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Welcome & Prayer

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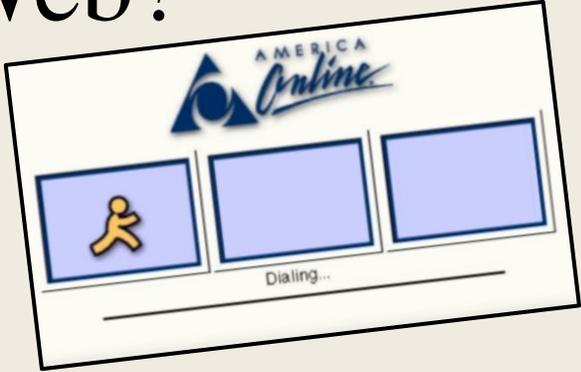
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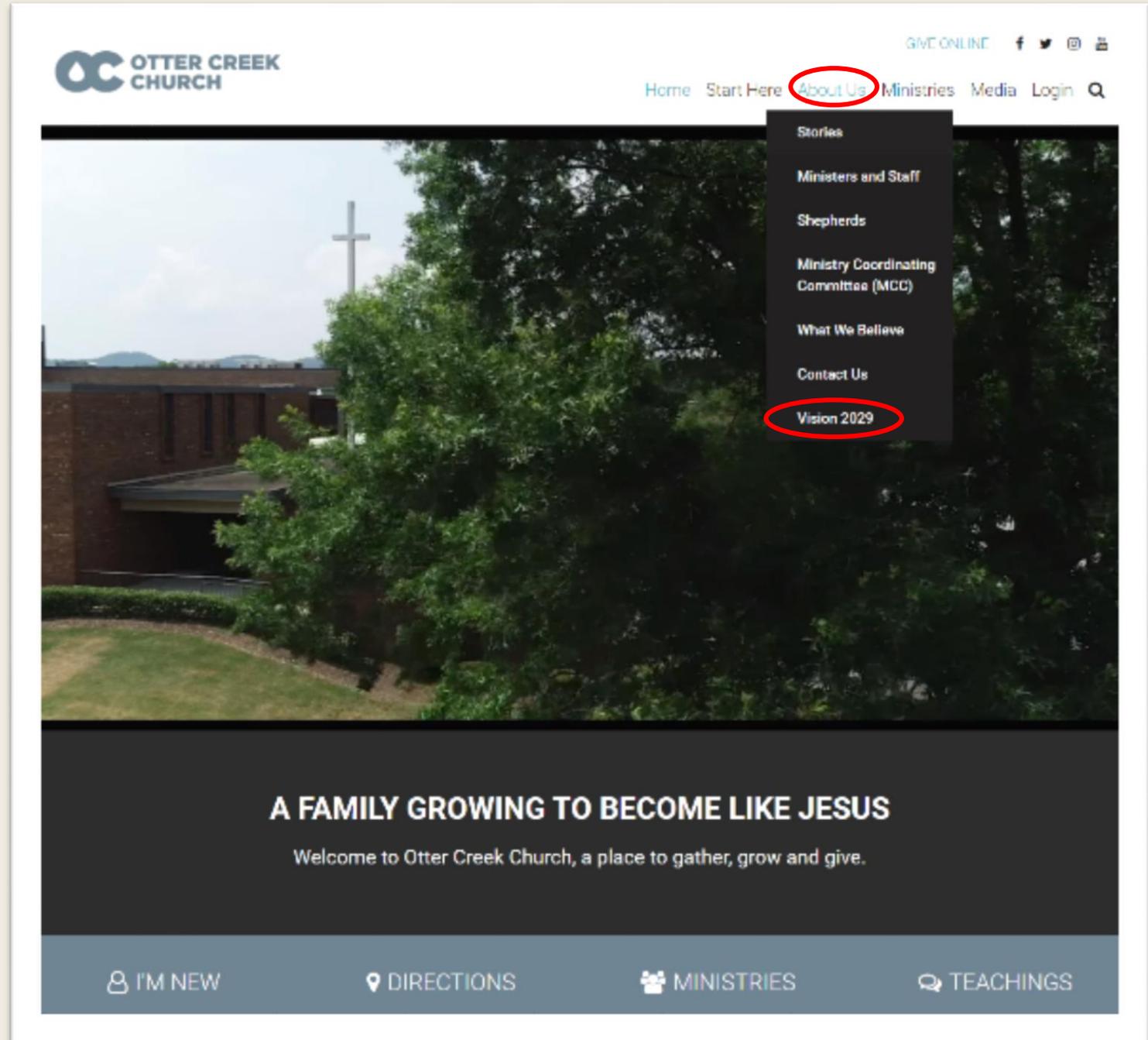
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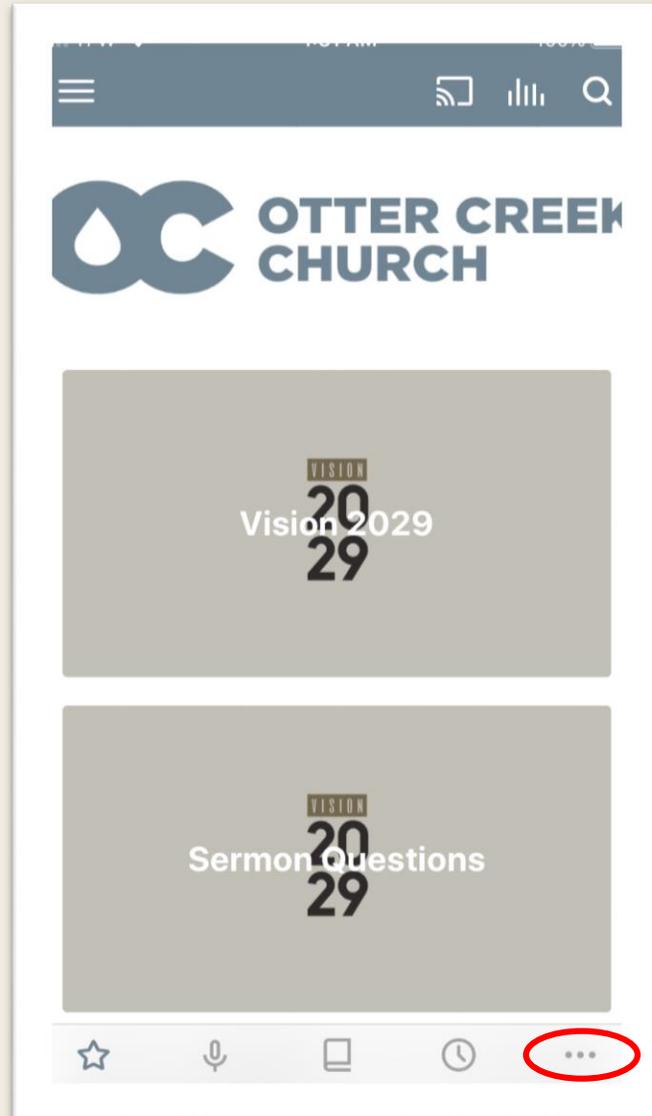
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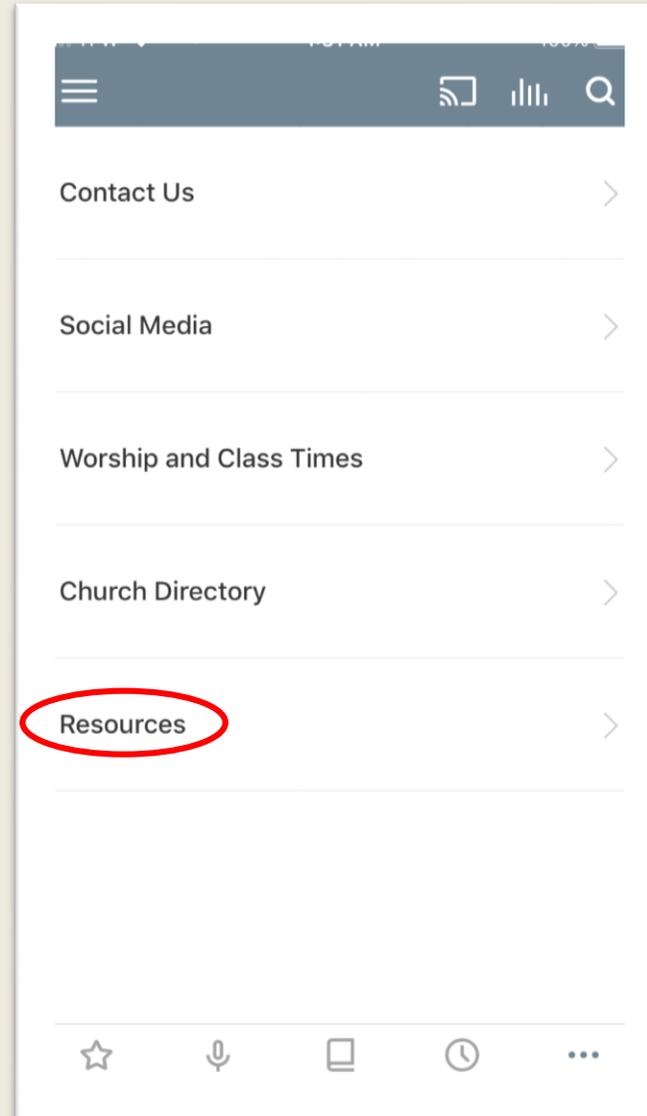


