



Mapleview Baptist Church

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Mission and Vision Statements

Our Mission:

Discovering God ... one verse at a time

Walking fearlessly with Him ... one step at a time

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Our Vision:

Father, help us by Your grace to be a people who glorify You. May our vision for ministry be a reflection of Your heart and will for us. We expectantly look forward to the time when all things will be brought into conformity with Your will. Until that time, may we as Your body – heart, mind, hands, and feet – serve You daily in our homes, community, jobs, church, and world. Lord, our desire is to be a place where Jesus Christ is the center of all, and a people who honor Him in all we are, all we say, and all we do. (Philippians 2:9-11, Psalm 2, Revelation 11:15, 22:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12, Colossians 1:18)

Heart

Lord, we see people of all ages worshipping You through how they live. We see them gathered and hear them with raised voices to honor and praise You. We see heads bowed and hear hearts poured out to You in passionate prayer. (Matthew 22:36-37, Romans 12:1, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Mind

Lord, we see people with open Bibles and open hearts passionate about truth. We see people not content with merely knowing about You, but intent in knowing You intimately. We see people experiencing You working through them in their daily lives. We see people of all ages growing in knowledge and spiritual wisdom, holding up Your Word as the authority in all the issues of life. (Romans 12:2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:105, John 17:17)

Hands

Lord, we see people reaching out in love to serve one another, family, friends, the fellowship, and community. We see people joyfully using their spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ. We see older people training and working with younger people in the ministry. We see one generation preparing the next to receive the mantle of church leadership. We see ministry carried out in humility, yet striving for excellence to Your glory. (Ephesians 4:7-16, Romans 12:9-21, Colossians 3:17) Lord, may our love for one another show all that we are your disciples. Make us a place where:

- Every person is valued as one who bears the image of God.
- The hurting find healing
- The broken find wholeness
- The grieving find comfort
- The weak find strength
- The troubled find peace and direction
- The empty are filled
- The joy of the Lord prevails

(John 13:34-35, Philippians 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 13)

Feet

Lord, we see people trained and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the thousands in our community and surrounding region. We see people called by You, educated, equipped, and sent to take the Good News to the ends of the earth. (Matthew 28:19-29, Acts 1:8, Psalm 67)

MAPLEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this church shall be the Maplevue Baptist Church of Lakeside, California.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It shall seek to attain this end through the public worship of God and the preaching of the Gospel; through consistent Christian living by its members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor and Christian education. (Matt. 28:19-20)

ARTICLE III - STATEMENT OF FAITH

A. Concerning the Scriptures

We believe that the Bible is God's infallible, inerrant word. It was written by men who were divinely and uniquely inspired, and that it is our supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and practice. We affirm our belief in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scripture in their original manuscripts. (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Matt. 5:17,18)

B. Concerning the Trinity

We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that these are equal in every divine perfection and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption. (Isaiah 43:10-11; Mark 12:29-32; John 1:1; John 10:30; Phil. 2:6; I Tim. 3:16; James 2:19; Mark 1:9-11; Acts 5:3,4; II Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:6)

1. Concerning God, the Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit; perfect in Holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer and that He saves from sin and spiritual death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (John 4:24; John 3:16, 17)

2. Concerning Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death for the sins of all mankind, bodily resurrection, ascension into Heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and His personal, premillennial, and imminent return for His Church.

(Is. 7:14; John 1:14; John 8:58; I Cor. 15:3-6; I John 1:7; II Cor. 5:21; Acts 1:9-11; Heb. 7:25; I Thess. 4:13-17; I Thess. 5:9; John 14:1-6; I John 2:2; Phil. 2:6-11; Rev. 3:10)

3. Concerning the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit possesses all the divine attributes and is equal with God the Father and God the Son in nature and essence. We believe that He is active in the regeneration of the lost and indwells every believer, baptizing them into the body of Christ at salvation and seals them unto the Day of Redemption. We believe that He never takes His departure from the Church, nor from the feeblest of Saints, but is ever present to testify of Christ and seeks to continually fill for power, teaching and service those who are yielded to His will. We believe in His relation to the unbelieving world, He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; and that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony. (John 14:16-17, 26; Acts 4:8,31; John 16:7-11; Acts 5:30-32; John 3:5-6; Eph. 1:13-14; Acts 11:16; Rom. 8:9, 25-27; I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:30; Eph. 5:17-21; II Thess. 2:7)

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the giver of spiritual gifts and that He distributes to each believer according to His will. However, we believe that some gifts of the Holy Spirit such as the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of miraculous healings were temporary. We believe that speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of baptism nor the filling of the Spirit and that the promised final deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the Resurrection. (I Cor. 12:11, 27-30; Rom. 8:22-23; I Cor. 13:8; I Cor. 14:21-23; Heb. 2:4)

C. Concerning Man

We believe that God created man in His own image for the purpose of glorifying Himself through voluntary worship and service, that man sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God. (Gen. 1:27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom. 5:12; Phil. 2:11; Ps. 51:5; Job 14:4; 15:14; Eph. 2:1-3)

D. Concerning Salvation

We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that salvation is wholly of grace; that all who confess and repent of their sins and who received by faith the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior are born-again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the Children of God, eternally secure in Christ. This acceptance of Jesus Christ as their savior is an act of the will in response to the convicting work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and is not the result of works, baptism or church membership. (Eph. 2:8-9; John 3:16; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; John 3:14-18; Rom. 10:9)

E. Concerning Satan

We believe in the personal existence of Satan, the author of sin, a liar from the beginning who is still working in the world to destroy the souls of men and that he and all his angels and all who do not receive Christ as their Savior will be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (Is. 14:12-15; Rev. 20:10-15; II Cor. 4:3-4)

F. Concerning the Last Things

We believe in the personal, premillennial and imminent return of Jesus Christ to rapture the Church. We believe in the second Advent of Christ, at which time He will return with His saints to establish His Kingdom and reign in power and glory. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the final judgment and endless conscious suffering of the lost. (I Thess. 4:16-17; II Thess. 2:7-12; I Cor. 15:50-58; John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:1-15; Rev. 19:11-16; Zech. 14:4-11)

G. Concerning the Church

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and of which all regenerated people are members with identical spiritual standing in the sight of God. We believe that a local church is an autonomous and independent company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, voluntarily united together for worship, fellowship, edification and service. We believe that to these local churches are committed for perpetual observance, the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; and that God has laid upon these churches the mission of proclaiming to a lost world, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 5:22-32; Matt. 16:16-18; 28:18-20; Rom. 12:3-5; Col. 3:9-11; I Pet. 2:9; Eph. 4:11-17; Acts 2:42; Acts 15:19-31)

H. Concerning the Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has commanded two ordinances to the church, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed and administered until His return.

1. Baptism

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water as an outward expression of our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, and is also an expression of our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. (Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-5)

2. The Lord's Supper

We believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial service proclaiming in a sacred and symbolic manner, the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on our behalf, and speaks of the communion of believers in the unity of His body. The emblems used are not literally the body and blood of Christ, nor do they contain His flesh and blood, but are simply symbols. Participation is for all

believers who after self-examination in the light of the Word combined with confession, seek to obey the Lord in this observance. (I Cor. 11:23-30; Matt. 26:26-30; I Cor. 10:16)

I. Concerning the Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that man was created in the image of God, and in creation he has been made only a little lower than the Angels, thus the life of man is precious in the sight of God. We believe that life is a gift of God, beginning at the moment of conception and that the taking of innocent life is a crime against God and man. (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8)

J. Concerning Human Sexuality and Marriage

We believe that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, sexual activities, such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, and pedophilia are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious behavior, the creation and/or viewing of pornography, and efforts to alter one's gender, are incompatible with the biblical witness.

We believe marriage has been established by God for the good of mankind. This church recognizes marriage as exclusively the spiritual and legal union of one man and one woman and is intended to be a lifetime commitment.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this church shall consist of born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have been baptized by immersion, who take the Holy Bible as their only rule of faith and practice, who agree to be governed by this constitution and who have been received into the membership and fellowship by regular action of the church as outlined in the By-laws, Article A.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

Section A

The officers of this church shall consist of the following: a Pastor(s), Elders, Deacons, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, a Clerk, and such other officers as the church may deem necessary. The By-laws, as necessary, shall set forth their qualifications, selection, term of service and duties.

Section B

The church shall elect or cause to be appointed, such other helps, assistants or committees as shall be deemed necessary and proper for the furtherance of the ministry. In all cases, leadership shall be vested in persons whose personal and spiritual qualities conform to the Scriptural standards, and who are members of the church in good standing.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section A

Meetings for worship, prayer, fellowship and special purposes shall be held as set forth in the By-laws.

Section B

Unless otherwise provided, regular public worship services shall be held every Sunday both morning and evening, and a mid-week prayer and Bible study meeting.

Section C

An annual business meeting and all other meetings to conduct the business of the church shall be held as set forth in the By-laws, Article D.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the church by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting, providing that notice of such meeting and said changes shall have been published in a conspicuous place at least three (3) weeks prior to the meeting and announced publicly from the Pulpit each Sunday for at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

MAPLEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE: These By-laws are adopted and established for our government and plan of worship and service. They are meant to implement the provisions of the Constitution and Articles of Incorporation and hence no By-law shall be effective that is contrary to those two instruments.

ARTICLE A - MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Reception of Members

A. The membership of this local church shall consist of born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have been baptized by immersion, whose life shows clear evidence that the Word of God is their only rule of faith and practice and who agree to be governed by this constitution. Any person may become a member of this Church, at any of its regular meetings upon the recommendation of the Board of Elders and by vote of the Church, in the following manner:

1. Upon confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and baptism by immersion.
2. By letter from some other Bible believing church of like faith and order.
3. By statement of Christian experience or restoration.

