

## **The Vision for Wheat Street Baptist Church**

*“We are a church with a rich history and an even brighter future.”*

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*John 14:12-14*

*12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.*

*13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me or anything, I will do it.*

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### **Vision:**

We exist to develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who make a real difference in the world by actively seeking the justice, freedom, liberation and peace of God. (Luke 4:18; Matthew 25:31-46; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 1:16-20; Mark 6:30-44; Mark 7:1-23; Mark 9:33-37; Mark 10:13-16; Mark 12:41-44; Acts 1:6-11; Acts 2:14-21; Acts 2:43-47; Acts 4:23-37; Philippians 4:4-9)

### **Mission:**

We are in union with God’s work of liberation in the world. We reach outside the walls of the church to be the church. We are committed to innovation and change as God’s calls us to reach and disciple people by doing ministry that makes a *real* difference 365 days a year. We get people closer to God, their community and God’s will for their lives and the church by *keeping it real*.

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### **Our Core Values / Beliefs:**

1. We believe that God’s Word is the authoritative guide for the work of God’s church.
2. We believe that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and speaks to and through the church and we will be led by the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus’ model of a daily ministry of liberation is the model of ministry we embrace and practice.
4. We believe that God is doing a work of liberation in the world and our goal is to hear God and be in line with the mission and work of God in the world.
5. We believe that forming mature disciples of Jesus Christ is the primary work of the church.
6. We believe in an open door and an open table, in that all people are welcomed at Wheat Street and they are eligible to serve, worship and give because they are members of the family of God