

**Second Liberty Baptist  
Church**

**2019**

**Kingdom Living**  
**“Seeking God’s Kingdom and  
Righteousness”**

**Ministry Development  
Strategies**



## Equip, Empower, Entrust

During the year of 2018 it was my vision from God to see Second Liberty Baptist Church grow into a ministry focused on equipping, empowering, and entrusting people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to have a greater impact on the world as we build God's Kingdom. During 2018 we were able to accomplish great things as a ministry and should take a moment to celebrate and praise God for what God allowed us to achieve during the year.

### **Completed 2018 Goals (\*\*shown in bold\*\*)**

- Establish a church library to promote the reading and study of biblical and life principles. Eventually this library will phase into a bookstore when space is available. [*Began collecting books which are in the Pastor's office*]
- Establish a community wide Vacation Bible School to promote unity among the area churches and have a greater impact on the community, especially those who are "unchurched". This VBS will phase into a summer day camp for children in 2019. (June 2018) [*Co-hosted VBS with Rising Mount Zion*]
- Have a SLBC community day to promote outreach and evangelism in the community. (October 2018) [*Held a Free Flea Market for the Community*]
- Training on outreach and evangelism. (June 2018) [*Completed through the Bible Study Series "Tell Someone"*]
- Grow church membership by adding 10 new individuals and reconnecting with 10 members who do not come consistently or have not been attending services at SLBC. (December 2018) [*3 New Members*]
- Set the foundation to establish a Young Adult Ministry for individuals ages 18-30. (December 2018) [*14 Young Adults Identified*]
- Begin audio and visual recording of church history provided by members. (December 2018)
- Establish annual Virginia Union University day to raise money for the school and celebrate the long-standing relationship between SLBC and VUU. (September 2018) [*Held VUU Day and \$2800 donated*]
- Have a variety of workshops and educational programs focused on stewardship, financial literacy, and wealth-building. (Throughout 2018) [*Completed through New Kent Community Development Corp.*]
- Fasting and Prayer (March 25th – March 31<sup>st</sup>) [*Completed*]
- Begin planning to establish a strategy to provide jobs and affordable housing for people in New Kent and surrounding areas. Promote entrepreneurship and business development for individuals in New Kent.
- Continue to build Web presence via church website and social media platforms.
- Hold a spiritual gifts workshop for members to learn more about their spiritual gifts and how to utilize them. (May 2018) [*8 members completed*]

- Develop a Youth Ministry Team to assist in enhancing SLBC Youth Ministry (December 2018)
- Enhanced training for each ministry (December 2018)
- Develop a Mental Health Ministry to educate the community about mental illness and provide counseling for people or families in need. (December 2018)
- Begin researching and preparing to launch a childcare program for 2019. (December 2018)

### **Seek God First and Live by Faith**

As we continue to grow in relationship with God and with one another I believe it is important for us as a ministry to identify the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, align ourselves with such, and live a life of faith. During 2019 I believe God is calling us to take a step back and evaluate who we are living our lives for, what we are living our lives for, and how we are living our lives individually and collectively. The theme for this year is **Kingdom Living: Seeking God's Kingdom and Righteousness**. Our focus scripture is Matthew 6:33 *"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* The kingdom of God represents God's rule and authority over the lives of God's people. God's righteousness represents the standards and expectations of living God has commanded for God's people. It is imperative we ask ourselves if we are seeking God's kingdom and righteousness. My prayer is that we will come into a greater understanding of God's kingdom and righteousness and be the highest representation of Heaven here on Earth.

It will take the unity, commitment, and dedication of the SLBC body to do what God has called us to do. What has God called us to do? Jesus instructs us in Mark 12:30-31, *"you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.*" As we seek God's kingdom and righteousness the byproduct will be growth in all areas of life. This growth can be summed up into one word, discipleship. When we put God first in every area of our lives the power of God can be put on display. People will know that we are truly disciples of Christ and we will be able to manifest the glory and power of Heaven here on Earth.

