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Welcome & Prayer

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# Shepherd Introductions

# Vision Communication

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## Objective of Classes

To share the shepherds' 2029 Vision for Otter Creek with the church and inspire us to embody the good news of Jesus' Kingdom to Nashville as we move towards 2029, our church's 100th anniversary. By examining who we have been, who we are, and who we hope to be, this teaching series will establish a trajectory for Otter Creek to fully live into our Kingdom mission of being a family growing to be like Jesus through the next decade.

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## Overview of Classes

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| Jan 5  | The Process of Visioning and Core Beliefs |
| Jan 12 | Our History and Appreciation of Scripture |
| Jan 19 | Our Current Identity and Core Values      |
| Jan 26 | Our Future                                |

# Vision Process

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Why have a vision?

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

-Proverbs 29:18

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The 2029 Vision articulates how Otter Creek Church of Christ intends to embody the good news of Jesus' kingdom to Nashville as we move towards 2029, our church's 100th anniversary. This vision provides a "high-altitude" perspective on the congregational goals that the OC leadership will pursue and principles it will follow in matters of theology, ethos, and ministry.

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- In April of 2018 the shepherds commissioned 20 OC members to dream about our future.
- That group submitted their ideas in January of 2019.
- The shepherds processed that input and spent much of 2019 crafting a 10 year vision for OC.
- Coinciding debt retirement shaped the vision to have an outwardly focus.
- The shepherds affirmed the Vision 2029 in November of 2019.

# 2029 Mission Statement

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Otter Creek Church is a family  
growing to be like Jesus.

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# Vision Influencers

- Core Beliefs
- The Bible
- Core Values
- Historical Identity
- Current Identity
- Future Identity

# Core Beliefs

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# Core Beliefs

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful

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word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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Jesus Christ, the Son, is completely God and became a complete human being. His life revealed God to us. His death exemplifies the love of God for the original rebellion and the evil that followed. His resurrection overcame the power of death and gave us life with God after death. Jesus is now with the Father and personally intercedes on our behalf.

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John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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Hebrews 2:14-15

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

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Ephesians 4:2-6

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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Closing

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