



Vision 2025

"Here Am I; Send Me."



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us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.**

Isaiah 6:8



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Vision Principles

Found at the **CENTER** of our name, “Ascent BIBLE Church,” the Bible is at the heart of all that we believe, guiding all we do. Our Vision Principles focus on five major areas, defining our ministries:

“Worship”	B	-	Bring Glory To God
“Edification”	I	-	Invest In People
“Fellowship”	B	-	Brotherly Love
“Ministry”	L	-	Live Committed Lives
“Missions”	E	-	Equip To Go

Simply stated, Ascent Bible Church exists to **B**ring Glory to God by **I**ncorporating His Word in people, honoring one another in **B**rotherly love, **L**iving committed lives in service to Him, and **E**quipping disciples to go unto the world, proclaiming His glorious gospel.

- ◇ Minister to the physical & spiritual needs of the Santa Fe homeless population
 - * Distribute blessing bags to those stationed at street intersections and elsewhere around the city
 - * EMT: Eating at the Master’s Table; feed the homeless at Pete’s Place
- ◇ Continue efforts to re-establish ministry to the Northern New Mexico Pueblos; work with local connections to pursue opportunities with Nambé Pueblo
- ◇ Expand the Grief Ministry to include those outside of the Ascent Bible Church body
- ◇ Continue financial support of para-church ministries– Desert Rose Women’s Resource Center, Santa Fe Christian School, Under His Construction; Recovery Ministry, Barnabas Institute; Otterness Missions-Kansas City, MO
- ◆ World
 - ◇ Pray for a missions trip to West Africa, (Morocco or Nigeria)
 - ◇ Continue monthly financial support for Israel, West Africa, Morocco, Middle East, Kosovo, Nigeria, Hungary, and the Philippine Islands
 - ◇ Pray for God’s Spirit to open opportunities to identify and support missionaries to Central/South America, East/Southeast Asia, and/or Australia

Admin - Finance, Administration, & Facilities:

- ◆ Finance/Admin: Grow the team responsible for these functions
- ◆ Publishing/Communications: Build a team to support and expand the effectiveness of our website, social media, and printed materials, keeping them up-to-date in a dynamic environment
- ◆ Maintenance: Identify a leader to build and oversee a team to maintain our facilities and vehicles
- ◆ Capital Investment Projects: Support a team managing facilities expansion projects and landscaping

- ♦ SUMMIT (Men's Ministry)– Provide opportunities to grow the faith of our men to lead their families, communities, and our church; pair them to pray, encourage, and hold each other accountable; conduct quarterly team-building events; encourage activities/outings to build relationships
- ♦ PALSS (Women's Ministry)– Equip and provide opportunities to grow the faith of our women as they experience and adapt to the various stages and responsibilities in life; pair-up our women to pray, encourage, and hold each other accountable; pray for the opportunity to provide a women's conference
- ♦ SLAM (Youth Ministry)/Young Adults– Invest God's Word in our youth and young adults; provide an environment that nurtures relationships and community among the young people in our body
- ♦ Ambassador Ministry- Provide a welcoming environment for our Sunday service- include greeters/ushers, parking attendants, American Sign Language (ASL) translation services for the deaf, and Spanish translation interpreters; and for other designated services (i.e. Bible Study, weddings, memorial services, etc.) provide a welcoming environment
- ♦ Enhance scope and capabilities of the Sheepdog Ministry to provide a safe/secure environment for all services and activities
- ♦ Grief Ministry- Provide semi-annual sessions to support and minister to those who have lost loved ones
- ♦ Deaf/Spanish/Recovery Ministries: Pray to formally establish ministries to meet the specific needs of people in these groups

E - Equipped to Go “Missions” Initiatives/Events:

- ♦ Local/National
 - ◇ Challenge our congregation to evangelize and share our gospel tract with the lost; provide outreach opportunities for the SLAM/Young Adults Ministry to reach local youth; support outreach events at the Plaza and throughout the Santa Fe area
 - ◇ Minister at the Santa Fe County Detention Center
 - ◇ Broaden assistance and support to R&R for Vets; pray to formally establish a ministry for veterans

Primary Scripture Passage for 2025's Vision

As we looked to Scripture to guide us in planning our ministry this year, the Holy Spirit led us to a stunning encounter between God and Isaiah, one of His key prophets:

*¹In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ²Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. ⁴And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. ⁸Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, **Here am I; send me.***

