

Vineyard Oak Park Vision Statement May 31, 2009

On earth as it is in Heaven

We will spark the fires of revival in Chicagoland. We are called to continue the works of Jesus by a demonstration of the gospel of the Kingdom through signs and wonders and miracles. Born for a time such as this, this house will bring heaven to earth by transforming and equipping people to contend for the kingdom of God.

A transformed and equipped family

This house burns to see this city impacted by the coming of the kingdom of God. Lives, communities and neighborhoods will be transformed. Where there is sickness, bondage and despair, the healing of His kingdom will be revealed. Where there has been rejection, discouragement and isolation, we will make the love of the Father known. Cycles of poverty and hopelessness will be replaced with abundance, hope and generosity. Orphan spirits will encounter spiritual adoption as sons and daughters of the King of Kings.

This will be a house of sons and daughters modeling transformed, covenantal relationships that embrace honor, diversity and respect; calling each other on to the greater things God has for each of us with no reserve or competition.

We will be a house that is known for its worship, free to express our love for God and where creative excellence flourishes. We will be a people hungry for the presence of God. We will experience powerful times of worship, marked by the presence of God and a release of the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit - prophecy, tongues, knowledge, healings and miracles. When the King comes, so does His kingdom. All our gatherings will demonstrate the culture and values of this house.

As carriers of the presence of Jesus we can naturally operate in the supernatural and will expect to partner with the Holy Spirit in everything we do. We will hear God's voice for ourselves and for others and will declare the goodness of God in this city and region. This house will be known for physical healings, declaring the presence and truth of the Kingdom in the face of sickness, bondage and death. We will minister with the truth of the completed work of Christ so that every person can find salvation.

As Christ followers we will be a people becoming like Christ. We will pursue spiritual disciplines and knowledge of the scriptures. We will be trained to minister to the broken, to move in power, to hear the voice of the Father, to be true worshippers with all we have.

People will get saved, healed and set free. As they come into a relationship with our Messiah, this house will grow. We will grow to be a church of 1,200 by 2015 and a church of 2,500 by 2020. Our facilities must be capable of regularly hosting

conferences and training in addition to the daily operations of our house. We will have a ministry campus accessible to Chicagoland with worship space for thousands, transitional housing, an administrative building, a training center with classrooms, transportation, a gym, athletic facilities, a fine arts building with a recording studio, a film studio and an arts studio.

Contending for the Kingdom

We will see the revival fires once again burn bright in Chicagoland. The ancient paths of healing, revival, worship and justice will be restored and their glory in the coming days will be greater than before. The revelation of the Father's heart will be made known to every tribe and tongue in this city.

We will be an apostolic center, training and releasing leaders from every generation to share what we carry in this house with other houses of God throughout Chicagoland. We will provide training and equipping for the people of these houses in the truth and practice of bringing the kingdom of God to earth through conferences, classes, resources and schools. We will partner with other churches and ministries to bring revival to Chicagoland.

We will see Kingdom people released into all the pillars of our society; religion, family, media, education, government, business and arts & entertainment. Through their influence and pursuit of excellence, the truth and goodness of God will be made known.