

## 2020 VISION NIGHT

With Pastor Rick  
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*"We should make plans—counting on God to direct us."* Proverbs 16:9 (TLB)  
*"We may make our plans, but God has the last word."* Proverbs 16:1 (TEV/GNT)  
*"What you ought to say is, 'If it is the Lord's Will, we will do this or that.'" James 4:15 (NIV)*  
*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."* Proverbs 16:3 (NIV / NLT)

### **THE BIG PICTURE: NEW PROJECTS IN 2020 STARTING IN 2020 WE'RE GOING TO ...**

1. CELEBRATE \_\_\_\_\_ through everyday heroes in our first 40 years!
2. CULTIVATE \_\_\_\_\_ in our personal lives and families.
3. ACCELERATE \_\_\_\_\_
4. ACTIVATE \_\_\_\_\_ in our Church Family for Maximum Ministry Impact.  
Builders (75+) Boomers (56+) GenX (34+) Millennials (25+) (Gen -24)
5. INITIATE \_\_\_\_\_ for our Church Members
6. COLLABORATE \_\_\_\_\_
7. CREATE \_\_\_\_\_ to get every Campus into a permanent building and upgrade our Lake Forest campus.

### **WHY & HOW**

#### **1. WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH EVERYDAY HEROES IN OUR FIRST 40 YEARS. WHY?**

1. GOD TELLS US TO \_\_\_\_\_  
*"You and your family and servants are to eat and sacrifice and CELEBRATE AT THE PLACE OF WORSHIP, because the Lord your God has made you successful in everything you have done!" Deuteronomy 12:12 (CEV)*
2. GOD TELLS US TO \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Epaphroditus ... has served the church faithfully... making great sacrifices for you... so be sure to honor people like him."* Philippians 2:25, 29
3. GOD TELLS US TO \_\_\_\_\_  
*"We will not hide what happened from our children. Instead will **remember and tell** the next generation about all the glorious thing n that the Lord did for us. We will tell of his power and the many miracles that God did for us ... For God issued a decree that we should teach these stories **so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born**—so that they in turn might pass them on to their children. This way, **each generation can set its hope anew on God, by remembering God's glorious miracles.**" Psalm 78:4–7*

#### **HOW?**

#### **"I am Saddleback Church"**

A year-long celebration of the people who have built and are building our church family today. We'll celebrate 40 years of changed lives, service to Southern California, and support for the Church around the world.

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### 2. WE'RE GOING TO CULTIVATE COUNTER-CULTURE QUALITIES IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES AND FAMILIES. WHY?

God says: I want my family to be more \_\_\_\_\_

*"From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—**should become like his Son**, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers and sisters."* Romans 8:29 (TLB)

*"God decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. ... We see the **original and intended shape of our lives in Christ**."* Romans 8:29 (Mes)

*"Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, urging everyone who was listening, **'Save yourselves from the sick culture you are living in.'**"* Acts 2:40 (NLT/Mes)

*"**Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking!** Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. **Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you**, and develops well-formed maturity in you."* Romans 12:2 (Mes)

3 COUNTER-CULTURE QUALITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW?

**"GREAT DREAMS & OPEN DOORS" campaign FEBRUARY 1–MARCH 15**

#### GOD WANTS TO GIVE YOU A GREAT DREAM!

*"Although God speaks again and again, no one pays attention to what he says. At night when people are asleep, **God speaks in dreams and visions**."* Job 33:14–15 (TEV/GNT)

*"**When dreams come true, there is life and joy.**"* Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

*"**God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!** He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us."* Ephesians 3:20 (Mes)

#### GOD WANTS TO OPEN DOORS FOR YOU!

*Jesus: "I know all the things you have done. So now, **I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut!**"* Revelations 3:8

*Paul: "There is a **wide-open door for a great work here**, and many people are responding." 1 Cor. 16:9 (NLT)  
"A **huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up here.**" (Mes)*

### 3. WE'RE GOING TO ACCELERATE OUR CARE FOR PEOPLE HURTING IN PAIN. WHY?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"When Jesus looked at the massive crowds, his heart broke. **He was moved with deep compassion because their pain and problems were so great**, and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were hopeless and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."* Matthew 9:36 (Mes/LB/CEV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"If you say to a person in pain, 'God be with you! I hope you stay warm and get plenty to eat,' but you do not give that person whatever they need, your words are worth nothing."* James 2:16 (NCV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. Then, when others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."* 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*See the Parable of the 4 Soils: Matthew 13:1–23; Mark 4:1–20; Luke 8:4–15*

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**HOW? “3 H” Retreats**

**4. WE’RE GOING TO ACTIVATE FIVE GENERATIONS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR MAXIMUM MINISTRY IMPACT!** Builders (75+) Boomers (56+) GenX (34+) Millennials (25+) iGen -24)