**In order to grow it is imperative we be committed to God and live according to God's Will. We should carry out God's instruction with a kingdom mindset. SLBC will strive to grow in the following areas:**

#### **1. Grow Spiritually**

- Each member is encouraged to evaluate their current relationship with God and develop a plan to grow closer to God (Christian Education, Prayer, trainings).
- Each member is encouraged to come into a greater understanding of their spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities which will uplift the Kingdom of God.

- Each member is encouraged to seek opportunities to witness and minister to those outside the Body of Christ and those who are “un-churched”, telling them of the benefits of being in relationship with God through Jesus Christ and being connected to a local ministry.
- Each member is encouraged to participate in training and educational opportunities to be equipped, empowered, and entrusted with presenting the Gospel.
- SLBC will utilize the Media Ministry to reach people: CD/DVD distribution; Social Media; Website

## 2. Grow in Fellowship

- Each member is encouraged to grow in relationship with their fellow brother and sister.
- Each member is encouraged to participate in outreach opportunities in the community to connect and fellowship with community members.
- Each member is encouraged to pray John 17:20-23: *“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”* (NRSV)

## 3. Grow in Leadership

- Each member is encouraged to be involved in a ministry which will showcase their gifts, talents, and abilities given by God to build up the Kingdom.
- Each member is encouraged to participate in Bible Study and Sunday School in order to enhance their biblical foundation.
- Each member is encouraged to participate in leadership development trainings inside and outside of the church setting and to participate in trainings that will enhance their respective ministry.
- Each member is encouraged to construct a personal development plan and read books relevant to increasing their knowledge as a leader and church member.

