



Strategic Ministry Plan Summary



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Overview

For 112 years, County Line Church of God (“County Line”) has sought to impact its communities for Christ. The church alternately experienced growth and decline during its first 84 years, but in recent decades has experienced steady growth from an average weekly attendance of 80 in 1980 to the current average attendance of 650.

Current church leadership is determined to be intentional about reaching people that do not yet know Christ, building disciples of all within its influence, and restoring the communities in which the congregation lives. Leadership has identified various stages of spiritual life and it is their intention to help people move along their spiritual life journeys from rejecting Christ to exploring Christianity, exploring to beginning to follow Christ, beginning to growing, and growing to becoming truly Christ-centered in all of life. Such life change will not result accidentally. With this Strategic Ministry Plan, leadership intends to ensure that all County Line ministries and activities are designed and implemented in a way that will move individuals along their spiritual journey to becoming ever more Christ-centered.

This Strategic Ministry Plan details near-term and long-term strategic initiatives and goals that are designed to facilitate the fulfillment of the vision. The church is blessed with more than adequate facilities and land to achieve the vision. The church also has a solid core of individuals within the church that are capable, with proper focus and training, to launch and lead the many efforts that will be required to see its communities restored.

Vision Casting

Revised Mission

Reaching People—Building Disciples—Restoring Communities

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

[Matthew 28:18-20]

Revised Vision

Because we believe...

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of

*ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and **restore** the places long devastated for generations.”*

[Isaiah 61:1-4 (Isaiah 58:11-12 and Isaiah 61:5-7)]

“I tell you the truth, at the RENEWAL of all things, when the Son of Man sits on His glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters of father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.”

[Matthew 19:28]

“He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to RESTORE everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets.”

[Acts 3:21]

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross.”

[Colossians 1:15-20]

County Line Church of God aspires to be a community of Christ-Centered people who are actively reaching people who are far from God. The people of County Line will connect with the heart of God and His desire for no one to spend eternity apart from Him, but rather for everyone to repent and follow Him.

County Line Church of God aspires to be a people that not only reaches people, but also is committed to assisting new believers become Christ-Centered. The people of County Line will assist individuals through a variety of intentional and consistent discipleship relationships.

County Line Church of God also aspires to be a congregation that is equipped to **restore** our respective communities through a ministry that fits within their God-given gifts and passions. The County Line family will be encouraged to have a bigger heart to give their life away in a cause greater than themselves. County Line will also support 3 Christ-centered ministries (one focused on children, one focused on youth and one focused on adults) and three sister foreign churches to provide an organizational example of what we hope to see become a reality at an individual level.

We believe God is working to restore all people and the communities in which we live, therefore, we will join Him in **restoring our communities with Christ, one life at a time.**

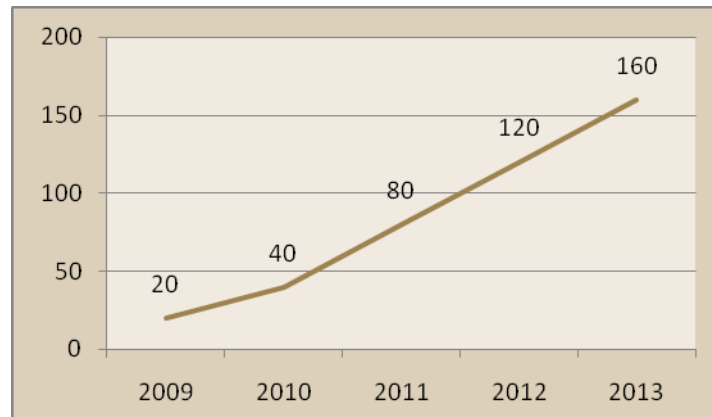
Vision Goals

Reaching People

Our vision leads us to expect that:

- We will see conversions and baptisms as illustrated in Chart 1.

Chart 1: Conversions & Baptisms



- At the end of each year, every person who calls County Line home should be able to point to one person or family who previously did not go to church and say, “They attend County Line because I invited them.”
- In 5 years, 225 adults will be equipped to share with their children the salvation message.