**WHY?**

**1. JESUS WANTS TO USE ALL** \_\_\_\_\_

God says, “This is what I’ll do in the last days: I’ll pour out my Spirit on **EVERYONE**: your **SONS & DAUGHTERS** will **proclaim my message**; Your **YOUNG** men will **see VISIONS**, and your **OLD** men will **dream new DREAMS**. Yes, even on **ALL** my servants, **both MEN** and **WOMEN**, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will **proclaim my message!**”  
Acts 2:17–18 (TEV/GNT)

**2. EACH ONE OF US IS** \_\_\_\_\_

“**TOGETHER** you **ARE** the **BODY OF CHRIST**, and **each one of you is a necessary part of the Body!**”  
1 Corinthians 12:27

**3. EACH ONE OF US IS** \_\_\_\_\_

“**God has given each one of us special gifts and abilities according to the generosity of Christ.**”  
Ephesians 4:7 (NLT)

**4. THE GREATER OUR DIVERITY,** \_\_\_\_\_

“**There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. And there are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us.**”  
1 Corinthians 12:5–6 (NLT)

**HOW?**

**Alphabet of Growing Flashpoints of Pain**

**Opportunity for Ministry?**

<b>A</b> buse, Addictions, Aging, Anxiety, Alzheimer’s, Abortion	Yes
<b>B</b> ullying & Cyberbullying	Yes
<b>C</b> onflict, Corruption, Chronic Pain, Churches declining	Yes
<b>D</b> isasters, Discrimination, Diseases, Disabilities, Debt, Device dependency	Yes
<b>E</b> conomic & Environment Issue, Elderly Long-Term Care, Extremism	Yes
<b>F</b> amily disintegration, Fatherless generation	Yes
<b>G</b> rief Gangs, Gambling	Yes
<b>H</b> omelessness, Hunger, HIV&AIDS	Yes
<b>I</b> dentify Confusion, Incivility, Injustice, Infertility	Yes
<b>J</b> ail & Prison population increasing	Yes
<b>K</b> illings (trauma of public/mass shootings)	Yes
<b>L</b> oneliness, Long-term care of elderly	Yes
<b>M</b> ental Illness & Mental health,	Yes
<b>N</b> arcissism — Self-Absorbed Culture	Yes
<b>O</b> pioid Epidemic, Obesity, Orphans,	Yes
<b>P</b> overty, Porn, Polarization, Persecution, Privacy loss	Yes
<b>Q</b> uarrelsome & Quick tempered (Age of Outrage)	Yes
<b>R</b> acism, Refugees & Immigration, Rudeness	Yes
<b>S</b> exual Harassment & Assault, Suicide, Stress, Social media expectations	Yes
<b>T</b> ruth & Trust loss, Terrorism, Trauma, Trafficking (Sex/Human)	Yes
<b>U</b> nemployment, Urban Issues	Yes
<b>V</b> iolence at home, workplace, neighborhood	Yes
<b>W</b> idows, Workaholism, Work stress	Yes
<b>X</b> enophobia-bias against people from other nations	Yes
<b>Y</b> outhquake — 56% of world, 100 million Street Kids	Yes
<b>Z</b> ero options for former work in changing economy	Yes

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Jesus “You, (my children) are **the light for the world!** Live in such a way that people will see **the good things you do** and they praise your Father in heaven.”  
Matthew 5:16 (NCV)

### 5. WE’RE GOING TO INITIATE A SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP & MINISTRY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY. WHY?

#### 1. EVERYTHING \_\_\_\_\_

“Without wise leadership, a nation will fall.”

Proverbs 11:14 (NLT)

#### 2. GOD WANTS ALL OF US TO \_\_\_\_\_

“Our people should not live unproductive lives. They must LEARN to do good by helping others who have urgent needs.”

Titus 3:14 (NLT)

#### HOW?

### 6. WE’RE GOING TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS TO FINISH THE GREAT COMMISSION. WHY?

#### 1. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

“... You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

#### 2. BECAUSE THE END OF HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: “This Gospel ... will be preached in the whole world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

#### HOW?

#### *The Finishing the Task Coalition*

### 7. WE’RE GOING TO CREATE BUILDING FUNDS TO GET EVERY CAMPUS INTO A PERMANENT BUILDING AND UPGRADE OUR LAKE FOREST CAMPUS.

#### WHY?

“Then the groups said to Elisha, ‘The place where we meet with you is too small for us! Let’s go to the Jordan River. There each of us can get a log, and there we can build a new place for us to meet!’ Elisha said, ‘Go ahead!’”

2 Kings 6:1–2

“You can’t put new wine into old wineskins. The old skins will burst from the pressure.”

Matthew 9:17

#### HOW?

**OPEN DOORS OFFERING AND 3 YEAR COMMITMENTS — March 15, 2020**