



Vision 2026

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Acts 1:8



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Vision Principles

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

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

Simply stated, Ascent Bible Church exists to **B**ring Glory to God by **I**ndevoting 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.

- ◇ Broaden assistance and support to R&R for Vets/local veterans
- ◇ Minister to the physical & spiritual needs of the Santa Fe homeless population by distributing blessing bags to those stationed at street intersections and elsewhere around the city
- ◇ Continue efforts to re-establish ministry to the Northern New Mexico Pueblos
- ◇ Continue financial support of para-church ministries– Desert Rose Women’s Resource Center, Santa Fe Christian School, Barnabas Institute; Genesis 1:1 Fine Arts -Kansas City, MO
- ◇ Participate in missions trips to Apache Creek Bible Camp; support with volunteers and supplies; involve members of other churches with which we have personal connections
- ◆ World
 - ◇ Pray for a missions trip to Ascent Bible Church- Jerusalem
 - ◇ Continue monthly financial support for Israel, West Africa, Morocco, Middle East, Kosovo, Nigeria, and Hungary
 - ◇ Pray for God’s Spirit to open opportunities to identify and support missionaries to other areas of the Uttermost

Admin - Finance, Administration, & Facilities:

- ◆ Finance/Admin: Grow the team responsible for these functions
- ◆ Publishing/Communications: Expand the team to support the effectiveness of our website, social media, and printed materials, keeping these resources up-to-date in a dynamic environment
- ◆ Employ current applications to generate prayer request texts more efficiently
- ◆ Automate text reminders to PALSS, SUMMIT, and other church groups
- ◆ Convert all essential MS Publisher documents to a new format before Microsoft discontinues access and support to Publisher in October
- ◆ Maintenance & Capital Investment Projects: Identify a leader to build and oversee a team to maintain our facilities, vehicles, landscaping, and expansion projects
- ◆ Complete Phase 1 expansion project

- ♦ 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; involve more men in this ministry
- ♦ PALSS (Women's Ministry)– Create the PALSS Ministry Board to meet, plan, and execute initiatives & events; Create a Ministry Bulletin Board or Brochure, reflecting the time and place of each monthly event; Meet together on the first Saturday of each month and one Tuesday evening each month from March to October; Conduct a Fall Women's Conference; Conduct a Christmas Brunch the first Saturday in December; involve more women in PALSS
- ♦ 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; strive to involve more of the youth in this ministry
- ♦ Ambassador Ministry- Provide a welcoming environment for our Sunday service and for other designated services (i.e. Bible Study, weddings, memorial services, etc.)- include greeters/ushers, parking attendants
- ♦ Sheepdog Ministry: Enhance scope and capabilities to provide a safe/secure environment for all services and activities; develop formal, detailed safety policies and evacuation plans; provide CPR and other safety related training to all volunteers
- ♦ Deaf Ministry: Continue providing ASL translation support at Sunday services; invite Santa Fe Deaf School participation at Apache Creek camp

E - Equipped to Go “Missions”

- ♦ Local/National
 - ◊ Challenge our congregation to evangelize and share 2,500 of our gospel tracts in the Santa Fe locale; 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

Primary Scripture Passage for This Year's Vision

As we looked to the Scriptures to guide us in planning our **2026** ministry year, the Holy Spirit led us to think back upon our 2017 Vision: “Every Member a Minister.” So many times, God reminded Israel how He led them out of Egypt with a “mighty hand and an outstretched arm.” And now God reminds us that in the years since that 2017 vision, He has brought enormous growth to us: in the size of this body, in the Spiritual maturity of our members, in the number of ministries we pursue, and in the number of members involved, many in multiple ministries.

So, as we focus on God's call to the Great Commission throughout this ministry year, we trust that He will, indeed, lead us, equip us, and give us Holy Spirit power to reach many souls for Jesus Christ.