B. All applicants for membership shall attend a New Members Class. Upon completion of the class, the applicant shall file a membership application with the Board of Elders and shall appear before them for consultation and examination. The membership application must be filed with the Board of Elders within the first six months following completion of the New Members Class.

All applicants recommended to the Church by the Board of Elders shall be presented to the Church and received into its membership by no less than a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Church.

Section 2: Duties of Members

A. Members shall strive to keep their Biblical obligations. They shall honor and esteem their leaders, pray for them regularly and in submission to them and one another, work to carry out the ministries of the Church. They will endeavor to preserve the unity of the Church and if at any time they find themselves opposed to the fundamental doctrines of this Church, or if for any reason, are unable to harmonize with the Church, they will not seek to disrupt its fellowship but will quietly withdraw from its membership. Every member of this Church is expected to attend its meetings, to work for its upbuilding, to guard its testimonies in the community, to contribute regularly and according to his ability for the expenses of the Church.

Section 3: Dismissal of Members

Members may be dismissed by:

A. Transfer

Letters of transfer for the purpose of uniting with some other Bible believing church of like faith and practice, shall be granted to members in good standing by a vote of the Board of Elders and shall be sent directly to the church with which the member wishes to unite. Such action requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Board members present and voting.

B. By Absence

Any member absent from the services of the church for six months may be dropped from the church roll at a regular business session by at least a 2/3 vote of the membership present and voting. This action will take place providing an attempt has been made to contact said member concerning the contemplated action prior to the Business Meeting.

C. By Exclusion

When the Church, in the exercise of its Biblical authority and discipline, withdraws fellowship from a member, his membership immediately ceases. See Section 5.

D. By Death

Upon the death of a member, his name will be removed from the roll.

Section 4: Discipline of Members

Discipline is that procedure including Christian teaching, training, admonition and rebuke, both public and private, with the view to helping the individual Christian grow in grace, mature in the faith, break off from worldliness and live wholly for the Lord. At such time that a member shall refuse to respond to such help, it may be necessary for the church to exclude him from its membership.

A. Should an unhappy difference arise between members, the aggrieved member shall follow, in a tender spirit, the rules given by our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17. A person bringing a matter into the public or before the church before following this Scripture shall be subject to rebuke. Should a person feel it necessary to take the matter to the Church, he shall do so in writing to the Elders.

B. Should a member become an offense to the church and its testimony, by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or the holding and propagating of false doctrines, the Elders shall endeavor to remove the offense, proceeding according to Matthew 18 and in a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance to bring the member to repentance and reconciliation. If this effort fails, the offender may be excluded from membership of the Church by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present and voting at any regular or special business meeting.

C. Written notification of the charges and schedule for the business meeting at which disciplinary action is to be considered will be sent to the offender at least one week prior to said business meeting. If the offender fails to appear, the church may proceed.

D. An excluded member can be received back into membership only after repentance and public confession of the sin(s) and following the procedure for application of membership.

ARTICLE B - OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Section 1: Officers

The officers of this church shall consist of a Pastor(s), Elders, Deacons, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Clerk, and such other officers as the Church may decide. Officers of all Boards, auxiliary organizations and committees shall be elected by their respective organization or committee, unless otherwise specified.

Section 2: The Pastor(s)

A. His Qualifications:

The Pastor shall be a believer in and Preacher of the Gospel and the fundamental doctrines of Faith as held by this Church and stated in the Constitution, Article III. He shall also meet the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3:1-3 and Titus 1:6-9.

B. His Call:

The Pastor, upon recommendation of the Board of Elders, shall be called by a 3/4 majority of members present and voting at a specially called business meeting. To avoid confusion, only one prospective Pastor shall be presented to the membership for vote at any one time.

C. His Tenure:

He is called for an indeterminate time and shall continue as long as that relationship is mutually agreeable to the Pastor and the membership.

D. Termination of Office:

1. The Pastor may resign at any time and his duties be terminated 30 days from the date of resignation.

2. The Pastor's termination may be requested by Church action. Any difficulty arising from unsatisfactory service, immorality, or departure from the fundamentals of the faith as contained in the Constitution (Article III) shall be investigated by the Board of Elders. If 3/4 majority of the Elders consider it necessary, a special business meeting shall be called. The Church shall consider their findings and vote regarding the dismissal of the Pastor. A 2/3 majority vote of the members present and voting is necessary to dismiss a Pastor. In such case, his pastoral duties shall terminate immediately.

E. His Duties:

The Pastor's primary duties will be to the study and preaching of the Word of God to the edification of the Saints and the regeneration of the lost, to exercise pastoral oversight to the church and its people, seeking to equip all believers for their best possible Christian service.

F. His Compensation:

1. The salary of the Pastor shall be fixed at the time of the call and may be changed by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present and voting at any regular business meeting. The Pastor is entitled to an annual twenty-one (21) day vacation with full salary; this is not to include any time spent at church related activities such as camps, conventions, etc.

2. He may with the approval of the Board of Elders, attend such conferences and meetings as may be deemed beneficial to his spiritual growth and the welfare of the church. Expenses for such meetings shall be borne by the church.

Section 3: The Board of Elders

The Board of Elders shall consist of the called Pastor (s) and those men confirmed by the membership to the office according to this Article, Section 3C.

A. Their Qualifications:

1. They shall meet the qualifications as set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
2. They shall have been an active member of this church at least 12 months prior to their nomination, excepting the called Pastors.

B. Their Duties:

The duties of the Elders shall be to shepherd the congregation by providing guidance through the teaching of the Word of God, leading the congregation by their godly example, providing for the care of the individuals within the congregation in spiritual, temporal, and moral matters, through discipline, counseling, visitation, encouragement and prayer according to the Word of God. They shall provide for the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. They shall interview and make recommendations regarding applications for membership. They shall provide for the orderly functioning of the various ministries and activities of the church including the care of properties, budget preparation, and the administration of financial matters. The board may not undertake any expenditure over \$2,500.00 outside of the budget without approval from the membership at a business meeting. They shall serve in recommending to the membership individuals for confirmation or election to the various church offices. The Elders may delegate responsibility to deacons, committees, or qualified church members.

C. Selection and Term of Office:

Nominees for the office of Elder shall be presented to the membership for a vote by secret ballot. Elders shall be elected to serve for a three-year term, and consecutive terms may be served without interruption. Election to office requires at least a 3/4 majority vote of the members present and voting.

D. Officers and Operation:

The Elder Board shall select from their number, a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and moderator. The chairman, vice-chairman and secretary shall also serve as trustees of the corporation. A simple majority of the Elders shall constitute a quorum enabling them to conduct business.

Section 4: Deacons

The Board of Deacons shall consist of men confirmed by the membership according to this Article, Section 4C.

A. Their Qualifications:

1. They shall meet the qualifications as set forth in I Timothy 3:8-13.
2. They shall have been an active member of this church at least twelve (12) months prior to their nomination.

B. Their Duties:

The duties of the Deacons shall be to assist the Elders in the various ministries of the church. They shall serve in specific assignments under the direction of the Elders including providing for the care of the membership. Although the Deacons may advise the Elders as to decisions which will affect the life and ministries of the church, the office of Deacon is a position of service rather than administration and the Deacons do not function as a board.

C. Selection and Term of Office: Nominees for the office of Deacon shall be presented to the membership for a vote by secret ballot. Deacons shall be elected to serve for a three year term, and consecutive terms may be served without interruption. Election to office requires at least a 3/4 majority vote of the members present and voting.

Section 5: The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected to a term of one (1) year. The duties shall be to keep an accurate record of and receive all funds contributed and shall disperse same as ordered by the Church. The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary, a written record of all designated funds. The Treasurer shall present a monthly written report of itemized disbursements to the Elder and Deacon Boards and present a financial review at each monthly business meeting. All expenditures of the church shall be paid by check. The selection of Treasurer shall be determined by popular vote.

Section 6: The Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary shall be elected to a term of one (1) year. The duties shall be to keep the records of the church income, receipt of all tithes and offerings, counting of all monies contributed (assisted by another officer of the church) recording to individual accounts, giving of written record to Treasurer of designated giving and immediately after receipt, counting and recording, shall present all monies to the treasurer for bank depositing. The selection of the Financial Secretary shall be determined by popular vote.

Section 7: The Clerk

The Clerk shall be elected to a one (1) year term of office. The duties shall be to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the church, of all Baptisms, issue letters, and preserve all

documents, papers and letters coming into the clerk's hands during the term of office. The clerk shall keep an account of any special events in the life of the church which are of historical interest and value. The selection of the Clerk shall be determined by popular vote.

Section 8: Negligence of Duties

Any officer who neglects his Constitutional obligations may be dropped by church vote from said office. Such action requires at least a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present and voting.

ARTICLE C - COMMITTEES

Section 1: Missions Committee

The Missions Committee shall be responsible for the development and administration of the Missions Policy of the Church. They shall oversee the church missionary education programs, maintain correspondence with Missionaries and promote their financial and prayer support. The Missions Committee shall consist of at least three church members, approved by the Board of Elders. They shall select from their number, a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

Section 2: The Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Sunday School, Children's Church, Awana and all other mid-week youth activities. Their duties shall also include the selection and training of teachers and the procurement of curriculum. The Christian Education Committee shall consist of an Elder, who shall act as chairman, the Sunday School Superintendent, the Awana Commander and any others as may be deemed necessary.

Section 3: The Pulpit Committee

When necessary to call a Pastor, the Board of Elders shall appoint a Pulpit Committee of at least five (5) church members, of whom at least three (3) shall be Elders, one of which shall serve as the Chairman.

