

Policy Statement (PS)

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Prologue: “Claiming Our Sweet Spot”

God has called the First Christian Church of Marion, Indiana to “become and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” For the last year we have sought to discern the Holy Spirit’s guidance regarding how to presently enact this mission. Our goal has been to identify our “sweet spot”; the intersection of our unique God-given gifts and the particular needs of our immediate context. These efforts now prompt us to affirm the following two-fold strategy.

Children’s Ministries

Just as in Noah’s day God transported the seeds of a new world in an ark of wood and pitch, we seek to be a portion of the vessel that God is fashioning of people and agencies to convey the next generation to their Christ-shaped future. Therefore we commit ourselves to becoming and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Spirit-filled, safe, and, stable spiritual community to all children and their families.

Care Ministries

We commit ourselves to becoming and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person we encounter by providing a relationship-based process in which their specific physical, mental, and, spiritual needs receive caring acknowledgement and response. This process seeks, via a relational network with other care providers, to provide the right form of care to the right person, at the right time, every time.

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