

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TALLAHASSEE

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our mission as a church is to be a God-centered, Bible-directed, people-focused, caring body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ; led by the Holy Spirit in worshipping, serving, and sharing Christ, and in equipping believers to carry out the Great Commission in the community and throughout the world.*

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING VISION STATEMENT**

*By 2020, the quality of discipleship in the congregation will have increased, homes will be stronger, the city will have experienced discernable transformation through the church's ministry, members of the congregation will feel more connected, and more people will have embraced roles as servant leaders.*

## **PRIORITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015–AUGUST 2016**

**We will seek to increase the quality of discipleship in the congregation by:**

1. Increasing the number of people practicing spiritual disciplines
2. Deepening our understanding of core biblical beliefs
3. Enhancing how we demonstrate the fruit of the spirit in our lives

**We will strengthen homes by:**

1. Increasing the number of households engaged in family Bible study, prayer, mission service and other spiritual disciplines together
2. Increasing the number people cared for in crises and need
3. Increasing the number of people engaged in strengthening their marriages.

**We will discernably transform our city by:**

1. Increasing the number of children in Leon County being adopted, fostered, or sheltered in Christian homes
2. Improving race relations in Leon County
3. Increasing our participation with other churches and organizations in community-wide ministry events

**Members and guests will feel more connected by:**

1. Increasing our participation and attendance in worship services
2. Increasing the percentage of church members who have a place to fit in, have strong friendships within the church, and feel cared for about their personal needs and interests
3. Increasing the percentage of people who indicate they are adequately informed about church activities
4. Increasing the percentage of church members and number of nonmembers regularly involved in small groups

**More persons will embrace roles as servant leaders by:**

1. Increasing the number of men and women in leadership roles in the congregation
2. Increasing the members who use their spiritual gifts to build the body of Christ.
3. Increasing the number of members accepting roles in community ministries and service
4. Increasing the number of members serving in their places of work and study
5. Increasing the number of people who can articulate God's call, and who are commissioned people to mission service or vocational ministry