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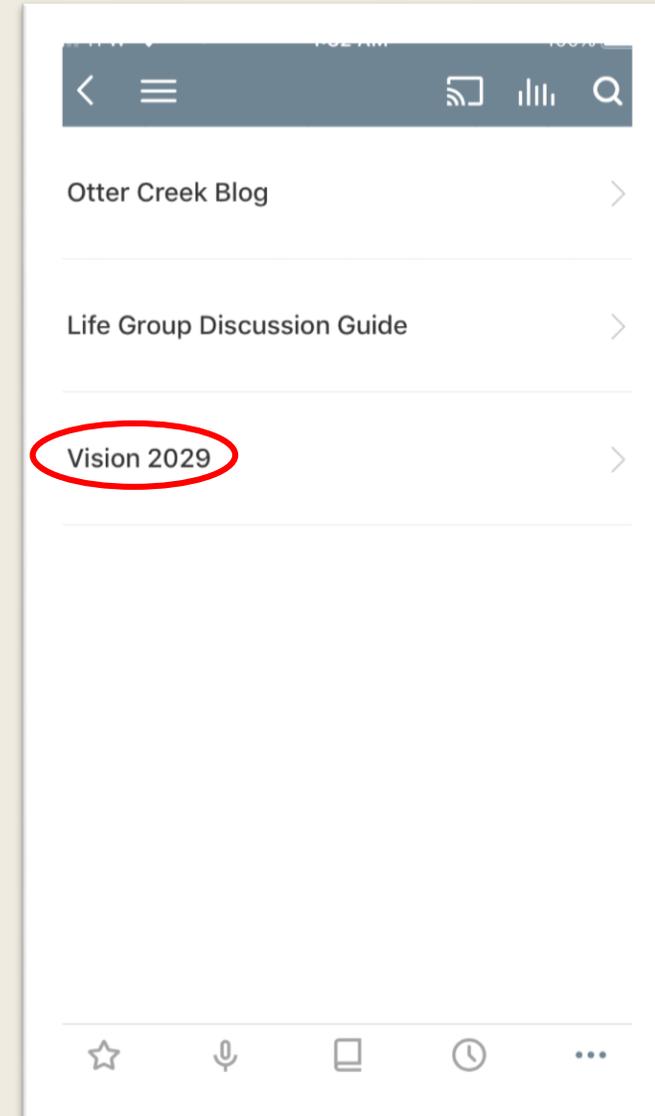
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# Vision Communication

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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.

# Vision Communication

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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      |
| <b>Jan 26</b> | <b>Our Future</b>                         |

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# Vision Influencers

- Core Beliefs (week 1)
- The Bible (week 2)
- Core Values (week 3)
  
- Historical Identity (week 2)
- Current Identity (week 3)
- Future Identity (week 4)

# Core Beliefs

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Our theological convictions about:

- One God
- Creation
- Humans
- Sin
- God's Communication
- The Trinity
- Jesus
- The Holy Spirit
- Salvation
- The Church
- The Sacraments
- Jesus' Ultimate Reign

Review Week 1

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# 2029 Mission Statement

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

# OC and the Bible

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We affirm the Bible to be  
inspired, authoritative, and trustworthy.

