



Worship. Connect. Serve. Invite. Give.
Five Steps Towards a More Vibrant Faith

WORSHIP GOD DAILY AND WEEKLY

1. Plan a comprehensive church-wide Lenten focus (worship, sermons, devotionals, and small group options).
2. Develop a congregation-wide plan for reading through the New Testament during 2012, including prayer guidelines for daily worship.
3. Create a worship design team to make worship more experiential and meaningful, including making each service more unique.
4. Include more children and youth in worship leadership.

CONNECT TO A GROUP FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND SUPPORT

1. Develop a team to create an intentional assimilation process to welcome newcomers and help them get connected at BUMC, including becoming an active member.
2. Offer a "United Methodist 101" group-life class in early 2012 led by our senior pastor.
3. Offer several new group-life opportunities, both short term and long term, for people to connect with.
4. Create ongoing (at least monthly) awareness messages (Beam, inserts, emails, etc.) about group-life opportunities and encourage people to connect with one of them.

SERVE IN THE CHURCH AND/OR COMMUNITY

1. Focus on a few key mission and outreach projects for 2012. This does not mean we won't do our other ministries. But we will lift up a few major projects for the congregation to get actively involved with.
2. Highlight one ministry at BUMC (internal or external) per month throughout 2012.
3. Have a missions fair during 2012 to help educate the congregation about volunteer opportunities that are available in the church and community.
4. Plan two to four self-contained "service day" opportunities that people of all ages can participate in.

INVITE AND WELCOME OTHERS

1. Encourage the congregation to invite family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers to 12 events at BUMC during 2012. Examples include worship services, sermon series, picnic, Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, SS parties, short term classes, concerts and various service opportunities.
2. Provide the congregation with a variety of tools to help make invitations including emails, inserts, brochures, and social media aids.
3. Create an inviting and welcoming training awareness lesson/s plan for SS classes and other small groups, teaching them practical ways to become a more welcoming group.
4. Provide curriculum and a teacher (or teachers) on how to share your faith story with others, and rotate the lesson/s to classes that are interested.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO GOD'S WORK

1. Plan a church-wide study of "Extravagant Generosity."
2. Encourage the congregation to increase their giving by 1% or more of their income in 2012.
3. Encourage the congregation to give up one weekly luxury/extravagance and give that money to the monthly communion offering.
4. Tell stories in worship and other venues that show the congregation where their offering dollars go.