Building Disciples

Our vision leads us to expect that:

- In 5 years, 100% of baptized adults, students, and children will become assimilated into Movement 2 of the Spiritual Life Journey.
- In 5 years, 80 percent of County Liners will be actively involved in the Adult Training Ministry and in a Discipleship relationship.

Restoring Communities

Our vision leads us to expect that:

- In 5 years, County Line will be actively engaged in 3 community ministries and 3 foreign sister churches.
- In 5 years, 45 percent of County Liners will be actively using their gifts and passions in a ministry that is restoring lives of our local community.

Major Focuses

Focus 1—Reaching People

Our vision compels us to reach people who are far from God by...

- *Becoming “just walk-across-the-room” kind of people*
- *Authentically earning the right to be heard*
- *Inviting people to programs and events*

- *Defrosting those who are rejecting Christ*
- *Leading them to commit their lives to Christ*

To that end we will endeavor to ensure that every individual is...

- Trained and mentored in effective evangelism
- Meaningfully engaged in the culture
- Engaged in an evangelism accountability relationship

Focus 2—Discipleship

Our vision compels us to build disciples who understand and believe in...

- *Salvation by grace*
- *The Trinity*
- *The personal God*
- *The authority of the Bible*
- *Putting Christ first*
- *Their identity in Christ*
- *Giving their life away*
- *The power of prayer*
- *The importance of stewardship*

To that end we will endeavor to ensure that every individual is...

- Moving toward becoming Christ-Centered
- Experiencing a discipleship relationship
- Actively connected to the church body

Focus 3—Community Restoration

Our vision compels us to devote our lives to the restoration of our communities by...

- *Sponsoring a “Faith In Action Sunday” once a year*
- *Encouraging Small Groups to initiate their own Faith In Action projects*
- *Equipping people to pursue a personal ministry*

To that end we will endeavor to ensure that County Line Church will...

- Volunteer with Steps of Care (DeKalb County) and Neighborhood Link (Allen County)
- Support a community youth outreach
- Support Creative Play School as an outreach ministry
- Partner with three foreign churches to restore their communities
- Foster an atmosphere that empowers people to pursue personal ministry

Spiritual Life Journey

Life with Christ is a journey. As a church, as we seek to fulfill our mission, it is our desire to do everything we can to help people become fully Christ-centered individuals and families.

We observe five stages of the pre-Christian/Christian life: Rejecting, Exploring, Beginning, Growing, and Christ-Centered. Our hope is to help all people within our sphere of influence, no

matter where they are in their spiritual life journey, move along the journey to become Christ-centered.

Chart 2 illustrates the spiritual life journey. The illustration identifies the five life stages as R (Rejecting), E (Exploring), B (Beginning), G (Growing), and C (Christ-Centered). The white line at the bottom right illustrates the fact that, like a newborn baby, a new believer is primarily dependent on others for his spiritual nourishment, but as he matures in his relationship with Christ, that dependence will diminish. The blue line above illustrates the fact that maturing followers of Christ increasingly invest their lives in the nurturing of others.

Chart 2: Spiritual Life Journey



It is our intention to ensure that all County Line ministries and activities are designed and implemented in a way that will move individuals along their spiritual journey to becoming ever more Christ-centered.

Chart 3 lists the ministries designed to encourage growth along their spiritual life journey at each stage of growth.