Isaiah 6:1-8

Purpose of This Booklet

This booklet presents our plan, outlining the **2025 Road Map** (pp. 11-14), which will serve as the "blueprint" for this year's ministry at Ascent Bible Church. It 1) defines the vision God has given our leadership team, 2) describes the structure we have established to support that vision, 3) outlines the initiatives and activities we believe will enact the vision, and 4) describes the development and training materials as well as the opportunities we provide to encourage all in our congregation to say **"Here Am I; Send Me."** For your awareness and our guidance this booklet:

- *presents our vision and provides an overview of how our church functions for anyone new to our fellowship, and*
- *serves to challenge our regular attenders with God's plan and purpose for their lives in support of our ministries.*

God's Word clearly states our need for "vision" and King Solomon warns of the consequence if we ignore that need: **"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."** (Proverbs 29:18). This truth became reality in Israel's history during the days of the prophets. Some 400 years after King Solomon wrote that compelling proverb, God's people found themselves in very dark and uncertain times. Then God raised up Habakkuk, a prophet who was so burdened for his people that he cried out to God on their behalf (Habakkuk 1:1).

I - Invest His Word in People **"Edification"** Initiatives/Events:

- ♦ D1: Pray/Plan for **(24)** new Disciples; provide two "Introduction to Discipleship 1" sessions
- ♦ D2 - "How to Disciple" - Identify and invest in mentors for those who newly-commit to complete Discipleship 1
- ♦ Provide doctrinally sound Bible study themes & life skills training related to our **2025** theme
- ♦ Complete a "Family Matters" Biblical Guidance tool
- ♦ Develop a Discipleship 4, Leadership Development tool

B2 - Brotherly Love **"Fellowship"** Initiatives/Events:

- ♦ Identify new life group leaders and homes; establish 3 or more new life groups; support groups with teaching and ministry materials including our "Plan, Prepare, Respond" initiative
- ♦ Provide tuition support to families in our church body with children enrolled at Santa Fe Christian School
- ♦ Expand food pantry to support congregational & community needs; establish monthly donations schedule; seek more volunteers
- ♦ Formalize process for reviewing, approving, and governing benevolence activities; provide hospital-shut-in visits & support; organize meal & transportation support
- ♦ Invite guests to lunch to get to know them: share information about Ascent Bible Church and our ministries, present our Vision document, introduce leadership; answer questions; establish a follow-up ministry to solidify the connection
- ♦ Expand and support Ascent Christian Theater drama team as they present semi-annual productions

L - Living Committed Lives **"Ministry"** Initiatives/Events:

- ♦ KIDS (Children's Ministry)- Invest God's Word in our children, recognizing their critical role in the on-going life of the church; conduct a Vacation Bible School (VBS) open to the community

B1 - Bring Glory to God “Worship” Initiatives/Events:

- ◆ Prayer: Develop a Culture of Prayer Throughout Our Entire Body
 - ◇ Promote existing initiatives to strengthen our prayer focus
 - Encourage and grow involvement in Sunday morning pre-service prayer, Sunday sermon prayer, and the prayer chain
 - Encourage ministry leaders to attend Sunday pre-service prayer
 - Continue neighborhood prayer walks, first Saturday every month
 - Continue Praise and Prayer nights, first Wednesday every month; Provide a list of prayer needs/objectives to focus prayer
 - Continue semi-annual Half-Day of Prayer gatherings
 - ◇ Develop new initiatives to involve more of our congregation in our Culture of Prayer
 - Adopt a motto: “Pray Before Proceeding”
 - Build a prayer request page on our church website which forwards requests to the prayer chain; post updates/praises
 - Ask Life Groups to pray for weekly prayer points & requests
 - Launch a “Need Prayer” outreach to connect with those in our community; provide a “Prayer Tent” at various public events
 - Promote greater prayer Time/Focus at SUMMIT & PALSS Events
 - Encourage people to find a Prayer Partner
 - Pray immediately when someone expresses a need
- ◆ Praise
 - ◇ Support A/V booth manager/back-up; designate/train sound board operator/back-up; formalize job descriptions
 - ◇ Broaden instrumentation and vocals on Praise/Worship team
 - ◇ Present opportunity for involvement in Sound Booth Ministry
 - ◇ Augment our media capabilities and consider employing other social media platforms to reach a broader audience
- ◆ Preaching
 - ◇ Sermon series focusing on “**Answering God's Call**”
 - ◇ Sermon Series on a “**Commitment to Prayer**”

Realizing Israel’s need for guidance, Habakkuk waited patiently to hear from the Lord who specifically and clearly set forth a purpose:

“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.” Habakkuk 2:2

In 2005, Ascent Bible Church “wrote” and “made plain upon tables” its first vision. We continue in **2025** because it is more vital to do so today than ever. We explain herein our vision, “**Here Am I; Send Me,**” which we will follow this year to direct all facets of our ministry – responding to the opportunities and challenges it brings. In seeking God’s wisdom for **2025**’s ministry, we should each ask the questions posed by two powerful figures in scripture:

“... Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me ...” Ruth 2:10

and

“What saith my Lord unto his servant?” Joshua 5:14

Our hope and prayer is that every person in the Ascent Bible Church congregation will read, run with, and embrace our Vision Principles and Road Map - for God’s glory and for the building of His kingdom - doing so with courage, commitment, and perseverance!

