

## MISSION STATEMENTS

The following Mission statements were chosen from a number of possibilities by people at the All Church Retreat in November. They felt that these were what they would like to see as our mission as a congregation.

We encourage you to take these home with you and to read them carefully, reflectively. Which one makes *your* heart sing? Which one do you think God is calling us to be? Don't respond the way you think you *should*; choose statements that you believe you could live out in your life, statements we can live out as a community of Jesus' followers.

- Our mission is to be an open, welcoming, diverse fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ who are committed to carrying out his teachings. As the church sustains our faith through worship and study, we will sustain and nurture each other, acting upon the concerns
- We aim to be a worshipping, spiritually alive community, caring for one another and the local community and reaching out to encourage others to know Christ and his love. and celebrations of our church community. We seek to balance spiritual development and social action in order to share God's love with others by shining our mission light at home and beyond.
- Loving God by serving people; serving God by loving people.
- We are a spiritually grounded community united in providing sanctuary for all who enter. We seek to open ourselves to the healing and transforming power of God's love as we seek to follow the life of Jesus: honoring our deepest differences, seeking justice and mercy, discovering and implementing our gifts, and nurturing our children.
- The First United Baptist Church proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and action as a caring community where all are welcome; living in God's service and fostering spiritual growth and fellowship.
- The mission and purpose of First United Baptist Church is to fulfill the Great Commission. In being obedient to Christ, we commit ourselves to this mission of evangelism and discipleship. We understand the importance of winning souls for Christ and becoming mature, responsible Christians ourselves. Therefore, we organize every area of our church to live out this command.
- Our mission is to continue to experience and express the love of Jesus Christ. We are dedicated to growing in faith and sharing God's love with each other and with the world community.
- Centered in Christ – a people of prayer, purpose and passion.