

# *Run with the* **VISION**

2024



PREACHING CHRIST, BRINGING

*Joy*

definition

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In February of 2022, we laced up our sneakers and began running with the 5 stone vision. These five simple vision statements guide us, keep us on track and help us make decisions about ministry. Over the last almost 2 years we have learned, grown, tripped and fallen, but we’ve always gotten back up to run again. Gradually, as we continue to take steps forward, these 5 vision points are coming into greater focus and clarity. We are becoming more....excellent!

It seems that the longer I’m in this, the more I realize and appreciate the truth that **everyone really can do more than someone, and while no one can do everything, everyone can do something.** Time is short, eternity is closer than it’s ever been, now is not the time to be weary or sit back. **It’s time to run!**

Shelly and I consider Joy Christian Center to be the highest honor and greatest privilege of our lives. Thank you for running with us!

*Run with us*

Pastor Brian and Shelly



## 5 STONES 2024

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### PRAYER Increased Prayer

We are asking God to do exceedingly and abundantly above all we can ask or think. I’d rather see us accomplish part of a big vision that requires God’s help, than I would see all of an easy vision accomplished that we did without God’s help. **Prayer is never our last resort, but our first response!**



### SECOND MILE internships

We are continuing to develop and refine the Second Mile. The Second Mile is a place where young people who have shown ministry potential can receive both practical training and spiritual development. **It is our hope that this will help to resource other churches as young people fulfill a call to further ministry.**



### EXPAND Digital Outreach

Our digital outreach has grown. We have literally reached thousands of people through our service live-streams, short reels and archived sermon series. We have heard from people meeting together in northern Minnesota, signing on in their car while on a road trip, those in hospitals and nursing homes, even hunters in their deer stands have joined us online. People that are fortunate enough to go somewhere warm for the winter months, or to the lake in the summer have been able to stay connected to this family church.



### BLESS Every Home

Expanding our digital outreach has certainly allowed us to be a blessing in some unique places, but we have reached into our community in amazing ways. **We are truly making a difference in the lives of people and organizations right here in central Minnesota.** We have fed people, resourced organizations and provided physical labor, serving our community with the Joy of the Lord that strengthens us!



### 0 DEBT Raise A Million

**It has been our desire for many years to be debt-free. That will be accomplished within the next 12 months.** Praise the Lord! Raising a million dollars was always about more than just paying off debt, it’s about future positioning. The goal of raising a million dollars will enable us to fund these other stones: develop more interns, build expertise in digital outreach, make a difference in our community. To do it all with excellence will take money, but the return on the investment is going to be eternal!



A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a man is seen from the side, raising his hands in worship. Behind him, many other people are also raising their hands. The church has a modern design with a blue light bar across the stage area. The text "PREACHING CHRIST, BRINGING Joy" is overlaid at the top.

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