Section 4: Other Committees

Any such other committees, as deemed necessary by the church leadership, may be appointed or elected at any business meeting.

ARTICLE D - MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings for Worship

Unless otherwise provided, the church shall meet each Sunday for public worship and at least once during the week for Bible study and prayer. Except when circumstances forbid, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed at least monthly.

Section 2: Meetings for Business

- A. Business meetings to conduct the regular business of the church shall be held quarterly, except when circumstances forbid.
- B. Special business meetings may be called by the Board of Elders at any regular weekly church meeting for the transaction of any business other than the dismissal of the Pastor.
- C. The date of the Annual Business Meeting shall be determined at the business meeting in October of each year. The fiscal year of the church shall begin on January 1 and close on December 31. The Board of Elders shall prepare and make available at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual Business Meeting a packet of information for the coming year containing an agenda, priorities, budget, candidates for office, and the other information as needed.
- D. A quorum of at least 25 voting members shall be necessary to transact business.
- E. The minimum age for voting members shall be 18 years.
- F. For the purchase, sale or encumbrance of real property, a 3/4 affirmative vote of all members present and voting shall be required. Such proposed action shall be announced from the Pulpit each Sunday for at least two (2) weeks preceding the vote.
- G. All motions, when requested, shall be presented in writing.
- H. All questions of order shall be settled by the customary rules governing deliberative bodies, as given in "Roberts Rules of Order."

ARTICLE E - ASSETS

The assets of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to religious or charitable purposes. No part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private persons.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to the Conservative Baptist Association of America, Wheaton, IL, a non-profit, religious corporation which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In the event that this organization is unwilling or unable to accept the assets of this corporation, they shall be equally distributed to the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society, both of Wheaton, IL, whose purposes also are within those specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If those are unwilling

or unable to receive the assets, they will be distributed to religious or charitable organizations whose purposes are within those specified in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE F - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the church by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting, providing that the notice of such meeting and said changes shall have been published in a conspicuous place at least three (3) weeks prior to the meeting and announced publicly from the Pulpit each Sunday for at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Mapleview Baptist Church History

In the early months of 1959, Harold Nickel walked into Narramore Hardware in Lakeside, with the intention of convincing Mr. Narramore that he needed to buy some fire extinguishers. The conversation turned from fire extinguishers to things of the Lord. Mr. Nickel was a pioneering—and bivocational-- church planter for the Conservative Baptist Association of Southern California, and was working on several church plants at the time. Mr. Narramore said that he was interested in starting a new church in the Lakeside area. As a result of this conversation, four or five families decided to meet one Sunday to worship the Lord in the home of the Narramores, with Mr. Nickel as the pastor. Rosalie Nickel faithfully worked alongside her husband, encouraging the families as they worshipped together.

Soon others became interested, a larger place was needed, and a small room above the Lakeside Theater was rented. The congregation continued to grow and thoughts turned to a church site where a suitable building could be erected.

Their faith was convincing and four acres on Mapleview Street in Lakeside were purchased, thus the name MAPLEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH. The little room above the theater was bulging at the seams and larger temporary quarters were found, this time in a storage room behind the hardware store.

About this time, Mr. Nickel said that perhaps it was time to find a permanent pastor. The Lord sent Pastor Jack Lockhart, his wife Betty and their four children, including Dana, who was born the first Sunday Pastor Jack served as pastor at Mapleview.

In June of 1959, the church congregation filed a written request for a New Church Call and affiliation with the Conservative Baptist Association of Southern California. The congregation submitted a copy of the Constitution, Covenant, and Doctrinal Statement to Dr. George Vouga in August, 1959, as requested. These were submitted to the Affiliations Committee and processed and the church was received at the annual meeting in October, 1959.

A request was also sent to the Conservative Baptist Association of America in June, 1959, to affiliate with them. In August, we sent them a copy of our Constitution and the minutes in which the church voted to affiliate. The application was presented at the annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, in June, 1960, and accepted.

The congregation continued to grow and the time soon came when it was necessary to take a step of faith concerning a permanent church building. In the latter part of 1960, ground was broken on the Mapleview site and the building began to take shape. With very little cash, much faith and trust in the Lord, and many hours of volunteer labor, Mapleview Baptist Church grew to become a beacon calling the people to come worship the Lord here with us. The first service was held on Easter Sunday in April, 1961.

The population of Lakeside grew and so did the congregation at Mapleview. The need for help in music and youth work became apparent. This time the Lord sent us Pastor Bob Parker as Associate Pastor, to take over both of these jobs. Pastor Bob came to us on April 1, 1967, bringing his wife Grace and their family of two boys and two girls.

The congregation and Sunday School continued to grow and space again became a problem. The pastors and Executive Board suggested to the members that when attendance reached 250 in Sunday School for four successive Sundays, we should consider another building program. That goal was reached in the spring of 1967. It was time to take another step of faith. To encourage our hearts, Pastor Jack gave us the verse Haggai 1:8, *“Go up to the mountain and bring wood, and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.”*

An expansion committee was formed and given the responsibility of providing plans for a new building as well as means of financing the construction. Construction costs were estimated at \$125,000, which included an amount necessary to pay off existing loans. After considering various methods of financing it was decided that church notes would be issued for the amount required for construction. Ground breaking services were held on a Sunday evening in early October, 1968. The next day the building of the house began, once again with continual trust and prayer and much volunteer labor.

In the early months of 1969, due to inflation we found that we needed an additional \$20,000 in order to complete the building. Should we try another church note program? No, why not a “willing heart” offering? Once again, with faith in the Lord, we undertook what appeared to be an impossible job. But with the Lord nothing is impossible, and in less than a month we had the money needed. We held our first service in the new sanctuary on Sunday, June 8, 1969.

Dave Nelson served in the area of youth ministry during part of 1970 and then on staff as Youth Pastor during 1971 and much of 1972. In December, 1975, Fred Martin was invited to become our Youth Pastor and was with us until September, 1977. On January 1, 1977, Pastor Dave Harris was invited to shepherd the congregation and in December, 1978, Bill Barnett joined the staff as full-time Youth Pastor. In 1980, Bill became choir director as well and was with us until November, 1981.

During two months at the end of 1978 and early 1979 the Lord’s people, by special offering, gave \$27,450 in order to purchase a new bus for use by the church. In 1980 we became a sending missionary church for Don and Phyllis Beiter by providing 25% of their total financial needs to go back to the mission field with MAF in Indonesia. A Hammond organ was purchased for the sanctuary in September, 1980. In 1981 we became a sending church for Chris and Kathy Roberti to go to Thailand with New Tribes Missions.

In February, 1982, Nat Durham and his wife Joan were invited to become part-time Youth Pastor and were with us until January, 1983. Jim Walters became our new music director in 1982. In July, 1982, the church fellowship approved a proposal to open a preschool. In September, 1982, Mapleview Christian Preschool opened with Becky Stroud as Director. AWANA clubs were also started in September, 1984.

On June 20, 1983, Ron Thomas came on staff as Assistant to the Pastor in an administrative capacity. Ron and his wife Connie had two children, Amy and Mike.

Easter Sunday, 1984, was Pastor Dave Harris' last Sunday. We were one year and five months without a pastor. During this time, on November 18, 1984, our constitution was amended and ratified to include deacons and elders.

On September 29, 1985, the church fellowship unanimously called Pastor John Redman to pastor the flock. He and his wife Anne and two sons, Stephen and Andrew, had formerly served on the mission field in the Philippines for 14 years. In October, 1985, Ron Thomas was appointed Assistant Pastor by the church fellowship.

In early 1986 a special fund was established to purchase a Yamaha piano for the sanctuary. It was bought and paid for in time for Easter Sunday, 1986. A beautiful Lowery organ was donated to the church and a new Minolta copier and new Merlin phone system were purchased.

The indebtedness on the church building was paid for and, to celebrate, a "Country Sunday at Mapleview" was held on Labor Day, 1986, with well over 500 people present at the morning service and a beef barbecue after the service. Later in the afternoon, there was singing and a musical concert by a country blue grass gospel band. In October, the sanctuary was re-roofed, with a resolution to pay off the remaining indebtedness of \$10,000 by April 17, 1987.

In January, 1987, a significant gift was given to the church for the purchase of computer equipment, new hymnals and candelabra. Most of the administrative records of the church were transferred to the computer. The *Hymnal for Worship and Celebration* was chosen and greatly appreciated by the fellowship. The Hammond organ was donated to Tecate Mission.

Jim Walters, Music Director, resigned effective February 1, 1987. On Easter Sunday, April 17, 1987, the total amount of \$10,000 owed on the roof was paid in full.

In August, 1987, the church called out of the fellowship Craig Breuninger as Associate Pastor with responsibility for youth. Craig served in this capacity until December 1990. The title of Ron Thomas was changed to Associate Pastor.

In 1988, we became the sending church for Ruthie Burton to go with Baptist Mid Missions to the field of Brazil, where she works with deaf children.

On December 4, 1988, an Ordination Council of local CBA pastors, including Pastor Dave Harris and Rev. Dennis Baker, ordained Ron Thomas to the work of the gospel ministry.

In the early part of 1989, a large concrete slab was built on the northeast corner of the church property, with lighting and a drinking fountain. This was built by the men of the church for the AWANA games and also to be used for basketball and volleyball.

Pastor Ron Thomas was elected President of the South Area Conservative Baptist Pastors' Fellowship for a period of two years, in April, 1989.

In March, 1989, Pastor John Redman was invited to serve on the Ordination Committee for CBA of Southern California.

In September, 1989, the church celebrated its 30th year anniversary. Former pastors Dave Harris and Jack Lockhart came back to speak during the morning services of September 17 and September 24.

