



Vision 2023:

Planning for the Future of
Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church

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Dr. Philip May
Senior Pastor

Proverbs 29:18a(KJV) ¹⁸ *Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

The professional fisherman and evangelist Clay Dyer impressed me at the Sportsman's banquet. He was born with no arms or legs. He does not consider himself disabled or handicapped. The night of the event, he drove his truck to PVS. He and his wife have children and grandchildren. He was saved at the age of 17 and later called to ministry. He has a call from God and a goal: lead as many to Christ as possible.

His life's verse is Philippians 4:13(NIV) ¹³ *I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

He has caught God's plan for his life.

God has blessed PVS with great facilities. God did not say: "build it, and they will come." He instructed us to be fishers of men. Rome and Floyd County have a combined population of about 100,000 people. Our North American mission board research estimates 70% are unsaved. What are we doing to make a difference?

A pastor friend, who is 38 years old, issued a challenge to his church. We need to claim Floyd County for Christ. If we just set a goal to reach 1% over the next 10 years, that would only be 1000 people, 50 baptisms per year. Since God requires we give a tithe (10% of our gross income) to the Lord, let's set a goal to reach 10% of our population (45,000) to Christ over the next 10 years. That sounds ambitious. Remember, if we sow the seed, God gives the increase.

After listening to Clay Dyer and observing him walk on his hips while sharing the gospel, I felt like an underachiever. Our church is not reaching our potential with evangelism! Dyer asked: "What's your excuse for not being used by God?" Let's move forward in the power of the Lord and to His glory!

Your Pastor,
Philip May

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Rev. Richard Brown
Associate Pastor

There is much work to be done to reduce lostness and advance the Kingdom of God!

Local outreach

The 2021 census of Floyd county has determined that there are 98,584 people living in our county. The Georgia baptist mission board has reported that 70% of our county is lost. This means that nearly 70,000 people are on their way to a Christless eternity. It is urgent that we reduce lostness in our community. Here are some key strategies for sharing the gospel in our community:

- ▶ Dlife
- ▶ Grief-share
- ▶ Sportsman's banquet
- ▶ Local mission projects
- ▶ Personal evangelism

North American missions

We are working in partnership with other northwest Georgia churches to support the work of the Golden Spike Baptist Network of Utah. Utah is considered to be an unreached people group simply because Christianity is an extreme minority (1%).

This year, we plan to take at least one mission team to assist with local evangelism projects in Roy, Utah with pastor Jim Panagoplos at the Gathering Place Church.

We also plan to be available to help in disaster relief efforts wherever there is a need.

International missions

This year, our goal is to fill and send 3,000 shoe boxes filled with gifts for children all over the world through Operation Christmas Child. Every recipient will have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ and respond in faith. Let's pray for children all over the globe to be saved through our generosity.



Rev. Ted Fuller
*Minister of Education &
 Business Administrator*

Minister of Education

Continue the process of getting the adult Sunday School classes organized with class members enlisted in leadership positions (care group leaders, fellowship leaders, mission leaders, etc.). The new class leaders will be attend quarterly training with teachers. Research indicates that Sunday School training for leaders results in increased Sunday School Attendance.

Follow the Sunday School quarterly training schedule:

- ▷ May 2023: Quarterly training for adult class leaders after worship service. Lunch is provided.
 - ▷ August 2023: Half-day training (Saturday) for Sunday School leaders in all three departments. Also, Sunday School high attendance day in August.
 - ▷ October 2023: Quarterly training for adult class leaders after worship service.
 - ▷ February 2024: Sunday School leaders appreciation banquet for leaders in all three departments. Catered meal and guest speaker.
- ✓ Create an environment where Sunday School is a growing, healthy, proactive ministry in the church. Reach goal of 350 average attendance in Sunday School by the end of 2023.
 - ✓ Set goal of 375 in Sunday School on High Attendance Day. Start two new adult classes by the end of 2024.
 - ✓ Provide resources for personal and spiritual development to church members.