Chart 3: Moving People along the Spiritual Life Journey

	<u>M1: REJECT TO EXPLORE</u>	<u>M2: EXPLORE TO BEGIN</u>	<u>M3: BEGIN TO GROW</u>	<u>M4: GROW TO CHRIST-CENTERED</u>
SUNDAY A.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality (E, R) Sermons/Themes (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trinity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving the Church (E,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Greeters Parking Lot Nursery Aide Funeral Dinners Sermons/Themes (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salvation by Grace Trinity Personal God Authority of the Bible Christ First Identity in Christ Assimilation (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Step Luncheon W2CL Web-site Hospitality (E,R) Modern Blended Worship (E,R) Baptism (D,G) Christmas (E,R) Easter (E,R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving the church (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information & Guest Center Connection Power Ushers Children’s Ministries Door Greeters Parking Lot Nursery Funeral Dinners Worship Arts Student Ministries Sermons/Themes (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salvation by Grace Personal God Authority of the Bible Christ First Identity in Christ Assimilation (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W2CL Next Step Luncheon Website Hospitality (D,R) Baby Dedication (D,R,G) Communion (D,R) Modern Blended Worship (D,R,G) Baptism (D,G) Tithing (D,G) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving the Church (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information & Guest Center Connection Power Ushers Children’s Ministries Door Greeters Parking Lot Nursery Funeral Dinners Worship Arts Student Ministries Assimilation (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Step Luncheon Website Hospitality (D,R) Baby Dedication (D,R,G) Communion (D,R) Tithing (D,G)
SMALL GROUPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeker Small Groups (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spiritual Friendships Prayer for Guidance Reflect on Scripture Spiritual Friends (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assimilation (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W2CL Connections Event Semester Sign Up Small Group Accountability for Personal Practices (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read Bible/Reflect on scripture Pray for guidance/ confession Seeker Small Groups (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spiritual Friendships Prayer for Guidance Reflect on Scripture Spiritual Friends (R) Sermon Series Study Guides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assimilation (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W2CL Connections Event Semester Sign Up Serve the needy (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith in Action Small Group Accountability for Personal Practices (D,R,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read Bible/Reflect on scripture Pray for guidance/ confession Using SHAPE Influence/Invest Solitude Spiritual Friends (R,G) Spiritual Mentors (D,R) Sermon Series Study Guides Ongoing Leader Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assimilation (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W2CL Connections Event Semester Sign Up Serve the needy (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith in Action Spiritual Mentor / Mentoring Accountability for Personal Practices (D,R,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve the Needy Read Bible/Reflect on scripture Pray for guidance/ confession Using SHAPE Influence/Invest Solitude Spiritual Mentors (D,R) Spiritual Mentoring (D,G) Sermon Series Study Guides Ongoing Leader Training

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship (D,R→G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Small Group ○ Personal Evangelism ○ Serving the Needy 	<p>GIVE YOUR LIFE AWAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Training (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pastor ▪ Intern ▪ Missions ○ County Line <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Accountability ▪ Mentoring ▪ Ministry Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MLT ◆ Worship Arts ◆ Women's ◆ Men's ◆ JOY ▪ Ministry Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Students
ADULT TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources (E,R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources (E,R) • Assimilation (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Starting Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salvation by Grace ▪ Trinity ▪ Personal God ▪ Authority of the Bible ▪ Christ First ▪ Identity in Christ • Intimacy with God (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Bible ○ Reflect on Scripture ○ Pray for Guidance ○ Pray for confession • Bible Study for Dummies (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Authority of the Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources (D,G) • Basic Theology Class(D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salvation by Grace ○ Personal God ○ Authority of the Bible ○ Christ First ○ Identity in Christ • Bible Study for Dummies (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Authority of the Bible • Intimacy with God (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Bible ○ Reflect on Scripture ○ Pray for Guidance ○ Pray for confession ○ Solitude ○ Tithing • Identify My Ministry (D,R→G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SHAPE • Influencing Those Far From God (D,R→G) • Invest in One Another (D,R→G) • Integrating God into All of Life (D,R→G) • Marketplace/ Community (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal Evangelism ○ Serve the Needy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources (D,G) • Integrating God into All of Life (D,R→G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stewardship • Influencing Those Far From God (D,R→G) • Invest in One Another (D,R→G) • Identify My Ministry (D,R→G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SHAPE • Bible/Theology Classes (D,R) • Marketplace/ Community (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal Evangelism ○ Serve the Needy