Throughout 1989 Pastor John Redman had been interacting with the Board of Elders and Board of Deacons concerning the need for Mapleview to reach out and plant a new church in Alpine. Following a combined meeting of the Boards, which was addressed by Dr. Bob Logan, Pastor John proceeded to preach a series of Sunday messages on the subject of church planting.

There was a special time set aside for the church members to discuss the whole matter and in December, 1989, the membership made a solid commitment to this new venture of faith, with the goal of seeing it become a reality during 1990.

At the annual business meeting in December, 1989, the church also voted to appoint Dave Nelson to the position of Youth Director on a volunteer basis.

The church was prayerfully considering many aspects of the new church for Alpine and particularly the matter of leadership for this new fellowship. Following an opportunity to become acquainted with and to interact extensively with Ed Gross, on March 4, 1990, the church unanimously called Pastor Gross to lead the Alpine Christian Fellowship and he was commissioned on April 1, 1990.

A core group of approximately 50 people from Mapleview Baptist Church began to meet on a regular basis on Sunday mornings under the leadership of Pastor Gross. Formal worship services began in the Joan MacQueen Middle School in Alpine on October 7, 1991, with 172 people in attendance. The church has grown steadily and has seen a significant number of people come to know the Lord Jesus as Savior and be baptized.

Greg and Jenny Hughes moved into the area, sensing a strong call of God to church planting and desiring to gain first-hand experience of what was involved. Working closely with Pastor Gross at the Alpine Christian Fellowship, Greg and Jenny proved to be of tremendous help and made a major contribution to the church in its early days. Later, Greg and Jenny desired to move on and plant another new church at a different location.

The staff and Board of Mapleview Baptist Church had been encouraging and directing one of the young men in the fellowship who testified strongly to a call of God to ministry. Having worked effectively among the youth at Mapleview, Guy Deckard served for a period of time on the Board of Deacons in order to gain more experience in the broader implications of church life.

Guy and Shelli then moved to Living Waters Baptist Church in Santee, where Guy served as an intern under the leadership of Pastor Randy McElveen for a period of one year. Demonstrating significant growth during this period, Guy and Shelli were prayerfully considering their future ministry when they were approached by Pastor Gross, in consultation with the Board of Mapleview Baptist Church, and invited to consider serving in youth ministry with the Alpine Christian Fellowship.

In March of 1991, Pastor John Redman was elected to the Board of Directors of the Conservative Baptist Association of Southern California. At the CBA annual meeting held at Manhattan Beach on March 6, 1992, Pastor Redman was elected to serve as President of that Board of Directors.

At the annual business meeting in January, 1992, on the recommendation of the joint Boards it was decided that one of the goals for that year would be to hire a youth and music director and budget provision was made for this purpose. The pastoral staff began the search process and recommended a candidate for this position to the church Boards. At the monthly business meeting held on March 29, 1992, the church unanimously approved hiring Geoff Ellsworth to serve as Music and Youth Director, effective July of 1992.

Following considerable discussion by the elders and deacons concerning the church Mission Statement, the following statement was formally adopted in the church business meeting held on May 31, 1992: "Exalting the Lord – Willing the Lost- Equipping for Service."

Another goal of the church for 1992 was to install a suspended acoustic ceiling in Maranatha, complete with new lighting, in order to make this a much nicer and more useful facility for ministry. Funds were raised in a campaign entitled "Gimme Five," during which members and friends were invited to contribute \$5 each toward the cost. The project was completed in time for the new AWANA and Sunday School season which began in September that year.

During 1993, strong emphasis was placed on evangelism and assimilation of new people into the fellowship. A number of key activities proved to be very effective toward achieving this goal and we were encouraged to continue our efforts. A major discipleship program was initiated and a significant number of members and friends were greatly impacted.

Following two years of careful thought and prayer, a comprehensive plan was presented to the congregation for renovation of the lobby area of the church for the year 1994. This included plans for enlarging the library, building a modern sound-control room downstairs and overhauling the church sound system, adding a cry room for parents with infants, creating a beautiful reception desk area, and installing a computerized lighting control system.

The congregation approved the plan and the appropriate permits were obtained. It was determined that we would not borrow money for this project and a special fund was opened to receive contributions designated for that purpose. When approximately 50% of the required funds were on hand, the work commenced. Maplevue men and women worked as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, interior decorators, painters, air-conditioning technicians and in many other capacities to enable us to complete everything by the end of the year with all bills paid.

Maplevue grew steadily during 1994 and it became apparent that we needed additional help in the area of children's ministries. After careful prayer and thought, the church budget for the year was amended to allow for an increase to enable us to hire a suitable person to fill that position in a part time capacity. Rev. Phillip S. Gale, the Director for Children Evangelism Fellowship in San Diego, was available and we were fortunate to be able to add him to our ministry team in July. This was a major step of faith for the church in view of the heavy financial commitment to

the renovation project. We ended the year with income exceeding budget and with no unpaid accounts, for which we truly thank the Lord.

The cutbacks in the defense industry had a marked effect on Mapleview as a number of our strongly supportive families were either transferred to other areas by the employers or were laid off and had to seek employment elsewhere. Our attendance dropped and the giving also dropped, reflecting the significant level of financial support these committed families had given the church. These financial challenges continued through the beginning of 1997.

A major blessing for the church during 1995 was notification that Mapleview had been included in the estates of two of our members who had gone to be with the Lord. This extremely generous foresight and provision was greatly appreciated and enabled the church to view the way ahead positively and think about accomplishing some essential renovation of the church facilities. When the funds were received, the church voted to tithe the proceeds, with those funds allocated to missions. A committee was set up to thoroughly evaluate the church facilities and make recommendations concerning the wisest use of the available funds. The church decided that renovation work would proceed on a matching funds basis, with the matching funds to be raised by the members.

An unusual opportunity was presented to the church in 1996 when another church in the area closed and had some excellent sound and lighting equipment for sale. Mapleview was able to buy this equipment at a bargain price, and because it was fully compatible with our existing equipment it was installed in the auditorium and added appreciably to the flexibility of those presentations which benefit from better lighting and sound.

On January 21, 1997, after almost eleven and a half years as senior pastor of Mapleview Baptist Church, Pastor John Redman accepted the unanimous call to serve as Executive Director for the Conservative Baptist Association of Southern California. His last Sunday in the pulpit was February 23 and his ministry at Mapleview concluded on February 28, 1997. Pastor Redman was installed as the Executive Director of the Association at the annual meeting in Cerritos on Sunday, March 2, 1997.

Significant events occurred in 1997. On Sunday, April 20, the fellowship of Mapleview called Ron Thomas, previously the Executive Pastor at Mapleview, to serve as pastor of the congregation. Pastor Ron's wife, Connie, came on staff as the church secretary. Additionally, the first stage of our renovation plan was begun. This included a complete overhaul to the exterior of the Maranatha structure, including a new sloped composition roof, new concrete bases on the sides, and fresh paint.

In October the church by-laws were amended to redefine the roles of elders and deacons, changes intended to increase their effectiveness in caring for the Mapleview fellowship. By mid-year the financial flow began to turn around, and we not only ended each month with no unpaid bills but were also able to pay back funds borrowed from the Estate/Renovation Fund.

After serving the congregation for 5 1/2 years, Geoff Ellsworth's last Sunday was December 28, 1997. He accepted a call to the position of Minister of Worship at Grace Baptist Church of Glendora, California. Geoff and Susan had joined Mapleview immediately after completion of

studies at Christian Heritage College, and the congregation was able to share in the growth with their family as Connor and BayLynn arrived during the Ellsworths' time at Mapleview.

Outreach and evangelism became the focus during much of 1998. Bob Siegel provided several Sunday evening sessions of evangelism training, with many practical examples to help learners apply the principles. Five teams—Visitation/Greeters, Publicity, Door-to-Door, Events, and Community/Social Needs--were organized to expand outreach efforts into the greater Lakeside area. The congregation gave renewed emphasis to trusting the Lord to see people come to faith in Christ, be baptized, and grow in the Christian life. Nineteen people were baptized during the year.

During this financially stable year, progress continued on the renovation of the inside of Maranatha. Doug Baldwin devoted many after-work hours to the upgrade and he coordinated volunteer efforts on the project.

Neil and Robyn Schultz, recently married following their May graduation from Christian Heritage College, joined the fellowship in June. Neil was named Director of Youth and Worship. Under his leadership, new programs were begun and several young people came to know Christ as their Savior.

In 1999, Mapleview Baptist Church's celebrated its 40th year. "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was the theme of a joyous 40th anniversary celebration. Everyone enjoyed a pit BBQ, games, testimonials of members, special speakers including former pastor John Redman, and a Grand Opening of the completion of Phase II of the renovation of the Maranatha building. The completion of the interior renovation of Maranatha provided a new and larger nursery, updated kitchen with a commercial refrigerator and a triple sink purchased from Scrip program funds, and upgraded children's classrooms and fellowship hall.

The renovation committee began working on plans for the sanctuary, restrooms, adult classrooms, offices and surrounding grounds. After considerable study and evaluation, the committee recommended hiring an architect to assist us in developing a master plan. In July the congregation voted unanimously to allocate funds to contract with Rod Higgins of Architects Higgins/Graham, APC to help us move ahead with the planning. The congregation continued to give generously towards the renovation fund.

Through the generosity of Mapleview people in 1999, two special missions projects were funded: \$7400 to World Help for their Bibles for the World project (specifically for the Bhojpuri people of India to receive a copy of the New Testament in their own language); and \$640 to Josh McDowell's Ministry Cuba Celebration Project (enough money to supply 5 Cuban pastors with needed books). Altogether nearly \$48,000 was given towards missions this year.