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We are inspired as we anticipate experiencing God's grace and power while He guides us to pursue this vision and as He fulfills the promise of Acts 1:8. As we sow the seed of His Word, revealing Jesus, the Light of the World, to those bound by darkness in all areas to which we are called, we trust that the full power of the Holy Spirit will move in the members of Ascent Bible Church in a miraculous way as we “PRAY FIRST” to see lost souls saved and the saved disciplined.

Purpose of This Booklet

This booklet presents our "blueprint" with the **Road Map** for this year's ministry (pp. 11-14). 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 embrace the vision:

"Every Member a Missionary"

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

I - Invest His Word in People "Edification"

- ◆ D1: Pray/Plan for **24** new Disciples; provide 2 "Introduction to Discipleship 1" sessions
- ◆ D2 - "How to Disciple" - Identify and invest in mentors for those who newly-commit to engage in Discipleship 1
- ◆ Provide doctrinally sound Bible study themes & life skills training related to our **2026** theme
- ◆ Complete a "Family Matters" Biblical Guidance tool
- ◆ Design & Outline a Discipleship 4, Leadership Development tool
- ◆ Translate D1 Lessons into Hebrew and Arabic

B2 - Brotherly Love "Fellowship"

- ◆ Identify new life group leaders and homes; establish 2 or more new local life groups and 1 or more new on-line life groups
- ◆ Continue to 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 connections made with visitors
- ◆ Expand and support Ascent Christian Theater drama team as they present semi-annual productions

L - Living Committed Lives "Ministry"

- ◆ KIDS (Children's Ministry)– Invest God's Word in our children, recognizing their critical role in the on-going life of the church

B1 - Bring Glory to God “Worship

- ◆ Prayer: Expand the Culture of Prayer Through 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
 - Continue promoting our motto: **“PRAY FIRST”**
 - Promote greater prayer Time/Focus at SUMMIT & PALSS Events
 - ◇ Develop new initiatives to involve more of our congregation in our Culture of Prayer
 - 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
 - Encourage people to find a Prayer Partner
 - Pray immediately when someone expresses a need
 - Pray for opportunities to expand missions to the Uttermost areas
- ◆ 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 Biblical characters obeying God's command to **“Go”**
 - ◇ Sermon Series focusing on the book of **“Acts”**

that he cried out to God on their behalf (Habakkuk 1:1). Realizing Israel's need for guidance, Habakkuk waited patiently to hear from the Lord who specifically and clearly set forth a purpose:

“I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.” Habakkuk 2:1,2

In 2005, Ascent Bible Church “wrote” and “made plain upon tables” its first vision. We continue in **2026** because it is even more vital to do so today than when we began. We explain herein our vision which we will follow this year to direct all facets of our ministry and church operations – responding to the opportunities and challenges it brings. In seeking God's wisdom for this year's ministry, we should each ask the questions posed by two powerful figures in scripture, Joshua and the Apostle Paul of Tarsus:

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

and

“Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” Acts 9:6

Our prayer is that every member of the congregation will read, run with, and embrace these Vision Principles and the accompanying **2026 Road Map** - for God's glory and for the building of His kingdom - doing so with courage, commitment, and perseverance; Praying First and continually as they minister God's love.

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, divinity, and overwhelming Truth 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 helping 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 services & related events {SUMMIT, PALSS, SLAM, KIDS, Conferences, Plaza Outreach}
- Desert Rose Women's Resource Center
- Santa Fe Christian School
- Prayer Tent at Public Events

New Mexico - our "Judea"

- Outreach to Northern New Mexico Veterans in cooperation with R & R for Vets
- Support for Apache Creek Bible Camp, Reserve NM

The United States - our "Samaria"

- Genesis 1:1 Fine Art - Bill & Julia Otterness, Kansas City

The World - our "Uttermost Part of the Earth"

- Ascent Bible Church, Jerusalem
- 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

"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."***

Repetition emphasizes the importance of Acts 1:8, where Jesus defined the scope of our mission: ***"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.

