

**First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro
Mission Statement**

Adopted by Session – February 21, 2010

The First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro exists to continue the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ by inviting all people to discover and deepen their relationship with God, involving them in the ministries of our faith community and investing their time, talent and treasure in the work of compassion and justice in the world.

Vision Statement

Adopted by Session – March 21, 2010

The members of First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro grow closer to Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship and outreach. Rooted in prayer, we care deeply for every member in our church family. We want to reach out to those who have not experienced God's love, and welcome them into our congregation. We are being intentional about growing spiritually, numerically and in diversity. Committed to passing on the faith to the next generation, we are placing a special emphasis on inviting young families with children to become a part of our congregation. In that regard, we are open to diversity of worship styles that will attract children, youth and adults to our life changing worship services. People come to the First Presbyterian Church because it is a place where they experience God's love and can access the spiritual power of Christ for daily living. We will make this vision a reality in the following ways:

Inviting People to Become Disciples of Jesus Christ

- We are intentional about inviting neighbors and friends to “come and see” what God is doing here. We want to share what we are experiencing with others.
- Our creative use of our land and our building allows us opportunities to invite people to Worship Services, Christian Education classes and programs.
- When people experience our warm, genuine ministry of hospitality, for which we are known, they will want to come to our church.
- We utilize social networking and technology to find creative ways to communicate who we are, where we are and what we do within our surrounding community.

- As an invitational church, we utilize advertising and signage to become more visible to the entire Jonesboro area.
- As an outgrowth of our spiritual growth, we are also committed to numerical growth so that more people in Jonesboro will have an opportunity to experience God's love through our caring community of faith. We are committed to taking in more members than we lose every single year.

Involving People in our Church Community

- We are intentional about inviting all of our members and visitors into active involvement in the life and ministry of our congregation.
- Our motto "Worship+1" challenges everyone in our congregation to worship regularly and find one new thing in the life of the congregation in which they will be involved.
- Believing in the importance of education in the growth of our Christian faith, we utilize creative ideas to involve more of our members in our Christian Education classes and renewal opportunities.
- Our newly created involvement task force works carefully and prayerfully to see that every member of our congregation has one thing to do in the life of the church. We do not want to leave anyone out.
- We are establishing exciting new ministries for children and youth so they will feel that they are an important part of our church family.

Investing Time, Talent and Treasure in Ministries of Compassion and Justice in the World

- We encourage every member and regular visitor to make a pledge of dollars and time to the ministry of Christ through our church.
- Our Legacy Society gives people a tangible opportunity to invest in the next generation and we encourage more of our members to get involved in it.
- Our Kindness Task Force continues to seek creative ways to show compassion and care for our neighbors.
- We engage in advocacy for human rights through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Initiative.
- We are intentional about increasing the percentage of the dollars ~~that~~ we invest in mission causes beyond our own building and grounds.

As a result of our deep commitment to Jesus Christ and his mission of compassion and justice in the world, the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro will grow to become a congregation of over 200 active and involved members who are actively involved in writing the 29th chapter of the book of Acts!