A 12-passenger van was gratefully received by the church, and enthusiastically used for youth ministry activities.

Time for corporate prayer was expanded with the addition of an established prayer time before the morning service. The elders and deacons implemented a Fellowship Care program to

enhance ministry to people in the Mapleview family. Much growth was seen in evangelism and outreach through VBS, youth ministry, AWANA, and personal evangelism in 1999.

Pastor Ron Thomas also served on the Board of Directors of the Conservative Baptist Association of Southern California. He was elected the Chairman of the CBASC Ordination Committee.

As the second millennium began, Mapleview continued expanding opportunities for evangelism and discipleship through weekly communication cards, a spiritual growth information table in the lobby following morning services, and planning for small group ministries. These activities all supported the congregation's priorities for the year 2000.

Once again we experienced staff changes, as Neil and Robyn Schultz left Mapleview in July so that Neil can begin studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. In their stead, Emmanuel and Jennifer Sanchez became a part of the youth ministry team. Emmanuel served as a youth intern working with the junior and senior high students.

Facilities renovation continued to be an important activity as the congregation moved ahead in two ways: (1) the Master Plan (with the help of architect Rod Higgins) was presented to the County Building Department with a request to modify our Major Use Permit; and (2) the congregation agreed to contract with a capital stewardship ministry, Cargill Associates, to help the Mapleview family reach the financial goals needed for the next phase of renovation. The principle involved was that of "not equal giving, but equal sacrifice."

The capital stewardship campaign, "*Foundation for Our Future*," was the primary focus during the first few months of 2001. The level of participation and the result of commitments by members of the Mapleview family resulted in a pledge of \$762,000 over the next three years. The County Planning Department unanimously approved modification of our Major Use Permit on September 13 (news received during the time of tremendous grieving over the attack on our nation on September 11), and the church could begin to implement the Master Plan.

Also in September, training for small group leadership teams began, with a pilot program scheduled to take place during the first half of 2002. In addition, an Old Testament Survey class, the first component of a formalized Christian education program, began to be taught by Pastor Thomas. The curriculum includes outlines, quizzes, and reading assignments, organized in such a way that it can readily be taught by additional teachers.

Three young people accepted Christ as their Savior in the year 2001.

During 2002, the conceptual drawings from our Master Plan were expanded into detailed construction drawings, with the help of our contractor, Dave Nielson Construction Company. Additionally, nearly 50% of the total expected receipts from the Capital Stewardship Campaign commitments had been received. Praise God for people faithful to Christ!

Seven small groups, totaling over 60 individuals, were meeting weekly by the end of 2002. Materials for a course in New Testament Survey were under development, following the completion of the Old Testament Survey class.

Shad and Caren Oakes (both graduates of Christian Heritage College) joined the Mapleview fellowship, with Shad serving as full-time Youth Director. Mapleview is blessed to have Shad and Caren in our family. Phillip Gale changed his staff position to that of Pastor of Seniors' Ministries, and Mike and Crystal Regan came on part-time staff as Directors of Children's Ministries. We were thankful for God's bountiful provision this year.

During 2003, the Mapleview family was confronted with three realities. The first was the reality of the patience required in working with government offices. The entire year passed without receipt of the third, but first needed, permit—that for grading—required to begin the renovation of the facility. Periodic reviews and changes took place, but only two of the three permits were in hand by the end of the year.

The second reality was the overwhelming impact of natural disaster. In late October a firestorm overtook much of San Diego County, resulting in the total loss of homes for two families in the congregation, and the close calls to the property of others. Many families were affected by lengthy evacuations and unhealthy air quality. In the matter of just two days, the Mapleview congregation learned to appreciate friends and family in new ways.

The third reality was the acknowledgement of changes that take place both inside and outside the church. Specifically, music ministry became a focus of discussion. While Ken Wingler graciously worked voluntarily as worship team director, the elders and deacons grappled with the challenge of identifying the dynamics of musical worship that best fit Mapleview Baptist Church.

In January of 2004, Dan Rinkert was welcomed as the new Worship Director. Dan and his wife Lori demonstrated great commitment to and enthusiasm for the Mapleview family.

From late February to early April the church participated in "40 Days of Purpose." It was a time to explore five purposes for life--worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission. The outcome was increased participation in small groups, the organization of greeters and ushers, an effective ministry and missions fair, and a time of focused devotional life.

By the completion of the three-year Capital Stewardship Campaign in April, 85% of the committed funds had been received, for which we were very thankful. The grading permit was finally received in the fall and a grand groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 12, 2004. The construction project was off and running. The old rough circle drive and front area consisting of dirt and weeds were soon transformed into an attractive cement parking lot complete with new lighting, flowers, shrubs and trees! There was a great deal to be done and a place for everyone to be involved. Volunteer teams were organized, serving one Saturday per month and saving the church considerable money. Dave Nielson served as our construction contractor.

An adult team of five people was sent off for a short-term missions trip to Pisco, Peru, in June. The trip was focused on evangelism and church planting; the reports of salvation decisions were a great blessing. The congregation looked forward to sending additional teams in the future, with planning underway for Brazil and Ethiopia.

During 2004 and 2005 the congregation said good-bye to a number of families who relocated to other states. Among those moving away were Mike and Crystal Regan who had worked hard and faithfully as Directors of Children's Ministries. Julie Breuninger stepped in to take leadership in this area.

At the same time we were encouraged by new families and people becoming a part of our church family. Change is difficult, but we thank God that we can faithfully serve the Lord wherever He places us.

Although the capital stewardship campaign had ended in 2004, by the end of 2005 over \$810,000 had been given for the purpose of renovation; we had exceeded the original total capital stewardship campaign commitment. Praise the Lord for He is faithful! Much was accomplished in this year of renovation and the improvements were everywhere visible.

Mapleview delighted to see missions outreach dramatically increase in 2005. During the summer twelve people from Mapleview were sent to Brazil to work with missionaries Dan and Kathie Stowell in Fortaleza and Ruthie Burton in Petrolina. Additionally Jon Breuninger was given support to go to Poland to work in Christian youth camping for six weeks, and both Kaye Mumford and Joe Colombo were part of a team that ministered in Africa. The youth worked in Ensenada, Mexico, with YUGO Ministries building a house and ministering to children. Adults and youth made three trips with Spectrum Ministries to reach out to the poor of Tijuana.

Evangelism training was held in March. Then we reached out to the Lakeside community and went door to door with invitations to our Easter service, to the Fall Festival and Thanksgiving service and for Christmas events. We rejoiced that fifteen people were baptized this year.

At the beginning of 2006, Dan Rinkert resigned his position of Worship Leader after two years of faithful service to the congregation. Ken Wingler once again agreed to provide his many talents in serving as worship leader.

In July, the first "Summer Nights at the 'View'" was held. This was a renewed format for Vacation Bible School, offering a class for adults each evening in addition to the more traditional activities for younger-aged attendees. Shad Oakes and his youth provided remarkable leadership during recreation time as well as loving attention to the children during opening and closing sessions. A delicious hot dinner, provided by Tracy Crouder and her team, was served each evening in the auditorium, which at this time in the renovation process was repainted but not yet re-carpeted. The debriefing session at the close of the event affirmed everyone's feeling that this was one of the best summer events held in recent history.

Sadly, Julie and Craig Breuninger ended their service to the congregation with that event. Craig accepted the invitation to serve on the pastoral staff at Jamul Community Church. They will be greatly missed, but we know God will use them mightily in that place!

In 2006 a second Capital Stewardship Campaign entitled "*Praise for the Past, Faith for the Future*" and contracted with Cargill Associates, was held; it was necessitated by the increase in construction costs since the time first estimates were provided for the renovation project. Once

again, the people of Mapleview committed to sacrificial giving over and above regular giving with a pledge of \$555,000. Additionally, the congregation took a step of faith and voted to take out a line of credit to allow renovation to continue without having to wait for funds from the second campaign to be received. The commitment by the congregation is that funds borrowed from the line of credit will be repaid as funds are contributed so that all renovation costs will have been paid by the time Phase 1 is completed.

At the conclusion of 2006, in time for Christmas, the sanctuary of Mapleview had taken on a beautiful transformation! This included newly plastered and painted interior and exterior walls, new windows, new porches, patios and columns, a majestic new window configuration with a cross on front and back exterior walls, new lighting, new air conditioning, new stage platform appearance, new tile in the lobby, new granite countertop in the reception area, new carpet and new chairs. The main parking lot had also been resurfaced, repainted, new lighting installed and only the landscaping was needed to complete the project.

While improvement to the facilities was important, the elders recognized the need to examine the ministries of the church as well. After much discussion and prayer, the congregation voted to contract with Titus Ministries to accomplish a thorough review of the structure and ministries of the church as well as a detailed demographic analysis of the geographical region surrounding Mapleview. During the summer and fall, representatives from Titus spent time with groups and individuals within the congregation, explaining the review process. Members participated in interviews and completed questionnaires. Titus presented the outcomes to the elders, with recommendations, near the end of 2006.

During 2007, as a result of a recommendation from Titus Ministries, much attention was focused on developing a Mission Statement for the church. A team representing a cross-section of the congregation met every other week throughout the year. The resulting document was proposed to and approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in December. Our new mission is:

Discovering God...
...one verse at a time
Walking fearlessly with Him...
...one step at a time
Sharing His love...
...one person at a time

AWANA was started up, after several years' hiatus, under the leadership of David and Nikki Kulp. They have been assisted by an enthusiastic team of youth and adults.

Many new members were received into the fellowship during the year. A weekly "sod-busters" prayer meeting was begun, with complete focus on the ministry areas and special events of the congregation.