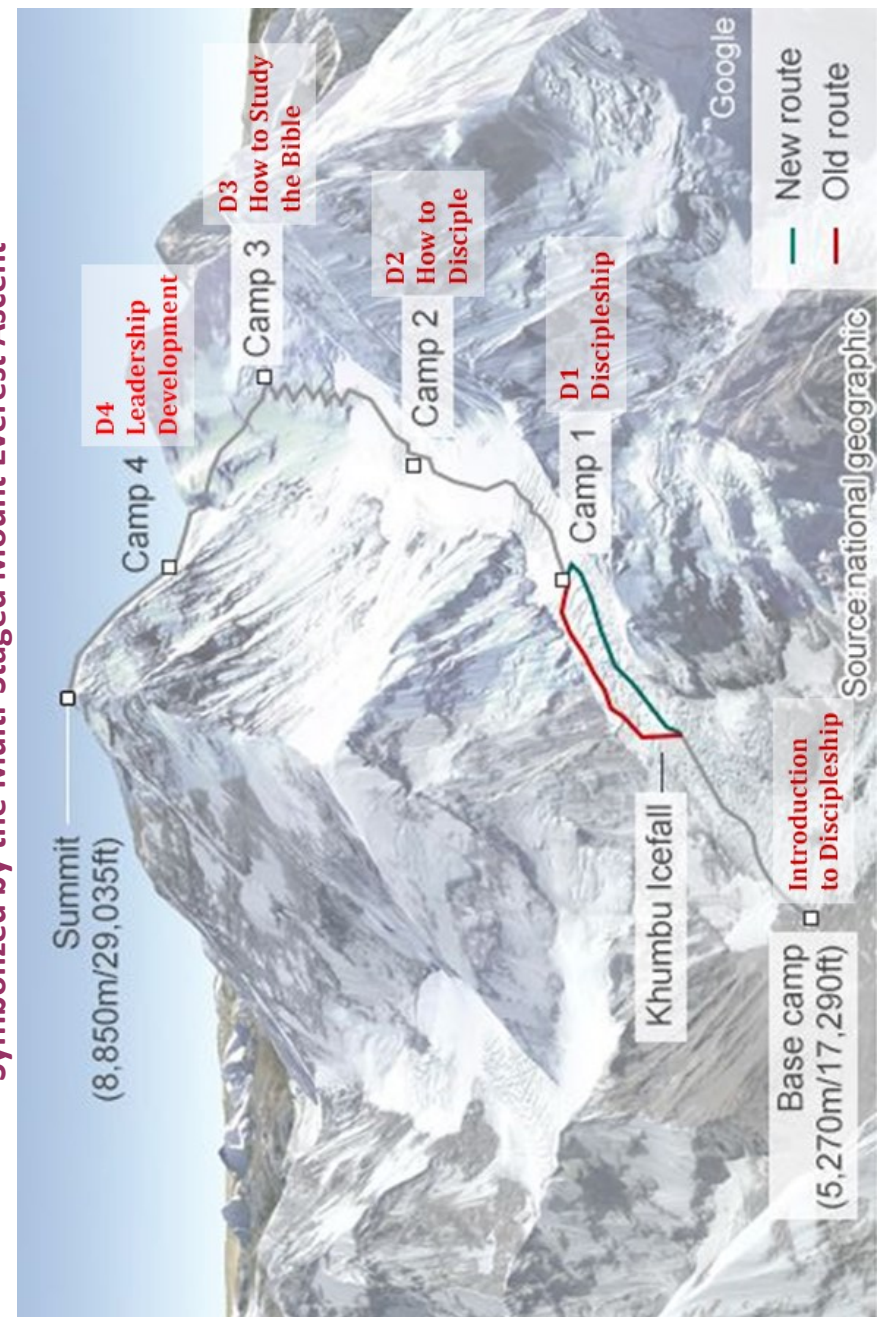
Missions Map



Pray for Opportunities to Support Missions Efforts in These Areas.

