

a vision for the community of God at Cedar Hills Church

The Kingdom of God has come to earth through Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ returns, it will come in all its fullness. Until that day, the Kingdom of God is coming through the community of God, the Church.

Cedar Hills refuses to settle for lukewarm participation in the Kingdom of God. We're not interested in playing church, collecting half-hearted followers of Jesus, or standing on the sidelines of God's work in the world.

We want more.

We want to see God transform lives. We want to see the fabric of our community changed for good as a result of God's work through the people of Cedar Hills. We want to see thousands of people find life, hope, grace, peace, forgiveness, and mission through the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom of God grows like a mustard seed. Not through addition, but through multiplication. Not by gradual accumulation, but by exponential change and development.

We see Cedar Hills as a catalyst for exponential change and development of the Kingdom of God in North Idaho and beyond. We anticipate God's transforming work showing up in both familiar and surprising ways.

Like farmers who tend plants in a field, we're not the source of growth. But through our work, our prayer, our relationships, and our obedience to Jesus Christ, we can promote conditions for expansion of the Kingdom of God.

We see a healthy, Christ-centered, self-replicating community of Christ-followers throughout North Idaho that is . . .

a *united* community

We can't be the church in isolation. The Church *is* community, united in Jesus Christ and in mission. We see people gathering in small, midsize, and large groups for growth, support, and service. We see physical spaces that foster new connections and growing relationships. We see phenomenal communication that leverages the best available tools to keep everyone in the loop. We see a Kingdom-minded view of other local churches that affirms that we're all on God's team and that we can do more together than we could ever do alone.

[Neh. 4; Acts 2:42-47; Col. 2:2]

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a mobilized community

The mission of Cedar Hills will only succeed as it is lived out by every person in our church. Every person is uniquely suited for serving in the Kingdom of God—benchwarming is not an option. We see people clamoring to serve. We see people caring for people in and beyond our church—especially for the lost, the least, and the left out. We see people serving around the world. We see intentional development of energized, supported leaders. We see leadership shared widely and well to activate God’s work through God’s people.

[Rom. 12:1-7; Eph. 4:11-13]

a generous community

In response to the God who generously gives abundant life to us, we see a community that models God-like generosity. This overflowing generosity begins with a wide-open invitation to every person in North Idaho to experience life, hope and the transforming power of Jesus Christ. This selfless generosity grows as people serve from the heart in the Kingdom of God. This reckless generosity spurs cheerful, mind-blowing giving that funds far more than an annual budget. We see a church that joyfully partners with other organizations that bring life to others, giving away \$1 million annually to God’s work in our area and around the world.

[Prov. 11:25; Mark 6:34-44; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9; 1 Thess. 2:8; 2 Cor. 8:7]

a viral community

The Kingdom of God is not static—it’s a kingdom on the move. We see new, creative, God-sized ways to participate in the Kingdom of God. We see people sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with their families, friends, teammates, co-workers, and neighbors in natural, relational ways. We see people mentoring others to develop healthy families, vibrant relationships, growing devotion to Jesus Christ, and lives freed from the addictive power of idols. We see a church model that replicates itself in every zip code in North Idaho. We see Cedar Hills resourcing other churches to extend the Kingdom of God.

[Matt. 28:18-20; Phil. 2:1-4]

a God-honoring community

The ultimate focus of Cedar Hills isn’t numbers, programs, buildings, plans, resources, volunteers, or weekend gatherings. The ultimate focus of Cedar Hills is the glory of God, reflected in God’s people. We see a historic move of God through Cedar Hills and other churches in North Idaho that transforms individuals, families, churches, companies, schools and government offices in our area. We see intentional prayer and patient obedience at every level paving the way for this transformation.

[Exodus 3:1-22; Eph. 1:17-21]

Until Jesus Christ returns, Cedar Hills will focus time, money, prayer, leadership, influence, relationships, and planning to live out this vision in North Idaho. As a result, we’ll see lives transformed by God and the glory of God revealed.