The elders and deacons were faithful to continue paying down the equity line of credit, resulting in nearly \$100,000 paid toward the principal by the end of the year. The facilities continue to

show small improvements, including new fencing along the south portion of the property. A request for a building permit extension will be necessary.

There were three priorities for 2008: (1) renovation and Capital Stewardship Campaign matters, including use of volunteer labor in Phase I construction and paying down the equity line of credit; (2) organization of a team to develop a Vision Statement, and (3) implementation of a plan to support existing leaders and ministries and development of new leaders and ministries.

The team to develop the Vision Statement met on a frequent basis and by the end of the year had submitted to the congregation an extensive document. The Statement was approved by the congregation.

New leaders stepped up to organize new or renewed ministries: a twice-a-month Men's Breakfast on Saturday mornings from 7 to 8:30 was begun by Joe Marvulo and enthusiastically attended. The time includes a devotional and prayer. Linda Marvulo became Mapleview's ambassador to the Pregnancy Center in El Cajon. Don Goeller took the reins of the Adult Christian Education program, with a goal of formalizing the structure of Sunday School course offerings so that they will be comprehensive and offered on a rotating basis.

The application for an extension of our building permit was approved by the County, providing us with a one-year extension and the option of reapplying for another one-year extension. The restrooms and landscaping are yet to be completed. Phase 1 renovation plans were modified to exclude work on adding a second story to the Blue Room area, and instead to incorporate a roofed breezeway connection from the Blue Room area to the new restrooms. The paperwork was processed through the County by way of a minor deviation permit.

In 2009, Pastor Ron narrowed his ministry focus to two areas: the Sunday Morning worship service and the training of leaders. This decision was based on recommendations made in the Titus Ministries Assessment. As part of this focus, a Ministry Leadership Retreat was held in March. A significant portion of the meeting focused on developing strategic objectives for each area of ministry, with the goal that the objectives would become the ministry-wide goals for the following year.

As the second Capital Stewardship campaign drew to a close in April, a flurry of construction activities went into high gear. The congregation was excited to watch and participate in planting trees and shrubs, completing bathrooms, and building and installing the new children's playground. After ten years of planning, giving and waiting for permits that were often long in coming, the end of Phase I of the major renovation was in sight. After this lengthy period of time, Maranatha needed and received a new paint job inside and out.

A 50th anniversary celebration was held over three days in September. The temperatures were typically warm but a big white canopy tent over the south parking lot provided welcome shade for a Saturday evening dessert with a guest comedian and a Sunday after-service barbecue, complete with a bluegrass band. Many former members and friends of Mapleview came for one or more of the events, which included Friday night at a Coronado beach taco feast. It was a gala weekend, one to be remembered for a long time.

Designed by parents of young children in the church, a new children's playground was constructed and outfitted.

In 2010, a new youth pastor, Jon Bones, was hired on a 50% time basis. Jon and his wife Karen were able to build on the capable volunteer leadership provided by several individuals during the interim period without a designated youth pastor.

By the end of the year, there remained several renovation projects to be completed. As progress on those moved forward, a straw vote taken at the Annual Business Meeting unofficially voiced a preference by the congregation that the loan on the property be paid in full. The elders and deacons turned this expression into reality by paying in full the remaining balance on the Capital Improvement Loan.

On Easter Sunday, 2011, the new restrooms were available for use. It was recalled by many that the renovation project was initiated in 2000, primarily because the existing restrooms were completely inadequate for the needs of persons with special physical needs.

In continuing with implementation of the Mission and Vision statements, a Dream Team—representing a large cross-section of the congregation—began to meet on a regular basis to examine all aspects of the Sunday morning experience. The end product of that team was a lengthy list of recommendations to be reviewed and prioritized by the elders and deacons for eventual implementation.

After 18 years as part-time staff members of MBC, Phillip and Connie Gale completed their positions at the end of June. Pursuant to that, a recommendation for a part-time paid staff position of a children's director was unanimously approved by the congregation at the February quarterly business meeting. Nicole Butcher Plate was appointed by the elders to that position beginning in July.

As the congregation moved into 2012, priorities adopted by the membership include enlarging small group opportunities, as part of the "Hands" section of the Vision Statement. Completion of landscaping became a strong focus in preparation for an anticipated final inspection of the property; landscaping was completed during the first quarter of 2012.

Discussion focused in two areas during 2012. A "Dream Team," comprised of a wide cross section of the congregation, met on a regular basis to discuss all areas of Mapleview ministry from the viewpoint of newcomers from the time they arrive on the property to attend Sunday school to their departure from the church site following the worship service. The result was a lengthy wish list of practical and visionary ideas that would enhance people's experience while at Mapleview Church. The list will be considered by church leadership during coming months. Pastoral leadership was the other primary consideration. What will the pastoral team look like in the next decade? Would merger with another congregation have a potentially positive effect on the Mapleview family? The lasting effect of the discussion was a sense that change is inevitable over the next few years and that preparation for that event is necessary and enlivening.

Final inspection of the renovated facilities passed in April 2013. After expenditures of \$1.5 million and more than ten years of effort, the Church campus is attractive, handicapped-accessible, and completely paid for.

The Chairman of the Elder Board summarized the events of 2013 at the beginning of the Annual Business Meeting, which convened in early November: The last twelve months have brought about many changes here at Mapleview. Last October [2012] while hip-deep in the middle of an Associate Pastor search; we were presented with the possibilities of merging with a local church plant here in Lakeside. After a couple of months of negotiations it was determined that was not the direction God was leading us.

Coming out of that process, we learned several things about ourselves. The most glaring to me was how much money and resources we spent on foreign missions and how little we spend on local outreach. The Boards wrestled with that and with determining God's direction as we look to the future for MBC. Last March [2013] Bob Lindsay was asked to fill the pulpit as Ron travelled to help his brother deal with his Mom. Bob said the Lord had prompted him to challenge us to pray for Mapleview and the community of Lakeside, specifically to pray that the Holy Spirit would bring revival.

As the saying goes, 'Be careful what you pray for.' In late March Pastor Ron announced that the Lord was leading him to leave MBC after 30 years and become his ailing brother's full-time caregiver. After a great living memorial service, we sent Ron and Connie off to their next adventure.

As the Elders sought the Lord to the next step, the Lord brought Pastor John Miller, affectionately known as PJ or "the almost pastor," to serve as our interim pastor. We also put together a Pulpit Committee in late April and are now actively interviewing and reviewing candidates, seeking who it is that God has to lead us into the community of Lakeside and into the future. Under PJ's preaching, we have seen our average attendance grow from about 143 to approximately 190.

After a long and diligent search the pulpit committee, convinced of the Lord's leading, recommended Dr. Christopher Cone as our next Senior Pastor in a bi-vocational position, sharing his time between Mapleview and Southern California Seminary.

After a resounding 98% positive vote we sadly said good-bye to Pastor John Miller. We will be forever grateful for the time we had with him.

Dr. Cone immediately got men involved in the worship service with a weekly the Proverb reading. Recognizing the value in Jon Bones as a leadership asset, Dr. Cone brought Jon on as full time staff as an assistant to the Pastor. He began working with Jon towards ordination and encouraging him on the path of pastoral service.

Unfortunately, after less than four months of service at MBC, Dr. Cone felt the Lord leading him away from the ministry here at MBC. On October 19, 2014, Dr. Cone asked to resign his position as Senior Pastor. Various pastors, missionaries and speakers filled the pulpit. We closed

the year with thankful heart for God's grace and faithfulness. We praise Him each week for new faces, new babies being born and the joy of church life.

Our faithful Elder Board member and Pastor, Philip Gale, retired near the end of the 2014. His amazing and generous service to the family at MBC is inspiring and his retirement well deserved.

The ladies of MBC ended the year with a fantastic, first ever, in home Christmas Dinner. There was great food and great entertainment; both brought the fellowship together and we ended the year ready to take on the challenges of the New Year.

January 2015 was off to a great start with a special treat on that first Sunday! We were privileged to hear an encouraging message from Harold Nickels; The Gentleman, now 91 years old, who's vision for spreading the gospel in the town of Lakeside some 55 years ago founded the ministry here at Mapleview.

Shortly afterwards, we called Dave Bancroft as our interim Pastor. We established a new pulpit committee under the leadership of Steve Grieshaber and set a course to see where God was leading.

Then with great sadness, we found ourselves saying goodbye to our friend and great servant of God, Pastor John Miller. He lost his battle with cancer here on this earth. He was so personable and knew each of our church families by name. On March 7, 2015 we held a memorial service for John Miller.

However, as is often the case, as we said farewell to an old friend, what a blessing to say hello to several new ones! Many new additions to our family were born including two from our own staff. Lua was born to Jon and Karen, and Elsie to Garret and Nicole.

Another exciting and memorable event of the year was the ordination of Jon Bones by the Pacific Church Network, formally CBASC. On February 22, 2015, we had an Ordination Service for Jonathan Bones with a celebration meal later that day.

After a year's delay for political/safety reasons, we sent a team to Israel to work with our missionaries Ed and Dana Dickenson as they were able to reach out to the people of Israel.

We welcomed Heritage Christian schools to our campus. They use our campus twice a month for their home-school support days and what a blessing to have them aboard. The overhaul of Maranatha, including new windows and a long overdue air conditioning system, has been a blessing, as well. The plans for "going solar" and our new defibrillator are improvements we hope one of which we will never need.

Our most important asset, our Mapleview Family has kept this ministry going strong. Our young adults have successfully taken on the morning coffee ministry and one of our young married couples has assumed the role of men's and women's ministries directors, Michael and Sierra Butcher.

