are plans for good and
not for disaster, to give you
a future and a hope.”*

- Jeremiah 29:11

**Vision Is
Rooted
In God's
Mission**

**The church's vision
flows from God's
redemptive purpose...**

***"The Son of Man
came to seek and save
those who are lost."***

- Luke 19:10

**Vision
Unites &
Mobilizes
People**

**Vision gathers
people around a
shared calling...**

*All of you together are
Christ's body, and each
of you is a part of it.*

- 1 Corinthians 12:27

**Vision
Requires
Faith &
Forward
Movement**

**Vision pulls people
beyond comfort...**

*Faith is the confidence
that what we hope for will
actually happen; it gives
us assurance about things
we cannot see.*

- Hebrews 11:1

**Vision
Must Be
Guarded &
Sustained**

**Vision needs
stewardship and
perseverance...**

*Commit your actions
to the LORD and your
plans will succeed.*

- Proverbs 16:3

Vision reveals where God is leading, why it matters, and how we faithfully follow together.

Mt. Comfort Church needs a vision to carry our mission five... ten... twenty years into the future.

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“I gave them my Sabbath days of rest as a sign between them and me. It was to remind them that I am the LORD, who had set them apart to be holy.”

- Ezekiel 20:12

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Why can't you do this without taking time away?

BEING A PASTOR IS HARD

***Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching...
Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.***

- 2 Timothy 4:2-5

BEING A PASTOR IS HARD

- **Shifting Schedule Shock**
- **Role-Revolutioning Relationships**
- **Expectation of Expertise**
- **Accessibility & Availability**
- **Congregational Crises Compassion**

Bringing the Future into Focus

***We do this by keeping our eyes
on Jesus, the champion who initiates
and perfects our faith.***

- Hebrews 12:2a