# Otter Creek's History

1929

Henrietta & Gordon Campbell

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# Otter Creek's History

2019

Debt free, dynamic, thriving church

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# Otter Creek's Current Identity

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## Who We Are

- Large
- Theologically diverse
- Love of humor
- Value scripture
- Value community with one another

## What We Do

- Study scripture
- Give financially
- Serve in ministries
- Launch new ministries
- Worship together
- Invest in marriages

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# Otter Creek's Future Identity

Who We Want to Be

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We will hold on to our best characteristics,  
while growing in these new areas...

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# Otter Creek's Future Identity

We Want to Be a Church that  
Loves God and His Kingdom

1. We will be known as people who not only know the Bible but who also live holy lives based on what Scripture teaches (Romans 12:1-2).
2. We will continue to embrace Sunday morning worship as an opportunity to praise God while being intentional about including our friends and neighbors who don't know Jesus as Lord.

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3. We will be unafraid to brave risks in new ventures.
4. We will model innovation and scalability as we consider new ministry efforts.

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We Want to Be a Church that  
Loves Our Neighbors

1. We, like Jesus, will counter-culturally **love our neighbors** rather than love being right (Mark 3:1-6).
2. We will be a church family that loves people both **locally and globally**.
3. We will become more **hospitable to all people**, not for the sake of political correctness, but in the spirit of being all things to all people to further the kingdom of God.

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We Want to Be a Church that  
Loves Our Neighbors

4. We will be a welcoming church that **loves everyone** regardless of who they are or who they have been. We will be known as a safe place for broken people.
5. We will be deliberate about applying our **academic knowledge** in practical ways that matter to the lost and vulnerable people of our community.

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# Otter Creek's Future Identity

We Want to Be a Church that  
Loves One Another

1. We will continue to be a church that values children, families, and marriage. Additionally, we will be more intentional about how we **love and care** for people of all ages, especially singles (non-married) and senior citizens (Acts 2:42-45).
2. We will be a church that places emphasis and provides resources for **strengthening marriages**.
3. We will hold **each other accountable** for our actions.

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What We Want to Do

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The elders commit to authentic leadership. We will be prayerful, visible, committed, confessional, and accountable. We will value and relate to the entire body of believers. **We will not be managers; we will be leaders.**

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What We Want to Do:

Loving God and His Kingdom Looks like...

1. We want to leverage our unique **creativity** and our love for Jesus to solve problems that our world cannot solve.
2. We want to embrace a “10 talent mindset” which continually asks: “What can Otter Creek do at **scale** that individuals cannot do alone?”
3. Seeking the Spirit's leading, we want to openly study and discuss **the gifting of men and women** with unity and wisdom ensuring all members are fully utilizing their...

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What We Want to Do:

Loving God and His Kingdom Looks like...

...gifts and skills as revealed by the Holy Spirit.

4. Our vision is to become a more dynamic and growing body, including the possibility of church planting, multi-site engagement, and creation of digital communities. We expect to **grow in multiple facets**.

5. We want to **rise above partisan politics** for the glory of the kingdom of God.

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What We Want to Do:

Loving Our Neighbor Looks like...

1. We want to seek ways to engage the whole church in “**hands on**” ministry opportunities in order to break down walls between “us and them.” In doing so, we will create more kingdom disciples instead of religious consumers.
2. We want to move beyond providing symptomatic relief for those who struggle and instead provide **life-changing solutions** for the causes behind their struggles.
3. We want to become a “**staging area**” to serve our Brentwood community.

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What We Want to Do:

Loving Our Neighbor Looks like...

4. We want to discern what it means to be a **safe and nurturing church** for all people regardless of their sexual orientation.
5. As a means to become a more inclusive and diverse community of believers, we want to **consider gender and race** along with giftedness in hiring decisions for ministers and staff.

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What We Want to Do:

Loving One Another Looks like...