We look towards the hope of calling a Pastor to lead us to the future of great and mighty things; only HE can accomplish in and through us. As the year wound down, we were reminded of God's faithfulness to each of us as individuals as well as a church family.

On Sunday December 13, 2015, the Elders called a special business meeting in response to the Elders recommendation to call Jon Bones as Senior Pastor of Mapleview Baptist Church. We received a resounding vote of confidence with a unanimous positive vote to call Jon Bones as the next Senior Pastor.

With the calling of Jon, we had to say farewell to Dave Bancroft. Dave finished the month of December, and on the December 27, 2015, we said goodbye Pastor Dave and Suzi Bancroft.

Jon Bones' first Sunday as Senior Pastor was on January 3, 2016. Jon, having served as youth director for six years, was ready and well equipped to take the pulpit. He preached his first sermon as Senior Pastor on January 3, 2016. With his promotion, the position of youth director was vacated. Jon's first priority was to fill his own shoes and he confidently called Blaze McEntee in mid-January to take the position. Blaze, a graduate from San Diego Christian College and a former intern of the Gathering at Shadow Mountain, came highly recommended and is an asset to the staff here at Mapleview.

With such a smooth transition into a new year with a new leadership team, we are seeing God's work in many aspects throughout the church fellowship and in the community. This includes 15 baptisms, 5 baby dedications, 2 weddings, and 4 series preached by Jon. Online giving has been introduced and embraced by the members of Mapleview. We have begun the Phileo Young Adults Ministry, launched Small Groups once again, and initiated multiple outreach events, including: the Dennis Agajanian Concert, held an Apologetics Course, hosted Gamblers Anonymous, put on the annual Fall Festival, and Veteran's Day Service. We look forward to another Agajanian Concert in December with evangelist, Will Graham.

Our Mapleview Family continues to be our strongest asset and we look forward to what God has for our Children's, youth, and adult ministries. We have great anticipation for our efforts to impact the community of Lakeside for the Gospel of Christ.

2017 was another year of the Lord's blessing in the life of the Mapleview church family. We have witnessed the Lord's work in many aspects throughout the church fellowship and in the community. God has drawn us nearer to His Son Jesus through a year-long, in-depth study of the gospel of Mark. 3 couples were married, 6 individuals were baptized, 5 babies were dedicated to the Lord, and church membership increased. One member, Jeri Malone, went home to be with the Lord. With much sadness, we said goodbye to long-time Mapleview members and friends, Ken and Marta Wingler, as they moved up to Oregon to be with their family. They served us all in so many capacities.

Opportunities to serve were provided in our first annual Ministry Fair and many new ministry teams were formed as existing teams were strengthened. Monthly food fellowships were started to enrich our time together and deepen bonds amongst the church family. Men's ministries had a blessed time at Man Camp and enjoyed numerous movie nights. Women's ministries likewise were blessed at Women's Retreat and by a variety of women's events. Global missions trips were made to India and Brazil. Jake Simpson was brought on as an elder and Aaron Williams as a deacon. Intentional and prayerful local outreach efforts have been made this year, including:

Blessing Bags, Lakeside Parade, VBS, AWANA, Harvest Festival, Family Conference, Christ in the Passover, hosting the Week of Hope summer team, Veteran's Day, the upcoming Lakeside Spirit of Christmas, and the installation of a door in the lobby in order to open up room A and B for ministry use to outside groups such as Gambler's Anonymous. We look forward to continuing in the blessed calling of winning Lakeside for Christ. The Lord was faithful in bringing many things to completion this year. Pastor Jon received his Master's degree in Christian Ministry from Southern California Seminary after two and a half years of study. A concrete track was poured for the children's ministry on the east side of Maranatha. The long anticipated solar project was completed and is currently in use.

2018 was a year of answered prayers and blessings in the life of the Mapleview church family. We have witnessed the Lord work in many ways in and through the church fellowship. We have engaged in an in-depth Sunday morning study of Genesis, the book of beginnings. 5 individuals were baptized, a baby was dedicated to the Lord, and church membership increased. One member, Lee Main, went home to be with the Lord. Brock Smith was brought on as worship director in January. Debbie Newell was brought on staff in January as office manager and has served the church well in this capacity. Luke VanNortwick was brought on staff in September as worship director and has been a much-anticipated blessing. Children's ministries enjoyed a larger than life Babylon-themed VBS in the summer and is enjoying a new playground for the preschoolers. David and Nikki Kulp brought fresh leadership to AWANA and Brittany Carlucci and Samantha Simpson took the mantle of the Friday Playgroup ministry. The youth group went on mission to Mexico and spent another summer camp at Hume Lake. Men's ministries has studied Matthew and prayed together on Saturday mornings, and had a blessed time at Man Camp. Women's ministries likewise was blessed at Women's Retreat and began to meet every 3rd Saturday of the month for special fellowship. YA (young adults) ministry was launched in the Spring and graciously hosted by the Plates. Several nearby missions trips were made to Mexico with Spectrum Ministries, and other members took missions trips to South Africa, Paraguay, and India. Fun fellowship events included a horseshoe tournament, sweetheart's dinner, senior's dessert, family game night, family movie night, summer beach days, etc. New signage, better maps, a floodlight for the cross on the outside of the building, attractive racking for materials, and a TV for the lobby were all installed. Intentional and prayerful local outreach efforts have been made this year, including: Blessing Bags, Lakeside Parade, VBS, AWANA, Resurrection Sunday, Family Conference, Fall Festival, Lakeside Clean-up, Griefshare, hosting the Week of Hope summer team, Thanksgiving at VFW Hall, and the upcoming Lakeside Spirit of Christmas event, Cocoa and Cookies with Santa, and our Christmas services. A promotional video for the church was made. Social media updates and mailings have been ramped up.

2019 was another year of blessing in the life of the Mapleview church family. We have witnessed the Lord work in many ways in and through the church fellowship. We completed a 15-month study through the book of Genesis in March, walked through the New Testament letter of Colossians during the summer, and embarked on a study through the book of Exodus in August. 7 individuals were baptized this year. Two long-standing members, Jeanette Schmitt and Ed Twyman, went home to be with the Lord. Children's ministries enjoyed an Egypt-themed "Wilderness Escape" VBS in the summer which was well-attended, and blessed the church with a special breakfast during Sunday School hour. The AWANA program is thriving and bringing lots of visitors to the church mid-week. Playgroup ministry on Friday mornings has done a number of exciting field trips and crafts. The youth group went on mission to San Vicente in

Mexico and enjoyed another summer camp at Hume Lake. YA (young adults) ministry continues strong and has provided a small group for graduating seniors to stay plugged in to fellowship after graduation. Men's ministries studied Acts and prayed together on Saturday mornings, enjoyed a BBQ and horseshoes event, and had a blessed time at Man Camp in Big Bear. Women's ministries likewise was blessed at the fall women's retreat in Murrieta Springs, has enjoyed fun fellowships like "Tapestry of Beauty," and has continued to meet every 3rd Saturday of the month for special fellowship. A few one-day missions trips were made to Mexico with Spectrum Ministries, and the world missions team, under the new leadership of Jon Weaver, paid a visit to the Abuhls in Vanuatu in July. Several new missionaries were chosen for support, from Central Asia to the Middle East to Papua New Guinea. On Mother's Day the church raised money for the College Area Pregnancy Services care clinic. Fun fellowship events this year included Faith and Family night at the Padres, 4th of July BBQ, and a summer Bay Day. A joyous celebration of the church's 60th anniversary was held on September 22. The theme verse was 1 Samuel 7:12 "Thus far the Lord has helped us." Several "*Ebenezers*" were set up around church to commemorate the occasion – a new pulpit, a new cross in the auditorium, and the "*Koinonia*" firepit in the corner of the property. Former pastors John Redman and Ron Thomas, as well as current Pastor Jon Bones shared an encouragement for the church. The day consisted of worship, testimonial videos, a tri-tip luncheon, ice cream truck, live T-shirt screen-printing, Dunk-A-Deacon tank, games for the kids, and s'mores and singing around the campfire. Intentional and prayerful local outreach efforts in 2019 included: Lakeside Parade, VBS, AWANA, Resurrection Sunday, Family Conference, Fall Festival, Griefshare, Thanksgiving at VFW Hall, Operation Christmas Child, and the upcoming Lakeside Spirit of Christmas event, Cocoa and Cookies with Santa, and Christmas services. Social media updates and mailings continue to get the word out. A major outreach campaign with Saturate San Diego continues, as we seek to reach the 13,751 residences in area code 92040 with a Jesus DVD, gospel tract, and brochure invitation to Mapleview. In 2019, approximately 70% of that goal was reached in 4 phases!

Proverbs 16:9 "The mind of a person plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps."

2020 was a year of unexpected changes and challenges for our world. The first two and a half months of the year were exciting for Mapleview as we completed our goal to bring the gospel to every residence in Lakeside, bringing our Saturate campaign to a close after reaching out to each of the 13,751 residences in our area code. The 2020 Vision Remodel was kicked off with two vision luncheons to receive commitments and begin raising funds for the project which would redeem the existing unused space inside of our main building, turning it into a large classroom with café. Women's fellowship continued to meet on a monthly basis for Bible study and prayer in homes and men's fellowship had a fun axe-throwing event. Several baptisms and baby dedications were celebrated. A church missions team went to Tijuana for a day-trip with Spectrum Ministries, and the Lamms, new missionaries to Thailand, were brought on for support. As a church family, we spent Sunday mornings studying the book of Exodus and praising our God who draws us out of captivity to draw us in to fellowship and worship.