Ministry Development & Training Model

Symbolized by the Multi-Staged Mount Everest Ascent

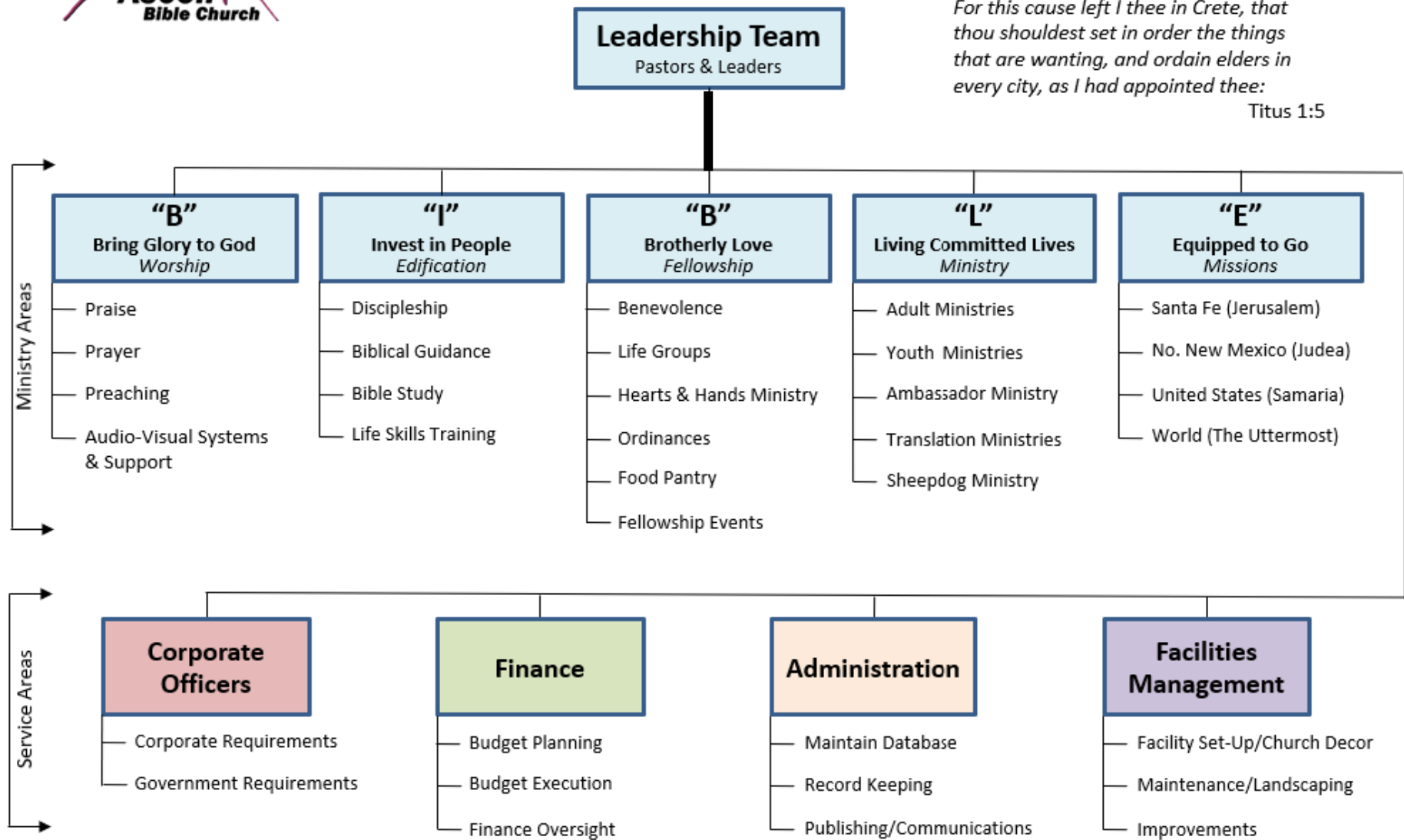




2026 Church Structure

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 Area Responsibilities

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