STUDENT MINISTRIES (6 TH –12 TH)	M1: REJECT TO EXPLORE	M2: EXPLORE TO BEGIN	M3: BEGIN TO GROW	M4: GROW TO CHRIST-CENTERED
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources • Sunday A.M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hospitality • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunday nights ▪ Amazing Race ▪ Video Scavenger ▪ Crazy Pinz ○ Campus Life ○ Guys Adventure Trip ○ Girls Retreat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daily Devotional ○ Book • Sunday A.M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serving the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ushers ▪ Aids to teachers ▪ Parking lot ▪ Nursery ▪ Tech. arts ▪ Greeters ▪ Hospitality ○ Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salvation by grace ▪ Trinity ▪ Personal God ▪ Authority of Bible ▪ Christ first ▪ Identity in Christ ○ Assimilation through Sunday School ○ Baptism ○ Communion • Small Groups (Wed.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.O.T. Groups (honest, open, trustworthy) ○ Bible Study ○ Prayer for each other ○ Accountability ○ Spiritual friendships ○ Discipleship (relationship with adult leader) • Student Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reach out to new attendees • Tithing • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunday nights ▪ Amazing Race ▪ Video Scavenger ▪ Crazy Pinz ▪ Laser X ○ Campus Life ○ Guys Adventure Trip ○ Girls Retreat ○ Winter Camp ○ Faith In Action • Worship/Prayer Nights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daily Devotional ○ Book • Sunday A.M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serving the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ushers ▪ Aids to teachers ▪ Parking lot ▪ Nursery ▪ Tech. arts ▪ Worship Band ▪ Greeters ▪ Hospitality ○ Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salvation by grace ▪ Trinity ▪ Personal God ▪ Authority of Bible ▪ Christ first ▪ Identity in Christ ○ Assimilation through Sunday School ○ Baptism ○ Communion • Small Groups (Wed.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.O.T. Groups (honest, open, trustworthy) ○ Bible Study ○ Prayer for each other ○ Accountability ○ Spiritual friendships ○ Discipleship (relationship with adult leader) • Student Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reach out to new attendees • Tithing • Leadership Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oversee events ○ Oversee a ministry ○ Share testimony • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunday nights ▪ Amazing Race ▪ Video Scavenger ▪ Crazy Pinz ▪ Laser X ○ Campus Life ○ Mission's Trip ○ Guys Adventure Trip ○ Girls Retreat ○ Winter Camp ○ Faith In Action ○ Worship/Prayer Nights ○ Leadership Training Retreat ○ Life After High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daily Devotional ○ Book • Sunday A.M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serving the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ushers ▪ Aids to teachers ▪ Parking lot ▪ Nursery ▪ Tech. arts ▪ Worship Band ▪ Greeters ▪ Hospitality ○ Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salvation by grace ▪ Trinity ▪ Personal God ▪ Authority of Bible ▪ Christ first ▪ Identity in Christ ○ Assimilation through Sunday School ○ Baptism ○ Communion • Small Groups (Wed.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.O.T. Groups (honest, open, trustworthy) ○ Bible Study ○ Prayer for each other ○ Accountability ○ Spiritual friendships ○ Discipleship (relationship with adult leader) • Student Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reach out to new attendees ○ Share testimony ○ Teaching ○ Lead upfront • Tithing • Leadership Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oversee events ○ Oversee a ministry ○ Share testimony ○ Lead worship team ○ Lead small group of junior high students or seniors co-lead with adults a group of freshman/sophomores • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunday nights ▪ Amazing Race ▪ Video Scavenger ▪ Crazy Pinz ▪ Laser X ○ Campus Life ○ Mission's Trip ○ Guys Adventure Trip ○ Girls Retreat ○ Winter Camp ○ Faith In Action ○ Worship/Prayer Nights ○ Leadership Training Retreat ○ Life After High School