On March 15, however, the normal routine of church life was brought to an abrupt halt as lockdowns to curb the spread of a novel virus called COVID-19 forced our fellowship to stop meeting in-person. Fortunately, we were able to use technology to begin meeting virtually for worship and studying God's Word. We were relieved to resume in-person meetings again during

the summer, having church outside in the evening on the lawn. We took a brief hiatus from Exodus to study the short, but powerful, prophecy of Habakkuk, which teaches us to live by faith when the world seems to be falling apart. Polarizing opinions on politics, racial justice, and how to respond to COVID-19 threatened unity all around us, but God preserved Mapleview as we sought to live “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:2-3). We all learned how to be more flexible, as most of the annual family events, retreats, and community outreaches of the church were forced to be postponed for the year, and changes were made to communion, giving, and greeting, in order to avoid contact. Many church members continue to stay in fellowship online until the threat of the virus passes.

With all of the challenges we faced this year, God continued to provide for His ministry. Nicole Plate stepped down after faithfully serving alongside her husband Garrett as Children’s Ministry director for 10 years, and the Lord brought Samantha Simpson and her husband Seth along to fill that important role. Our beloved worship director Luke VanNortwick assumed greater responsibility at church, coming on full-time to oversee the youth ministry as well as help manage the office. Even though we have faced setbacks in 2020, we continue to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). God is still at work, and wants to continue to use us all to advance His mission in our world.

2021 was a year of returning to the healthy rhythm of ministry and church life after a tumultuous year dealing with the global pandemic of 2020. All of our regular gatherings eventually resumed – prayer meeting, Sunday school and midweek Bible studies for all ages, playgroup, AWANA, men’s and women’s ministry. Annual seasonal outreach efforts also resumed. The children enjoyed being able to come back together for Vacation Bible School, which was a Rocky Railroad theme. Unfortunately for the youth group, their summer camp plans were also quite rocky – Hume Lake Christian Camp had to close down a few days before they were scheduled to go due to COVID precautions. Luke and his team did a great job of rallying the youth together and making the best of the situation with a hastily assembled retreat to Pine Valley Bible Camp. On Sunday mornings, we concluded a lengthy season studying the Book of Exodus, and then spent time in several smaller books of the Bible including: Jude, Ruth, Jonah, Nahum, 2 Timothy, Daniel, and Esther. With joy we celebrated 5 baptisms this year and 4 baby dedications. With sadness we mourned the loss of Pancho Rodriguez and David Kohr who both passed away. The church went camping out at Stagecoach RV Resort in the spring. Men’s discipleship was launched in the summer. A “Weekend to Remember” marriage conference took place in the fall, and a marriage small group Bible study has blossomed. We all have enjoyed several painting events and hikes, as well as a bay day for fellowship. The church generously gave to pro-life ministry with College Area Pregnancy Services and a special relief gift for the Afghani church through Operation Mobilization.

As for the property, God continues to bless the faithful stewardship of our church family. Our 2020 Vision Remodel Project is nearing full funding and construction is soon to commence. Kaye Mumford’s annuity gift at her passing was used to purchase a well, which has now been fully installed and hooked up to irrigation. Furthermore, the solar panels have now been fully paid off. We are excited to see the possibilities that having these money-saving features will afford us now for future ministry. The future looks bright!

2022 was another blessed year in the life of Mapleview Baptist Church, whose members lived out the commands of the Apostle Paul found in Romans 12:10-13 “10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” The year was full of ministry for all ages. A ministry fair kicked off 2022 to give everyone an opportunity to get plugged in to serve. Our children enjoyed several special events - “Hay Day” Vacation Bible School (complete with gigantic hay maze), Grand Prix, Egg-stravaganza, Fall Festival, and Cocoa and Cookies with Santa. Playgroup met regularly as a way for parents with small children to enjoy fellowship. Our youth went to summer camp at Hume Lake SoCal, saw the formation of a youth worship band, and Tuesday nights have become a well-attended “skate night” BBQ outreach to local youth. Young adults met every other Friday for a meal and Bible study at the Plate’s home.

The women enjoyed a special one-day retreat on campus in the spring, and also went on retreat up in Pine Valley in the fall. The men “roughed it” on a wilderness retreat in Anza-Borrego, as well as got together for horseshoes, axe throwing, and a father-child “Give Mom a Break-fast” treasure box build. Men’s one-on-one discipleship continued. The marriage home group swelled in attendance on Monday nights. We all have enjoyed several fellowship events, including Sweetheart’s Dinner, Family Camp-Out at Stagecoach RV Resort, worship concert and baseball game at Petco Park downtown, Pumpkin Spice Paint Night, Bulls Only Rodeo, and Oak Oasis Faith and Family Hike.

The church celebrated Mother’s Day by generously giving a love offering to local prolife ministry College Area Pregnancy Services. For global missions, a robust team of young adults went on mission to Kodiak, Alaska to partner up in ministry with long-term missionary Jon Breuninger. They staffed and served in a week-long outreach event called Go Week. Here at home, we are beginning to partner in cross-cultural ministry toward Afghani refugees with an organization called Bridge Builders. On Sunday mornings, we studied the Old Testament prophecy of Malachi and the New Testament epistles of James and 1 Peter. During the month of August, a special Inductive Bible Study course was taught by Pastor Jon, to equip the saints to follow the steps of observation, interpretation, and application in Bible study. In March, Nick Del Sol was brought on staff as an intern and has been a source of much blessing to our community.

Pastor Jon and wife Karen celebrated the birth of their firstborn son Silas Cruz in November. “Something must be in the water.” The church family welcomed the lives of many children this year, and the nursery is starting to fill up! We celebrated weddings in the Burrows, Simpsons, and Coopers’ households. We also mourned the passing but celebrated the lives of Jean Crouter, Maurice Baldwin, and Don Neighbors who went home to be with the Lord. We remained faithful in our annual outreaches into Lakeside with the Western Days Parade, VFW Thanksgiving Meal, and Spirit of Christmas on Maine.

The biggest change that 2022 brought to our rhythm of ministry was the launch in October of Faith and Family Night, which was met with great enthusiasm and support. The weekly Wednesday gathering begins with a community dinner at 5pm (graciously provided for by our hospitality team) and then Kids’ Club, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Studies (Walk-Thru the Bible) meet from 6-8pm. We have seen lots of new faces on campus as a result of this change in program, and we are excited to see God at work in our midst as we make disciples. As for the property, God continues to bless the faithful stewardship of our church family. The 2020 Vision Remodel Project has progressed further towards completion, now with demolition finished, concrete set, plumbing and HVAC installed, and walls framed up. In preparation for consistent

full campus use on Wednesday evenings, the Maranatha fellowship hall, preschool rooms, and bathrooms received new flooring, fresh paint, baseboards, and decorations. Room A, Room B, and Phileo Place were also spruced up with new carpet, comfortable seating, and welcoming decor and furniture.

2023 was another blessed year in the life of Mapleview Baptist Church. We are excited to see God at work in our midst as we make disciples. On Sunday mornings, we studied the letters of 1 and 2 Peter, selections from the Psalms, a number of minor prophets (Obadiah, Joel, Zephaniah, and Haggai), and began our journey through the Gospel of Luke. On Wednesday evenings, our Faith and Family nights have been well attended as Kids' Club, Youth Groups, and Adult Bible Studies meet on campus from 6-8pm.

The year was full of ministry for all ages. Our *children* enjoyed several special seasonal events - Egg-stravaganza, Fall Festival, and Cocoa and Cookies with Santa. 173 kids registered for our "Stellar" Vacation Bible School, which was more than ever before! Playgroup met regularly as a way for parents with small children to enjoy fellowship. Our *youth* group went to summer camp at Hume Lake and saw a number of students make decisions for the Lord. We were blessed to have the youth worship band lead us in worship and hear a message from youth director Nick Del Sol on Youth Sunday at the end of summer. Tuesday "Skate Church" outreach to local youth and young adults has been ongoing. *Young adults* met every other Friday for a meal and Bible study at the Plate's home. The *women* and *men* both enjoyed retreats up at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center, and various small groups and Bible studies have been meeting, both in-person and online. One-on-one discipleship for both men and women has continued as well.

We all have enjoyed several *fellowship events*, including a Sweetheart's Dinner, Family Game Night, Camp-Out at Stagecoach RV Resort, Bay Day, Men's Go Fish, Pumpkin Spice Paint Night, Turkey Bowl football game, Coffeehouse Christmas, and a worship concert with our very own Samuel Nehemiah. We remained faithful in our annual *outreaches* into Lakeside with the Western Days Parade, VFW Thanksgiving Meal, and Spirit of Christmas on Maine. Professor Nali Hilderman led an enlightening Worldview class on Wednesday evenings during the summer break.

The church celebrated Mother's Day by generously giving a love offering to local pro-life ministry College Area Pregnancy Services. Another gift of *benevolence* was given towards the Beit Eliyahu messianic congregation in Haifa, Israel, who is supporting families of those affected by the recent conflict in the Gaza strip.

The church family celebrated 5 baby dedications and 7 baptisms this year. Parksene Rollins and Bob Aston went home to be with the Lord.

As for the property, God continues to bless the faithful stewardship of our church family. The 2020 Vision Remodel Project has progressed much further, now with the handicap restroom and janitor's mop closet completed, and tile, drywall, and paint finished in the cafe area. The kitchen cabinets have been installed, furniture has been delivered and assembled, appliances are ready to be installed, and the coffee bar is all framed up and ready for countertops. We are pleased to anticipate the near completion of this long-awaited project and see the positive impact it will have on our sweet fellowship!

As we look toward the future, our mission at Mapleview remains the same: Discover God...one verse at a time; Walk with Him...one step at a time; Share His love...one person at a time.