Ministry Development & Training

The heart of God's mission is simply to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Lord's final words to His Apostles were ***"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ..."*** Matthew 28:19-20.

The apostle Paul echoed the words of Jesus to Timothy, a young man he discipled: ***"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*** 2 Timothy 2:2

To that end we provide avenues for spiritual growth through our Discipleship Ministry with the goal of seeing lives transformed as we make the "Ascent" to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

Introduction to Discipleship

This course presents the goals of Biblical discipleship and introduces the key concepts addressed in Discipleship I. The purpose is to show God's people that Biblical discipleship is His model for spiritual growth.

Discipleship I (D1) - "Discipleship"

Discipleship I is the heart of our ministry. In D1 we connect Disciples with Mentors to instruct them in the fundamentals of Christianity and application of Biblical truths in all aspects of life to foster personal transformation, spiritual growth, and ministry.

Discipleship II (D2) - "How to Disciple"

In D2 we teach Mentors how to Disciple and invest in others. Here they begin to realize that "every member can be a minister."

Discipleship III (D3) - "How to Study the Bible"

Our D3 series provides tools to give each Disciple a deeper knowledge of Scripture. At this stage a Disciple more clearly sees the beauty, depth, and divinity of God's Word.

Discipleship IV (D4) - "Leadership Development"

Developing a spiritually mature believer is our ultimate discipleship goal. During this stage we begin to identify and develop our next generation of leaders, preachers, and teachers.

Doctrinally-Based Bible Study & Life Skills Training

God's Word provides wisdom for life. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we offer Bible-based studies such as Family Matters (applicable to relationships), as-well-as material providing couples with Pre/Mid/Post Marriage guidance. These studies present opportunities for the on-going spiritual growth of all entrusted to our care.

Missions Areas and Representatives

Santa Fe - our "Jerusalem"

- Personal witness & invitation to church & church events {SUMMIT, PALSS, Conferences, Plaza Outreach}
- Desert Rose Women's Resource Center
- Santa Fe Christian School
- Barnabas Institute
- Pete's Place - Eating at the Master's Table (EMT)

Northern New Mexico - our "Judea"

- Outreach to Northern New Mexico Veterans
- Outreach to Northern New Mexico Pueblos
- Under His Construction-Recovery, Albuquerque

The United States & the Caribbean - our "Samaria"

- Cuba - Cienfuegos Church & Seminary
- YWAM Kansas City - Bill & Julia Otterness

The World - our "Uttermost Part of the Earth"

- Israel (Abba's Helping Hands) - Moshe & Jonathan
- French-speaking West Africa - Elizabeth (Liz) Stinard
- Morocco - Diego Romero
- Middle East - Steve & Natalia Taynton Family
- Pristina, Kosovo - Mark and Celeste Yokom
- Nigeria - via Santa Fe's Nigerian Families
- Hungary - Kale & Brooke Horvath Family
- Philippine Islands - Eddie & Sarah Ziss Family

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." Isaiah 2:2-3

Missions

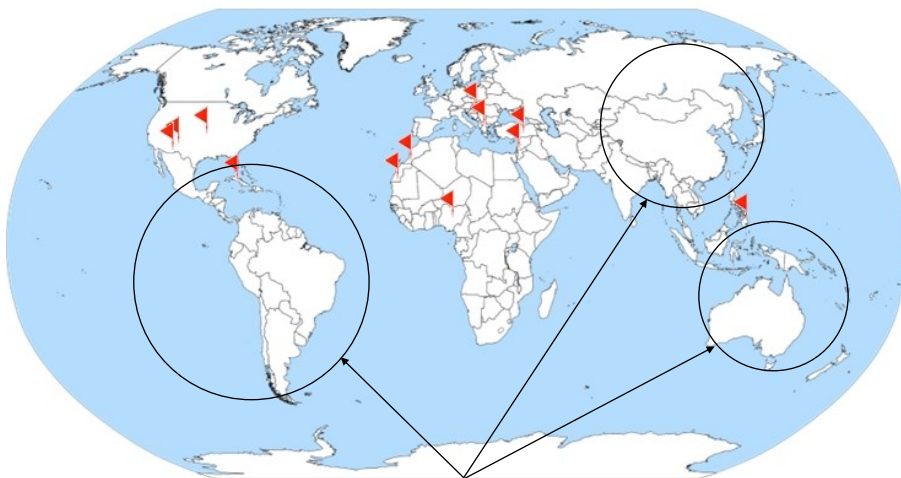
God's call from the throne is thrilling to everyone who has a heart for the lost: **Whom shall I send and who will go for us?** *Isaiah 6:8*
As Christ's body, we respond as Isaiah did: **Here am I; send me.**