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES K-5 TH GRADES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in family prayers • Hears and discusses Bible stories with family • Memorizes age-appropriate Bible passages • Hears and sings praise and worship music • Asks seeker questions • Shows care for others • Participates in service projects • Sunday Mornings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attends regularly ○ Builds relationships with church people ○ Asks seeker questions ○ Prays with others ○ Participates occasionally in family worship services ○ Attends age group classes ○ Learns Bible stories ○ Introduced to Bible skills ○ Gives Money ○ Some serve on 4th/5th Kids Worship Team • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vacation Bible School ○ Faith in Action ○ Age Group Events ○ Fall Family Festival ○ June Picnic ○ Dec/May Musicals ○ Christmas/Easter ○ Back to School Bash ○ Mission Projects ○ Family/Bible Presentation in Sept. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shares personal faith and Gospel with others. • Reads Bible on their own • Prays with family and on own • Reflects/memorizes Scripture • Understands Truths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salvation by Grace ○ Trinity ○ Personal God ○ Authority of Bible ○ Christ First ○ Identity in Christ • Identifies and practices Christian character traits • Tithes & Offerings • Participates in local service/ministry projects • Supports/investigates global ministries • Sunday Mornings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attends regularly ○ Builds relationships with church people ○ Prays with others ○ Participates in main worship service once a month ○ Attends age group classes ○ Discovers deeper Bible truths ○ Discusses application of Bible lessons to real life. ○ Practices Bible skills ○ Communion ○ Some serve on 4th/5th Kids Worship Team • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VBS ○ Faith in Action ○ Age Group Events ○ Fall Family Festival ○ June Picnic ○ Dec/May Musicals ○ Christmas/Easter ○ Back to School Bash ○ Mission Projects ○ Family/Bible Presentation in Sept. 	

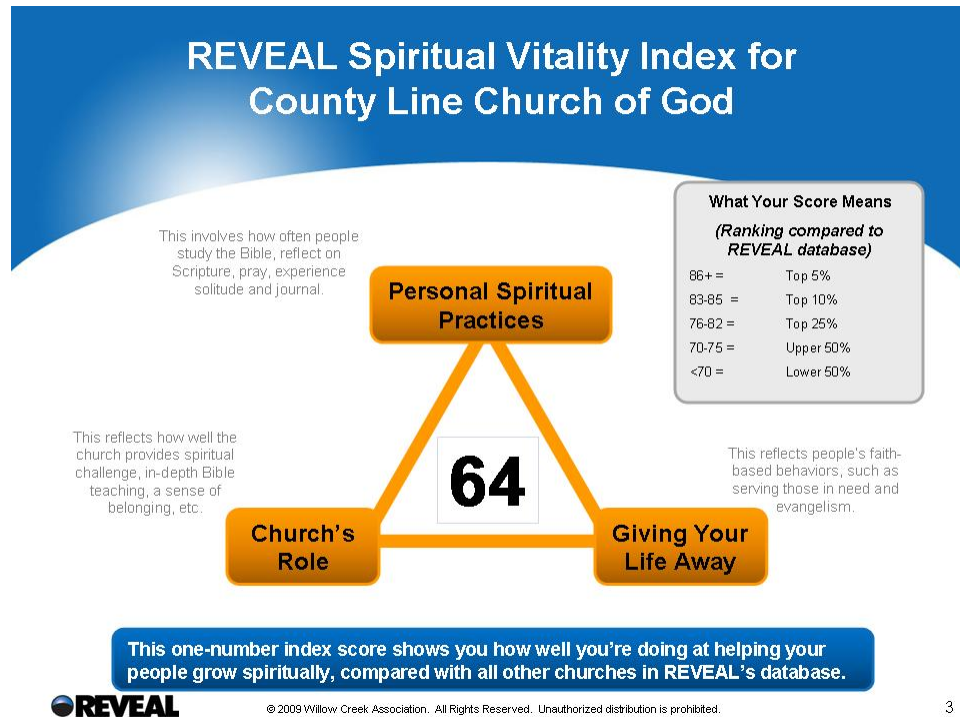
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NURSERY—PRESCHOOL	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hears family pray at bed & meal times • Learns to participate in family prayer times • Hears and discusses Bible stories with family • Hears and sings music with family that expresses Biblical truth and praise • Feels loved and cared for • Express love and care for family and others • Sunday Mornings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attends regularly ○ Builds relationships with church family ○ Feels a sense of belonging ○ Enjoys children's worship ○ Hears Bible Stories ○ Sings faith songs ○ Asks questions • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Baby Dedications ○ Creative Play School ○ Family Nights ○ Fall Festival ○ June Family Picnic ○ Moms/Dads of Preschoolers Events 	•	•
EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Festival ○ Summer Festival ○ Southern Gospel Concert ○ Christmas/Easter Musicals • Pre-Marital Counseling/Weddings (E,R) • Funeral Sermons (E,R) • Senior Adult Ministry (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trips ○ Luncheons • Outreach (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Festival ○ Summer Festival ○ Southern Gospel Concert ○ Christmas/Easter Musicals • Pre-Marital Counseling/Weddings (E,R) • Funeral Sermons (E,R) • Faith In Action Sunday (E,G) • Missions (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Domestic Short Term Mission Trips • Senior Adult Ministry (E,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trips ○ Luncheons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Marital Counseling/Weddings (D,R→G) • Funeral Sermons (D,R) • Faith In Action Sunday (D,G) • Missions (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Domestic Short Term Mission Trips ○ Foreign Short Term Mission Trips ○ Financial Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Missionaries ▪ Sending Church • Senior Adult Ministry (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trips ○ Luncheons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Marital Counseling/Weddings (D,R→G) • Funeral Sermons (D,R) • Faith In Action Sunday (D,G) • Missions (D,G) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Domestic Short Term Mission Trips • Senior Adult Ministry (D,R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trips ○ Luncheons ○ Financial Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Missionaries ▪ Sending Church
PIT Crews • Prayer Room • Altar Team • Prayer Services • Prayer Cards				
PRAYER				

