



ONE CHURCH
Regional Impact

One Church, Regional Impact

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Since June there has been much written about the God-given vision "One Church, Regional Impact." You can go to the communication archive page on our website and catch up if you haven't been keeping up. God continues to teach us and shape us so that we can be equipped to reach a changing world. And while it is true that this vision is not a new direction or a dramatic shift from where we have been going, for this vision to become a reality God is tugging at each of hearts to grasp His original intent for our lives.

Just today a friend said to me, "with all of the changes that are going on at work and in the world economy I am starting to see even more clearly that the only purpose for which I live is to connect people to life in Jesus." As more and more people at Christ Memorial see this with such clarity, the vision "One Church, Regional Impact" will happen all by itself! God has positioned us and allowed us to be a missional church; clear in mission, joyfully responding to His directives. I love this definition of missional church: *"A missional church is a community of God's people who live into the imagination that they are, by their very nature, God's missionary people living as a demonstration of what God plans to do in and for all of creation in Jesus Christ."* Pg.XV "The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World"

Here are a couple of points for emphasis:

- You are God's missionary!
- You live that calling out as you demonstrate God's abundant love in Jesus right where you live!

So, here are a couple questions to ponder:

- Do you see yourself as a missionary? Why or why not?
- If you do, will you please share with us *how* you are demonstrating God's abundant love in Jesus right where you live?

Here's some exciting answers to these questions from Verona:

- There is a group of people (25 to be exact) who gathered on November 2nd to discuss what it would look like to build and have Christ-centered community in their neighborhood and in Verona.
- Out of that night two *life*Groups have begun forming.
- There was a demonstrated interest in serving Verona to meet the needs of the community and show them in practical ways that God loves them. Several in the group are researching what those needs may be. (To date we have learned of some



needs through the Senior Center and we are learning what the needs are of the homeless students at the High School and elementary school.)

- Many that were there committed to pray for Verona using the Lord's Prayer as a guide with one petition per day for a week at a time.
- Plans have begun on a "Love Verona" day, possibly in February.

As you celebrate God's movement in Verona, take time to consider His movement in your life, in your neighborhood. And consider your response to the questions above. As you do, don't forget to allow God the space and time to speak to you about what He thinks! You may want to consider the words of Jesus; words like:

"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17

"Go, make disciples!" Matthew 28:19

"Follow me and be my disciple!" Mark 2:14

"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?...Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:33-35

Please check out the wealth of information about "One Church, Regional Impact" at our website www.livelifetogether.com Click on the "One Church, Regional Impact" logo in the upper right-hand corner. You can click on the "Communication Archive" or "Frequently Asked Questions" buttons.

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