

LOCUST VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

Vision Going Forward

September 2022

After much deliberation, discussion and prayer, the elders wish to share what we consider to be a much-needed biblical vision for Locust Valley Bible Church. The aim is to live lives that are holy, acceptable, and pleasing to God.

The areas listed are by no means complete, but form a basic working plan for our entire church body. God has made it very clear that “where there is no vision, the people perish” (Prov. 29:18). Trusting God for His wisdom and direction, these are some goals that we would like to establish for our church. We believe we can reach these goals and, in doing so, glorify God.

1. **Search for a pastor with patience, prayer, and wisdom.** (Psalm 27:14)
2. **Observe greater faithfulness in all areas of our Christian life, including the assembling of ourselves.** (Heb. 10:25)
3. **Enhance our prayer life (meditation on and memorization of Scripture, private and family devotions, praying fervently for one another) through greater commitment.** (James 5:16)
4. **Draw closer to the Lord by being in His will.**
5. **Meet the needs of His children spiritually, emotionally, and physically.**
6. **Desire individual and spiritual growth.**
7. **Have a deep burden for the lost (witnessing, praying, visiting, sending cards, making phone calls).**
8. **Develop effective classes for all ages.**
9. **Rejoice always in what He has, is, and continues to do for each of His children. We know you love God: let your face (countenance) show it.**
10. **Develop and enhance effective outreach via technology, various programs, and activities (nursing home ministry, Jolly Seniors, VBS, Christmas plays, community events, men’s and women’s Bible studies, etc.).**
11. **Maintain and enhance the organization and presentation of the church building.**
12. **Meet the needs of disabled attenders (easy access, classroom assistance, hearing devices, etc.).**

May we be a church that truly lives in the expectation of seeing Jesus Christ at any time. Expecting the LORD’s return is a great motivation for soul-winning (I Thess. 2:19-20) and Christian stability (I Thess. 3:11-13). It is a wonderful comfort in sorrow (I Thess. 4:13-18) and a great encouragement for godly living (I Thess. 5:23-24).

It is our prayer that each of you will prayerfully consider your role in helping Locust Valley Bible Church to reach these goals. We need each of you to seek the LORD’s will in establishing you here at Locust Valley as a member of the body of Christ (Rom. 12:5, I Cor. 12:12-28). May God bless and direct us as we seek His will in our lives and in the life of this church (Psalm 37:5).