

Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church

Our Vision: *We are committed to encourage people to find and grow in God*

Our Core Values *Worship, Prayer, Discipleship, Outreach and Fellowship*

Worship

Goals:- (This is a picture of what we want to see in our church)

- ✓ *We are committed to strive for our worship experiences to be Biblical grounded,*
- ✓ *God centered and Spirit led.*
- ✓ *We want to encourage greater congregational involvement*
- ✓ *We must be willing to step outside the box in creativity, led by the spirit*
- ✓ *We will strive to create an atmosphere and content that is relevant to the faith community.*
- ✓ *We want to help people draw near to God*

Our Strategies: (Action Steps to accomplish our goals)

- Have a worship leader
- Strive to have a variety of worship elements
- God Centered Scripture reading
- Encourage people to bring Bibles, notepads and markers
- Periodically include personal testimonies and sharing
- Involve a variety of lay people in various aspects of the worship experience
- Be creative and God focused
- Invite a variety of speakers/preachers
- Invite guest musicians, encouraging different styles of music

Prayer

Goals:- (This is a picture of what we want to see in our church)

- ✓ *We are committed to expand our prayer life, to the community and every area of our church life, =.*
- ✓ *We want to encourage greater congregational involvement in the worship service with prayer*
- ✓ *We want to create more opportunities for prayer in small groups and other events.*

Our Strategies: (Action Steps to accomplish our goals)

- Add an evening “Chicken Soup” event
- Prayer Request Box- Let the community know about the box through Facebook and church website
- Increase opportunities for the church community to express praises, thanks and concerns and to pray out loud

- Insert a moment of silence in our worship service
- Establish a prayer chain, allowing people to add their prayer requests, perhaps on the web page
- More spirit based prayers for a person's salvation and spiritual journey
- Plan a monthly prayer meeting and plan prayer nights at the church
- Get involved with the national day of prayer at the school
- Prayer service honoring those who served our country well and died

Discipleship

Goals:- (This is a picture of what we want to see in our church)

- ✓ *We are committed to encourage people to grow in Christ*
- ✓ *We are committed to offer a variety of opportunities for Spiritual Growth.*
- ✓ *In the area of discipleship, we want to be more intentional, creative and contemporary.*

Our Strategies: (Action Steps to accomplish our goals)

- Develop more small groups
- Create opportunities for micro groups (3-4 people)
- Create Spiritual Growth programs
- Invite those outside the church to Bible studies or book groups
- Mentoring and training small group leaders and facilitators
- Have a small group for new believers
- Intentional training on how to share our faith
- Intentional discipleship for leaders

Fellowship

Goals:- (This is a picture of what we want to see in our church)

- ✓ *We are committed to move towards a more loving community,*
- ✓ *Committed to have more home fellowship groups.*
- ✓ *We are committed to expand our fellowship opportunities.*
- ✓ *We must be willing to foster open communication and commitment*

Our Strategies: (Action Steps to accomplish our goals)

- Have women and men groups with a program
- Encourage more participants to join small groups
- Using "Five Loaves" to advertise events
- "Getting to Know each other" gatherings
- "Sing-a-long" without scripts. Simply voices praising God. This could also be in the form of a hymn sing, including a variety of music. All would be welcome. Participants can bring their instruments

Outreach

Goals:- (This is a picture of what we want to see in our church)

- ✓ *We hope to expand our Christian influence in the local and global community.*
- ✓ *Focus on evangelism as an integral part of community activities*
- ✓ *Sharing the love of Christ where we find needs globally and locally.*
- ✓ *Build a culture of being a welcoming, loving and accepting community*

Our Strategies: (Action Steps to accomplish our goals)

- Offer life skill training
- Have evangelism training opportunities
- Create after school programs
- Provide a variety of meal opportunities with “spiritual dessert.”
- More involvement in the local community
- Have regular updates in the community calendar and social media
- Foster relationships with town officials and departments
- Create benevolent opportunities throughout the year
- Create and sponsor family nights
- Continue to support global missions (national and international)