1. We want to consistently bear witness to the power of the gospel at work in a **vibrant community of faith**. We want to find practical ways to apply our **knowledge** of the Bible.
2. We want to ensure that **OC camp** remains a vital part of the spiritual formation experience of our students.
3. We want to set high expectations for committed involvement and hold each other accountable when we succeed or fall short.

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What We Want to Do:

Loving One Another Looks like...

4. We want to be clear about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We want to equip members with practical examples about how to **become and make disciples** that go beyond simply inviting people to worship services.
5. We want to provide clear **expectations** of what it means to be a part of the Otter Creek church.

# Otter Creek's Future Identity

## Priorities and Direction

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- Continued Support
- Outward Focus

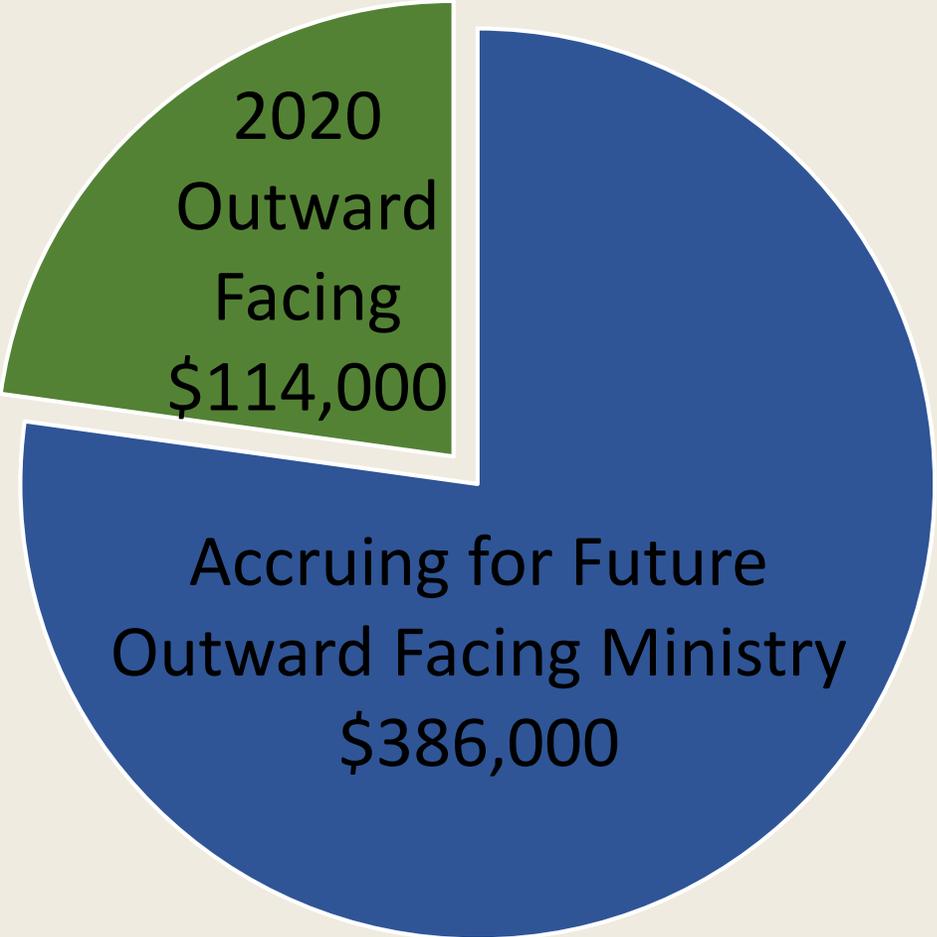
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## Outward Focus

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# Otter Creek's Future Identity

## Priorities and Direction

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- Continued Support
- Outward Focus
- Community Partners
- Kingdom Incubator
- Development Efforts...

1. Affordable housing
2. Immigrants and refugees
3. At-risk families in poverty
4. The aging population
5. Victims of addiction
6. Victims of sex-trafficking

# Otter Creek's Future Identity

Immediate Vision Effort

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AWAKEN

- Loving our neighbors
- Creative ministry
- Partnering with others to scale

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Closing

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