

Annual Vision & Prayer 2025

02.02.2025

Dave Lomas, Jessica Gracewski, & Mike Gleim



Establishing

"A good Christ-centered institution in San Francisco"

"One of the great tragedies of the church in America is how many of our most creative leaders poured their energies into creating forms of church life that served just a single generation. Even when these efforts were built around something larger than a single personality, they were doomed to seem dated and 'irrelevant' even to the children of their founders...

Perhaps a new generation of leaders will arise who want to build for posterity, to plant seeds that will take generations to bear fruit, to nurture forms of culture that will be seen as blessings by our children's children. If we are serious about flourishing, across space and through time, we will be serious about institutions."

- ANDY CROUCH


Establishing


Flourishing

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon... This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon... This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon... This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon... This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7

CONCRETE WORK OF ESTABLISHING (2018/19 AVP)

- A Renewed CG vision (Community, Discipleship, Leadership)
- Beginning a Youth Ministry (Generational, Next Gen ministry)
- Organizational Health (Executive Pastor & Good Internal Systems)
- Expanded Eldership (Non-staff Elders)
- A Church Building (Roots)
- Spiritual Formation / Church-wide Rule of Life (Adopted Spiritual Practices for the Long Haul)
- Leadership Care & Development

Are we (RSF) prepared for a move of God in San Francisco?

Are we prepared for a move of God in San Francisco?

Alpha - A Bold Invitation

Invitational Culture: Carols & Beer

Connections Ministry - Creating Spaces

Baptisms - Public Testimonies of Transformation

Community Groups - Growing Together

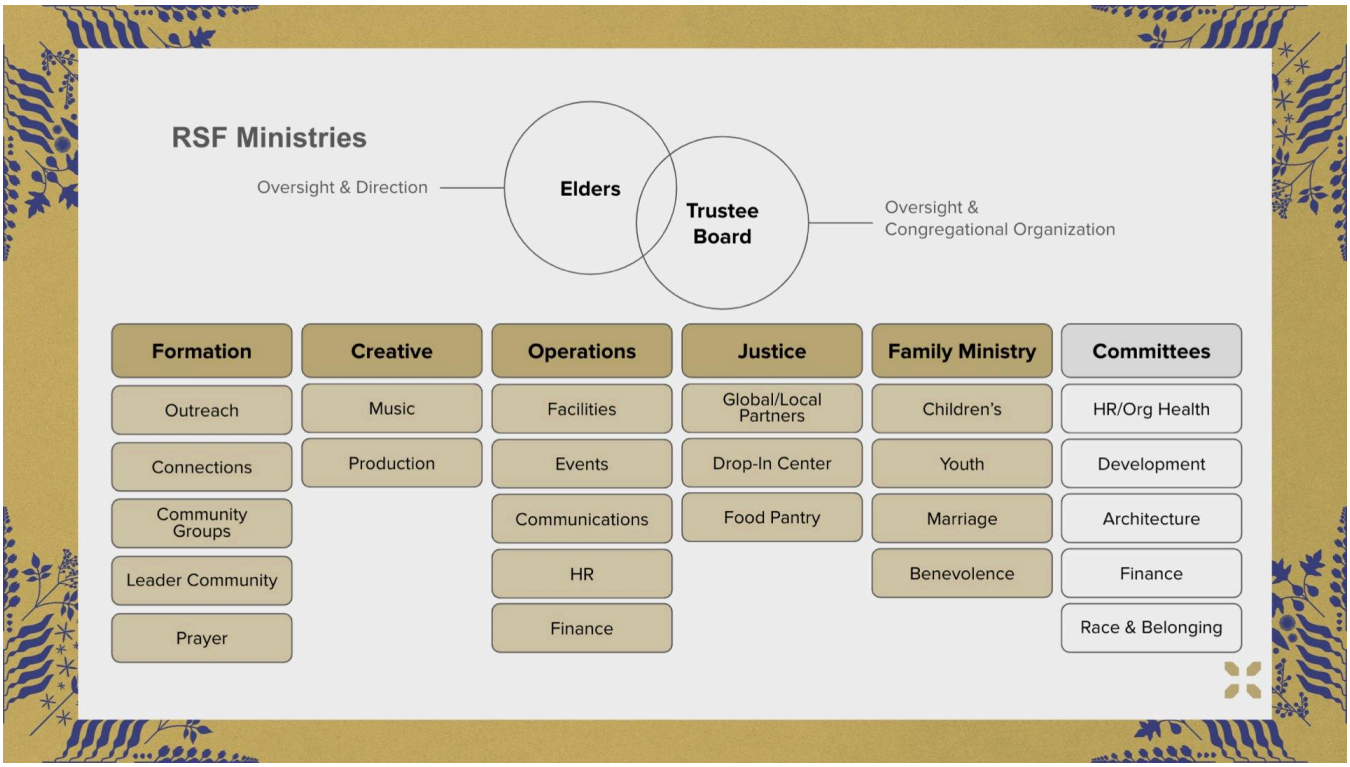
Prayer Team - A Powerful Commitment to Encounter

Courses & Leadership - Deepening the Faith Journey

The Pathway Comes Together

OUR LEADERSHIP CULTURE

- Emotional Health
- Honest Conversations
- Dependance On the Holy Spirit
- Humble Diligence



LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Elders** – Oversight & Direction
- **Executive Team** – Vision & Strategy
- **Staff** – Leadership, Equipping, Mobilization, Care
- **Congregant Leadership** – The saints doing the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:12)

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT & COMMUNICATION

- Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability
- Finance Staff
- Elders
- HR & Org Health Committee
- Trustee Board
- Communication: Finance Newsletter, Midyear Update

DREAMS

DREAMS

Center for Christian Thought & Practice
Diaconate
Revive Benevolence Team
Counseling Center
Creative Compassion



PLANS

PLANS

Easter, Alpha, Carols & Beer
Planting or Revitalizing 5 Churches
Sundays

Night Church is Coming Back!

The Jesus Year

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-18

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

COLOSSIANS 2:16

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:16-17

For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come.
And Christ himself is that reality.
COLOSSIANS 2:17

The Presence of Jesus

THE JESUS YEAR

- Hosting Jesus
- Learning to Behold Jesus
- Proclaiming Jesus

Sanctuary Changes