

**Why does Lake Palms Community Church exist?**

**Our Mission: To bring glory to God by reconciling people to His plans and purposes for their lives.**

Our reason for existing starts here ...

**Matt 28:18-20 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.<sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**One: We go. We don't \_\_\_\_\_ for people to come to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Two. We lead people to the cross of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**Three. We baptize them, giving them a local church family in which to \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**Four. We teach them about God's \_\_\_\_\_ for family members.**

**2 Cor 5:17-20 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!<sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.<sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.<sup>20</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

**Entering into a new life brings with it an \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage/invite others to that \_\_\_\_\_ new-life-opportunity!**

**Our Vision: To be a multi-ethnic/multiracial church that adds value to those living in our community and our world.**

This vision statement has its roots in this passage...

**NLT Revelation 7:9** After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white and held palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they were shouting with a mighty shout, "Salvation comes from our God on the throne and from the Lamb!"

**Their focus is not on \_\_\_\_\_ ... their focus is on \_\_\_\_\_!!**

**We want to be a place where those of all cultures are not just tolerated or welcome, but have a place to \_\_\_\_\_ !**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of our vision statement comes from this passage...

**Matt 5:13-16 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

**We \_\_\_\_\_ content just to gather with the folks that are already \_\_\_\_\_ ... we're aware that there's " \_\_\_\_\_ person" in need!**

**Salt, in the \_\_\_\_\_ , is value-added to a meal!**

**God is \_\_\_\_\_ on us to be salt and light!**