Blue: Church Activities Green: Beliefs & Attitudes Red: Personal Practices Plum: Activities w/ Others
 CHURCH: E—Evangelism D—Discipleship INDIVIDUAL: R—Receive, G—Give

Spiritual Vitality Index

County Line recently participated in a spiritual life survey, sponsored by REVEAL. One of the results of that survey is a Spiritual Vitality Index for the church. County Line’s index was 64, as shown in Chart 4.

Chart 4: County Line Spiritual Vitality Index



The Spiritual Vitality Index is designed to offer leadership an overall measure of the spiritual well-being of the church. It also provides a method of tracking progress over time. The score is comprised of the following three major categories related to spiritual growth:

- **Personal Spiritual Practices**—assesses the level of engagement with spiritual disciplines, such as reflection on Scripture and prayer, that advance the level of spiritual maturity and intimacy with God (Mark 1:32-38).
- **Giving Your Life Away**— assesses spiritual behaviors that mark a Christ-follower, such as evangelism and serving those in need, as well as attitudes of surrender to Christ (Philippians 2:2-8 and James 2:14-18).
- **Church's Role**—assesses the effectiveness of the church's role in helping the congregation grow spiritually (Ephesians 4:12-13).

Our vision leads us to expect an increase in the Spiritual Vitality Index over the next 3 years.

- 2009 – 64
- 2010 – 70
- 2012 – 76

Revised Ministry Inventory

Ministries		
<p><u>Prayer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIT Crew • Prayer Room • Altar Team • Prayer Services • Prayer Cards <p><u>Children's Ministries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Vacation Bible School • Family Events • Parent Classes • Kids Worship • Baby Dedications • Faith Development Projects • Yellow Creek Lake Camp <p><u>College & Career</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Groups • Care Packages • Discipling <p><u>Library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books • Videos • DVD • Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reaching People ○ Building Disciples ○ Restoring Communities 	<p><u>Community Life</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Couples ○ Men's ○ Women's • Hospitality • Assimilation • SHAPE • Web-site <p><u>Adult Training Classes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday A.M. • Leadership Training • Periodic Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Men's ○ Women's ○ Marriage ○ Etc. <p><u>Student Ministries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday A.M. • Events • Small Groups • Camp • Missions • Leadership • Wednesday P. M. • Faith In Action 	<p><u>Worship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday A.M. • Wednesday Night Music • Christmas • Easter • Southern Gospel Concert • Making CD's • Worship Planning • Drama • A/V Support <p><u>Missions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Missionaries • Short Term Trips • 3 Foreign Sister Churches <p><u>Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sermon Series • Faith In Action • Post Cards • Fall Festival • Summer Outreach Event • Creative Play School • Community Youth Outreach • Steps of Care/Neighborhood Link <p><u>J.O.Y.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips • Luncheons