

# **Christian Family Fellowship International**

## I. Our Vision and Mission

### A. Our Vision is:

#### 1. THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

- *Mark 12:29-31; John 13:34-35*
- To love The Lord our God with all our hearts and love one another as He has loved us.

#### 2. THE GREAT COMMISSION

- *Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Act 1:7-8*
- To love the un-churched. To go into all the world locally and globally to intentionally seek those who need to come to a saving knowledge of Christ and make them disciples-fully devoted followers of Christ who will go back into the world and do the same in the full power of the Holy Spirit.

### B. Our Vision has Five Core Values:

#### 1. MANDATE: SPIRITUAL-TRANSFORMATION AND RENEWAL OF THE WHOLE MAN

- Jesus Christ, as head of the church intends his followers to become like Him.
- *John 13:15*
- He wants us whole- Body, Soul and Spirit. And Holy – Set aside for His service

## 2. METHOD : THE LIFE CHANGE PROCESS IN CELLS (SMALL GROUPS)

A Cell provides the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every believer. From the cell community come's the LIFE CHANGE PROCESS to:

- WIN: To Share the Gospel with the goal of leading people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- CONSOLIDATE: To connect those with a new relationship with Christ to a mentor and open cell to begin the LIFE CHANGE PROCESS including the pre-encounter, encounter and post-encounter.
- DISCIPLE: To equip, build up a person to maturity in Christ under a mentor in a leadership training cell.
- SEND: To release disciples to multiply and make disciples.

## 3. MOBILIZE, MODEL AND MENTOR LEADERS – PRINCIPLE OF 12

The most strategic person in the LIFE CHANGE PROCESS of the church is the cell leader. This person is mentored and discipled through an open cell, becomes someone's disciple and then after training a part of his discipler's leader's cell of 12. He then takes others through the Life Change Process and becomes a discipler himself and a cell leader developing 12 disciples for his leader's cell of 12. He is now both a Son and Father or Daughter and Mother.

THE KEY TO THE PRINCIPLE OF 12 IS  
RELATIONSHIP:

developing genuine one on one relationships at every level of The LIFE CHANGE PROCESS.

4. MULTIPLY: SPAN OF CARE AND MENTORING

Disciples and cells are called to grow and multiply so that eventually every willing believer is a leader, a discipler and is connected to others both in and out of the church.

5. MEANS: SEEK AND CELEBRATE

Effective ministry happens in an atmosphere of PRAYER- seeking His grace and power- and CELEBRATION – observing, sharing, valuing and celebrating God’s activity with fun and festivity. Prayer is the air we breathe and is to be both public and private, authentic and powerful, specific and continual. So our life in Christ is expressed in our cell communities as:

- PRAYING
- SHARING
- CARING
- GOING

**C. Our Mission: Building a Community to Reach a Community**

To connect in groups (a cell) of four to twelve who come together on a regular basis for a common purpose and are led by an identified leader who is assisting them in their LIFE CHANGE PROCESS toward full devotion to Christ; to release the individual

and collective gifts of the cell to reach people in their needs and bring them into a living relationship with Christ.

- DEFINITION OF A BIBLICAL COMMUNITY: Christian community is the body of Christ expressing the life and message of Christ to build one another up and redeem the world for God's glory, both locally and globally.
- CFFI IS A MULTI-CULTURAL CHURCH. We believe in one church family with many languages and cultures. Currently we translate our Sunday service into Spanish. Within our Spanish generation we have men's and women's cells and leadership development and discovery courses.

#### **D. Our Motive is to Love**

God's love freely given to us given away to others.

*John 3:16; John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:11-20;  
1 John 4:19-21*

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#### **E. Our Motto:**

OUR PASSION:

HIS PRESENCE

HIS PEOPLE

HIS PURPOSES

## II. Win/Consolidate Stage in Detail

A. In our Win/Consolidate Stage CFFI offers un-churched people and those in the LIFE CHANGE PROCESS multiple opportunities to grow.

### 1. OPEN CELLS (small groups) – OPEN TO ALL

Our Men's Cells, Women's Cell's, Teen's Cells, Mom's Cell's, Addiction's Cell's, Spanish Cell's, Young Adult Cell's and Children Cell's meet throughout the week – offering fellowship, ministry and leadership development.

#### \*Announcing\*:

1. New Teen Boy's Cell next month.
2. The Development of Marriage Cells

### 2. TENDERHEARTED MINISTRIES –OPEN TO ALL

The Vision of this ministry is to reach the world with healing, wholeness, restoration and reconciliation that is given to us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Meeting Monday Night's at 7:30.
- The best counseling anywhere and it's free!
- Also seen on T.V: Channel 20

### 3. CONNECT – OPEN TO ALL YOUNG ADULTS

The vision of this ministry is to connect young adults into a relationship with the Lord Jesus

Christ through relationship with the body of Christ. This is done through our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday night a month outreach at Club G which gives people the opportunity to build relationships and hear the gospel in a different way. They are connected into a relationship with God and then into a cell.

- Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Night of every month at Club G in Syosset at 7:00 p.m
- The other 3 Sunday's connect meets at the church at 7:00 p.m

4. **ENCOUNTER WITH GOD- OPEN TO ALL-**

This dynamic weekend transforms lives.

\*Announcing\*: The Pre and Post encounter sessions will now be part of the life of the open cell giving each new Christian personal ministry and integration into community life.

5. \*Announcing\*: **Introducing the NEW and IMPROVED DISCOVERY CLASSES**

These Classes are NOW OPEN TO ALL – un-churched and those in the LIFE CHANGE PROCESS at CFFI.

- Given on Sunday Morning's before each service, these courses will meet people in areas where they need building up.
- Each course will be 6-9 week's
- Graduation will be based on attendance with NO final exam.
- Cost for each course will be approximately \$25

## **OUR WINTER SEMESTER:**

Begins Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>, and will offer the following courses

- 1) Marriage (in english and spanish)
  - How everyday problem's can strengthen your marriage.
- 2) Faith Under Fire (english only)
- 3) Who Am I : Discover your gifts/Temperament (english instruction, with english and spanish workbook's available)
  - An added option: Learn your temperament. Includes testing and counseling through Pastor's Joel and Carol. (\$75 extra)

## **OUR SPRING SEMESTER:**

Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> will offer the following courses:

- 1) Raising Children
  - Helping parent's build a solid relationship with their children
- 2) Life Changing Study of the First 5 Book's of the Old Testament
- 3) Finances: Good Sense
  - Biblical financial principles for transforming your finances and life

## **OUR FALL SEMSETER:**

Will Begin September 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Will repeat the above courses.
- Add a class on: How to Study the Bible – 12 Way's to Unlock God's Word

### 6. MORE NEW DEVELOPMENT'S Under Win/Consolidate –

A. \*Announcing\*: A NEW DRAMA TEAM is being formed under Jon Syrbe. The team will be used for evangelism, local outreaches and missions. In addition the team will perform skit's to present at Sunday Service's.

- Auditions/sign-up : See Jon Syrbe in Lobby

B. New friends luncheon- once a month to introduce our church to new friends- Hosted by the Pastoral team and Cell leaders.

## III. Discipleship Stage in Detail

This brings us to the discipleship stage of our LIFE CHANGE PROCESS. A person progressing in the WIN/CONSOLIDATE stage can now move into leadership training.

A Person will qualify for leadership training who among other things has completed an encounter, is committed to an open cell, is under the mentoring of a cell leader, and is processing through discovery classes. This person can

be invited by the cell leader with the agreement of the Pastoral Team into the cell leader's leadership training cell.

This leadership training will be supplemented by corporate training sessions but will primarily take place in a mentoring and small group setting which will provide greater impartation and accountability.

Leader's training will included among other things:

- Principles of Excellence – Developing Christ-like Character
- Leading Life Changing Small Group's
- Advanced Evangelism
- The Vision and Principle of 12
- Counseling and Biblical Study

The Discipleship Stage will also include:

- An Advanced Encounter
- An Affirmation Interview with their Pastor's before being released to open a cell.

Many of you will receive an invitation into leadership training over the next week. Corporate training will begin in two week's along with placement into leadership training cells.

#### IV. Send Stage in Detail

Our Mission is going local and global – sending out disciples to reach un- reached people on Long Island, Queens and the Nations.

6. Locally –

- The Men’s net and Women’s net – the collection of all the cells in each group are planning “catches” – that’s why they are called NETS!
- For the Men : a fishing trip, camping trip and bowling night
- For the Women: A Women’s Tea and day of beauty
- We are also connecting group’s of cells to work together in geographic areas, neighborhoods or towns to reach the un-churched.

7. \*Announcing\* Internationally –

- 2 trip’s are being researched
- To India and Guatemala or Mexico
- These Trip’s would connect us to churches, orphanages and school’s for evangelism, church planting, building project’s, crusades, and leadership training.

V. There is a place for everyone in our CFFI family

Our community is identified by “Nets”. Our nets include:

- Men’s Net

- Women's Net
- Spanish Net
- Young Adult Net
- Youth Net
- Children's Net

1. Our Youth (Teen) Net

\*Announcing\*: Expanding our youth cells with new youth boy's cell and youth rally catches.

Open to all-to bring in teen's 12-17 to experience the power of the gospel in contemporary ways.

2. Our Children's Net

Our vision for CFFI is exactly the same for our children. Our dynamic Sunday session's for each grade level is enhanced with kid's cells:

\*Announcing\*:

- Adding to our girl's cell, a new boy's cell (ages 9-12) will start this month.
- Our spring KIDZ encounter date will be announced soon.

## VI. CFFI Family Functions:

1. Our Community life together will continue to include:

- Picnic's
- Family Day's loaded with food and fun
- Water Baptism's in the summer
- Family Film Night's
- Dedication of our new borns

- Wedding's following 6 month's of pre-marital counseling.
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Harvest Festival
- Journey Of Love – Christmas Production

2. Worship and Prayer

The Foundation of our life is prayer

\*Announcing\*: Corporate Prayer monthly- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday- A “Night in God’s Presence.”

## VII. Our New Building