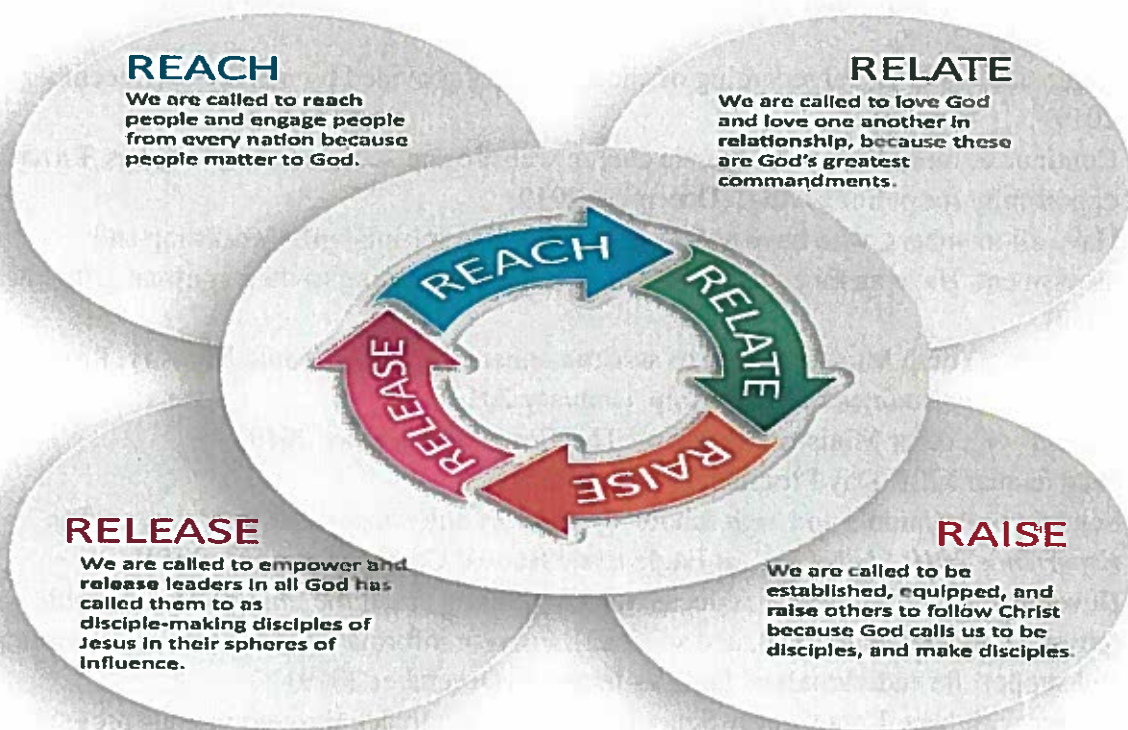
## 4. Grow in Stewardship

- As we grow spiritually and in leadership, we should see an increase in the number of people we impact and serve and who want to be connected with SLBC and partner in ministry. More ministry will take more resources.
- Members are encouraged to become greater stewards over their Time, Talent, and Treasures.
- Members are encouraged to participate in educational opportunities that focus on Biblical Stewardship. SLBC will provide various educational opportunities throughout the year which focus on stewardship and finances.
- SLBC members will be encouraged to live out 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 *“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully*

*will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

SLBC will actively seek those who are committed to growing individually and collectively to become the people God has created us to be and the disciples Jesus Christ expects (Luke 14:27). God wants us to fulfill the Great Commission described in Matthew 28:18-20, *“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

This can be carried out by a four-prong approach.



## 2019 Goals

- Complete Policies and Procedures Manual and Church Constitution (April 2019)
- Host One Night Youth Revival (May or June 2019)
- Reinstate Weekly Prayer Call (February 2019)
- Invite 3,000 people to attend one of our weekly services (Morning Worship, Sunday School, Bible Study) by using Engagers. Have a minimum of 10% (300 people) show up, which will be tracked by visitor cards. (December 2019)
- Grow church membership by adding 15 new individuals and reconnecting with 10 members who do not come consistently or have not been attending services at SLBC. (December 2019)
- Continue building church library to promote the reading and study of biblical and life principles. Eventually this library will phase into a bookstore when space is available.
- Continue to promote a community wide Vacation Bible School among the area churches, having a greater impact on the community, especially those who are "unchurched". This VBS will phase into a summer day camp for children in 2020. (June 2019)
- Establish a Young Adult Ministry, providing quarterly opportunities for fellowship. (December 2019)
- Begin audio and visual recording of church history provided by members. (December 2019)
- Continue to build Web presence via church website and social media platforms. Provide opportunity for online giving. (December 2019)
- Have all members, who have not done so, complete spiritual gifts workshop and assessment. Have members operating in ministries according to their spiritual gifts. (May 2019)
- Develop a Youth Ministry Team to assist in enhancing SLBC Youth Ministry. Provide monthly opportunities for fellowship. (January 2019)
- Partner with other Ministries to spread The Gospel (December 2019)
- Host annual MLK Day Program. (January 2019)
- Send 5 youth (middle and high school age) and 2 adult chaperones to *Mountain Top Experience 2019 "Level Up"* at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center (April 5-7, 2019)
- Develop a Health Ministry to educate the community about the importance of health (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual). Provide informational resources, counseling, and support for individuals or families in need. (December 2019)
- Partner with New Kent County Schools to provide Outreach through various program opportunities. (December 2019)
- Develop Discipleship Classes for individuals at various levels of spiritual maturity. (December 2019)
- More church involvement in New Kent Community projects and service opportunities (December 2019)

## Vision

*Second Liberty is a church on the Go, growing to love God with heart, soul, and strength, in order to reach the lost and set the captives free.*

## Mission

*Second Liberty Baptist Church, a church building the Kingdom of God by serving the community.*

## Motto

*“Reaching the world for Christ”*

Let us go into this year with the intent to live a life of faith, striving to operate from a kingdom mindset, in order to please God. I know that with God all things are possible and I stand in great expectation of what God will do through the people of God.

**Peace and Blessings,**

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