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commissions each believer to spread God's Word and continue the mission He started, saying: ***"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."***

Jesus defined the scope of our mission in Acts 1:8: ***"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."***

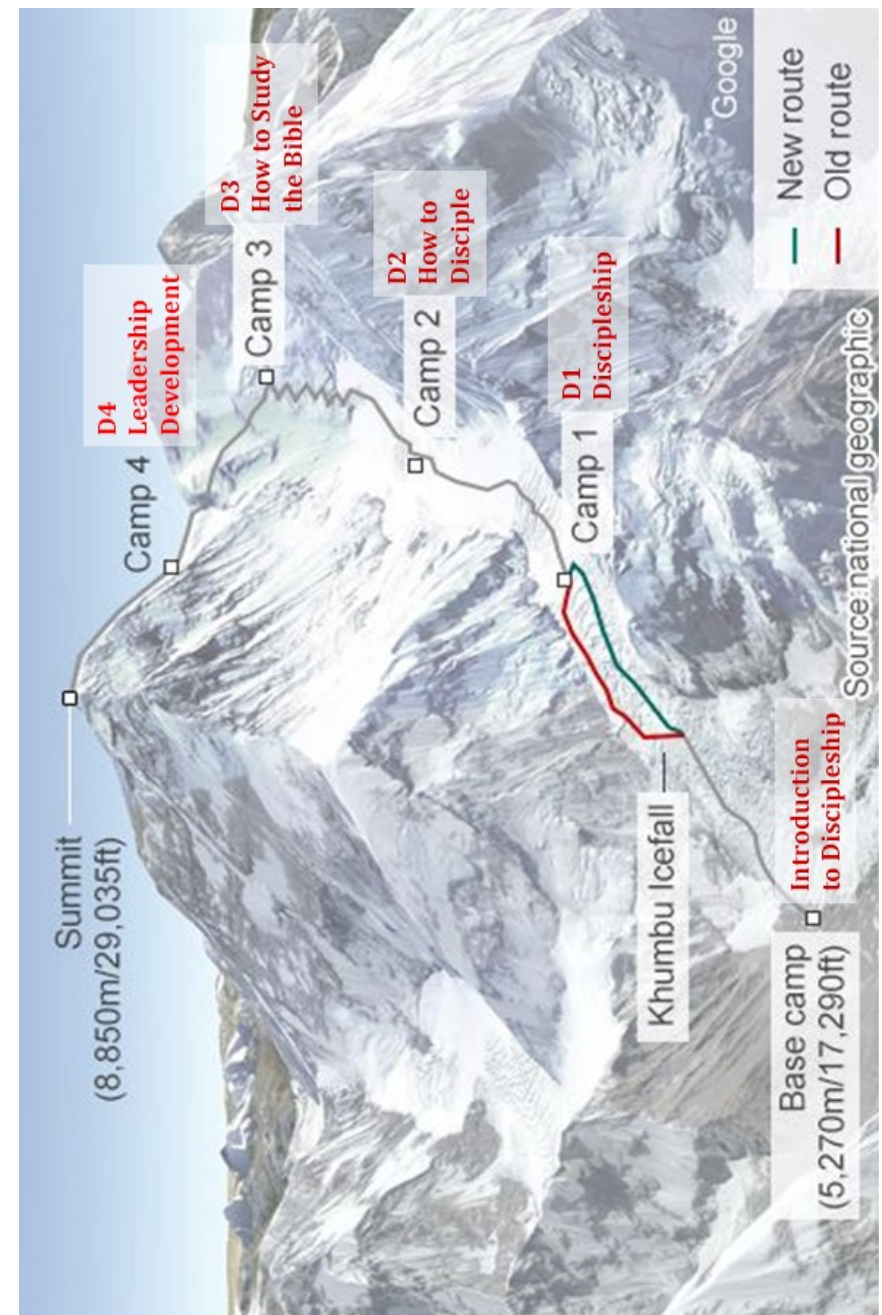
We take our God-assigned mission seriously and are intentional about fulfilling that work in each of the four geographical areas mentioned in the Acts 1 passage. Flags on the map below provide a perspective of the breadth of our efforts. Page 10 provides details.