Business Administrator

Continue process of preparation and planning of the Floyd County Baptist Association Equip424 Conference & Business Meeting which will be held at PVS on September 18, 2023. This will include, but is not limited to, painting where needed, equip class rooms with needed technology equipment, and training greeters and other volunteers. (The technology upgrades in classrooms will be beneficial to Sunday School classes in the long term).

- ✓ Install security cameras in the Welcome Center area and Worship Center.
- ✓ Work in cooperation with I.T. department to ensure that all staff members have up to date technology equipment and computer programs.
- ✓ Provide maintenance and upgrades to facilities and grounds to ensure that church has presentable appearance and quality facilities. (Example: new church sign, new carpet).



Mark Winstead
Minister of Music

The Music Ministry at PVSBC seeks to lead people into a closer relationship with our Savior through music. We offer the ability to both participate and to soak in what is sung as God lays His message on our hearts.

We work with children's music through Music Week, VBS and through children's choir. We have a preschool choir and an elementary age choir. Through these choirs children are taught the basics of music utilizing both vocal and instrumental introduction.

Our orchestra practices every week to prepare music to start the service, giving time for meditation and individual preparation for worship. They also play during the congregational worship time through hymns and special music.

The adult choir works each week to prepare themselves as individuals and as a choir to worship and to lead in worship. We utilize both choir and soloists to lift our praises and give those with us an opportunity to hear and think on the words that are sung as God would have it touch their lives and hearts. The adult choir and orchestra are working on music to combine for more live presentations on Sunday.

We have a goal of adding 20% to our choir over the next year. The choir is currently working on ways to reach out and help others realize the honor and privilege it is as well as a great joy to be active and involved in leading in worship. We will be sharing testimonies of what choir/music means to us. We will also be hosting a dinner for prospects and the choir in the future. We want everyone who feels a song in their heart to come and be a part.

- ▷ April - Easter with special music leading into the services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday
- ▷ May - Children's choirs will sing with adults on Sunday morning and close their 2022/2023 year out.
- ▷ Summer - The Big Band with Camp Kirkland in concert
- ▷ September - Associational Annual meeting held at PVS with an associational choir being hosted by the PVS choir. Children's choirs begin
- ▷ December - Christmas music leading into all Sunday services
Christmas service led by the choir, orchestra and children's choirs



Bill King
Orchestra Director

Orchestra Vision 2023:

1. Recruit more players for our orchestra by:
 - a. Encouraging current church members that have instrumental playing experience to join the orchestra
 - b. Starting a beginner-level orchestra utilizing church-owned instruments rather than having those interested go out and buy or rent their own instruments.
 - c. Inviting local middle, high school, and college students that do not have a church home another outlet to play their instrument and join our church family.
2. Increase both the size and playing level of our current orchestra.
3. Restart the adult hand-bell program this year and begin a combined middle and high school hand-bell program as well.



Kathy Winstead
Minister of Children

PVS kids Children's Ministry

Mission Statement & Goals

Our Mission:

PVS kids has a deep love for children and a passion to see them come to know Jesus as their personal savior. We seek to provide children and families with various opportunities to discover who God is and what his desire is for their lives.

Our Vision:

The vision for Children's Ministry at Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church is to guide children to faith in Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior; to prepare them to serve God with love for other people; to help them grow in their knowledge and understanding of Scripture; to have them share the Gospel with others

Our Future:

- PVS kids Children's Ministry desires to provide Biblical instruction on the following levels: younger preschoolers, older preschoolers, middle and older children. PVS kids Children's Ministry will accomplish this by providing Biblical instruction through age-level Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes and lessons.
- PVS kids Children's Ministry has set the following goals pertaining to our educational facilities
 - The Children's Ministry would like to develop an area to be used strictly for Children's Ministry small group gatherings. This area would be near the current check-in area, but out of the way of foot traffic from other classes.
 - The Children's Ministry would like to have an outdoor play area located between the FLC and the Children's Department entrance.
 - The Children's Ministry would like to provide a safe and effective way for children and adults with physical limitations to attend elementary classes and activities upstairs in the Children's Department.
- PVS kids Children's Ministry has set the following goals pertaining to our attendance and ministry events
 - The Children's Ministry would like to see a continued increase in Sunday School attendance. We would like to increase our total Sunday School attendance by at least 15% per church year.
 - The Children's Ministry would like to see a continued increase in attendance to its Wednesday night programming. We would like to see an increase in attendance of at least 10% per church year.

- The Children's Ministry will seek to maintain contact with all children and families who attend any PVS kids activity.
- The Children's Ministry will continue to provide a minimum of three community-wide events per year.
- PVS kids Children's Ministry has set the following goals pertaining to our volunteer leaders
 - All PVS kids volunteer leaders profess Jesus as their personal Savior and will seek to nurture and grow in that relationship with Christ.
 - All PVS kids volunteer leaders will be background checked and ministry-safe approved.
 - All PVS kids volunteer leaders will read and implement the PVS kids Policies and Procedures Handbook.





Rev. Eric Gargus
Minister of Youth

Student Fusion weekly ministries and events are very intentional. Our intent is to help students become the salt and light of the earth. Wednesday night Student Fusion is a place where students connect with God and each other through interactive sermons and worship times, a variety of games/recreation, food, and (coming soon) prayer huddles. We will equip our Sunday School teachers and current participants to reach out to students not yet involved in Bible study. D-Life will be a large part of our strategy for reaching campuses for Christ, as we seek to equip students to begin leading these groups with their peers. "Sunday Fun-Days" will be key outreach events where students can invite unchurched friends to come and hear the gospel while enjoying exciting activities such as laser tag, archery tag, artificial snow sledding, painting night for girls, and outdoors night for guys. Hands-on missions opportunities both locally and at distant places such as Mission Arlington in Arlington, Texas, will be a key part of making disciples who will be on mission for God for a lifetime. The future is bright as Student Fusion seeks to do our part in our church's mission to the community.

Upon researching the numbers, I discovered that in the last five years, Student Fusion has declined in attendance from 90 students to about 25 regular attending students. The group lost 15 members to graduation in 2023, which steepened the decline. My goals reflect long-term consistency in evangelism, discipleship, missions, and fellowship. This will not only reverse the decline, but see our number of active regular attenders climb. As we start small and build strong, this process will likely resemble cooking in a crock pot, not a microwave. Here are our numerical goals for the ministries mentioned above:



SUMMER 2023

- Take at least 20 on the Mission Trip to Arlington, Texas
- Have at least 1 local mission project in which at least 10 students participate
- Have at least 20 students volunteer at Vacation Bible School
- Offer at least 3 one-day excursions for the purpose of outreach and fellowship
- Launch "Student Fusion Outdoors" team made up of at least 5 students
- Have at least 1 "Student Fusion Outdoors" outreach and fellowship event
- Average at least 30 students in regular Wednesday night student services
- Average at least 30 students in Sunday School

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

- See 5 or more students accept Jesus as Savior and Lord
- See all who accept Jesus baptized
- Ensure that 100% of regular attending students who know Jesus are baptized
- See 1 or more students called into vocational ministry
- Equip 100% of our regular attending students to share the gospel
- Have at least 1 student on every campus accept the call to be a "campus missionary"
- Launch at least 2 D-Life groups, one for boys and the other for girls
- Launch a student prayer ministry with "Prayer Huddles" that contact each other weekly
- Continue to have at least 1 "Sunday Fun-Day" outreach/fellowship event monthly
- Establish at least 1 monthly local mission project in which to participate
- Have a presence at least once per season at each students' school sports/arts events
- Have 2 "Student Fusion Outdoors" outreach and fellowship events
- Have at least 2 students join our church's music ministry in some capacity
- Have at least 2 students join our church's sight and sound team
- Average at least 40 students in regular Wednesday night student services
- Average at least 40 students in Sunday School
- Have at least 50 students participate in our own D-Now Weekend
- Have at least 20 students helping with the Sportsman's Banquet
- Have 1 local Spring Break mission opportunity involving 20 or more students.