Missions Map



Pray for Opportunities to Support Missions Efforts in These Areas.

Ministry Development & Training Model

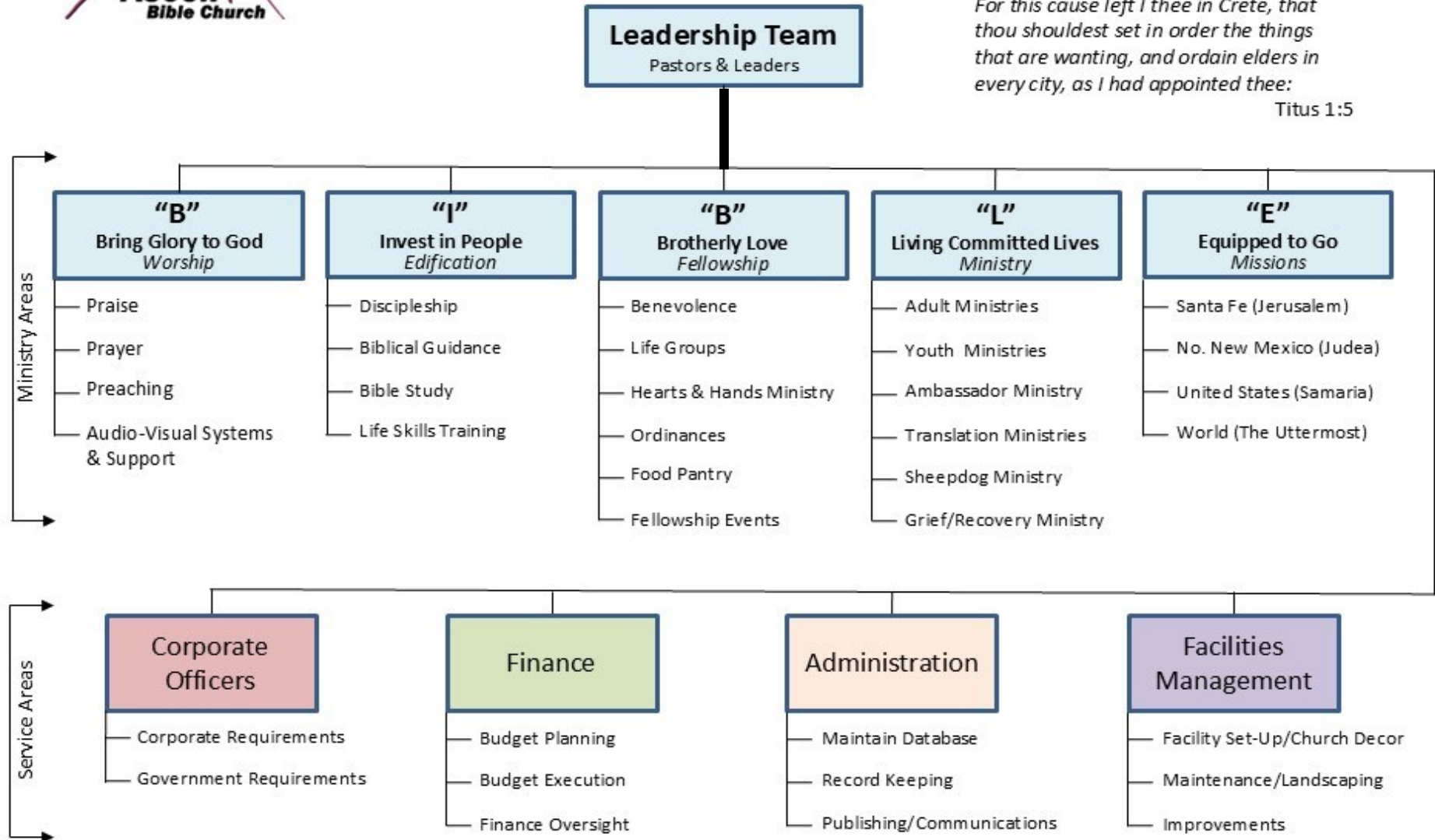




2025 Church Structure

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Titus 1:5



S - Service Areas & Responsibilities

- ♦ Corporate Officers– Comply w/ Gov’t/Corporate Requirements
- ♦ Finance Team– Finance Oversight, Budget Planning/Execution
- ♦ Administration– Maintain Database, Record Keeping
- ♦ Facilities– Building/Parking Lot Maintenance, Landscaping
- ♦ Publishing Ministry– Discipleship/Biblical Guidance Tools & Website Maintenance/Content Management