Jennifer Pilcher
Worship Director

PVS Praise Band – Contemporary Service

“Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.” Psalm 96: 1-3

The Praise Band strives to bring the good news of the gospel, to all people, through our weekly praise and worship time. We intentionally choose songs that will minister to the people and turn their worship towards Christ. Our church is blessed to be able to offer two services, reaching as many people as possible.

Current and Future Needs and Goals:

- Continue to grow the Praise Band with more vocalists and instrumentalists
We especially want to bring in younger members so they can learn to lead
- Specific Training/Conference opportunities for the Band members
- Advanced equipment so we can expand our capabilities on the platform
- Resources to update the platform seasonally and for special events
- New technology to enhance our worship time and our Podcast
- Continual purchase of new music for our services
- Community outreach opportunities, representing our church and Christ
- Continue to update and replace some of our lighting
- More comfortable seating for the congregation



Tom Pilcher
Minister of Media

Media 2023 Goals

Sanctuary:

- Recruit more volunteers for A/V ministry.
- Convert halogen lights to LED.
- Implement LED displays in the hallways.
- Improve video quality.

FLC:

- Recruit more volunteers for A/V ministry.
- Add more house lighting and controls.
- Improve technical booth for reliability.
- Rewire overhead lighting circuits.

Information Technology:

- Implement new server and storage hardware.
- Install and program more building automation.
- Improve redundant backups.

Senior Adults

Senior adults play a crucial role here at PVS. Their experience, wisdom, and guidance are invaluable assets that enrich our church community's spiritual life. They serve as role models, mentors, and leaders, sharing their knowledge and experiences with younger generations. Their contributions, both in terms of time and resources, are vital for the sustainability and growth of PVS. Overall, senior adults are a vital part of our church family, and their presence and involvement are essential for building a strong and vibrant faith community.

Families

The family unit is very important to us here at PVS. We believe that families have been defined by God and we find healing and restoration in families and marriages that turn their lives over to Jesus completely. Delaine and I feel very strongly about our marriage staying strong and vibrant. We have the same vision for the marriages in our church:

- Always having a healthy balance between ministry and marriage.
- Praying together
- Being consistent and steady regardless of what may try to come against us.
- Concentrated and deliberate time together
- Finding time to rest
- Never going to bed mad at each other

Unborn

When we talk about generations and what are vision is for them, we cannot leave this message without including the unborn.

I know there is so much in the news and the media around this topic because of the rulings here in our own state of Georgia. We believe God is exposing the horror of it. Let me tell you our vision: our heart is for people of every generation including babies born and unborn.

Let me say to the women out there that find themselves pregnant and they don't know what to do about it: we won't condemn you or judge you. We will love on you and your baby, and if you choose to give them up for adoption, we will help you find a home for your baby.

Support Haven Healthcare for Women

We believe at PVS in the sanctity of life. We can't just sit by as a church and do nothing. We grieve over the loss of these innocent unborn babies. Since Roe v Wade, there have been over 1.5b abortions worldwide. Last year there were 41m. That's almost 800,000 per week or 113,000 per day. That's about 4,700 per hour, 78 per minute, and between 1 and 2 per second. We grieve over the loss of life when we speak about the atrocity of the holocaust in Nazi Germany where over 6m Jews were killed. The abortion industry horror is the equivalent of 250 holocausts.

Dr. Philip May
Senior Pastor

Over \$4 million paid OFF in 22 years



100 % Debt FREE



David Johnson, left, president of United Community Bank in Rome, Ga., places a note into the flames held by Dr. Philip May, senior pastor at Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church, in Silver Creek, Ga., Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023. The church held a special ceremony to celebrate becoming debt-free.

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