



## G.B.C. Project Chapel

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GOALS determine Focus

Focus fuels Actions

Actions serve GOALS



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## Let's Talk About Us:

Authentic Christians  
making a difference in Parkhill  
and the surrounding community.

[www.gbcparkhill.com](http://www.gbcparkhill.com) (excerpt)



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*“ What we are doing here is **not trivial...**  
**Reflecting the light of Jesus Christ to our**  
**community is not a trivial pursuit.”***

Pastor Steven Brown, “The Church is Important”  
January 31, 2016



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## G.B.C. Vision Statements:

### GRACE

...the saving, forgiving, transforming and truly amazing blessings of God for all people.

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## G.B.C. Vision Statements:

### BIBLE

...fresh, relevant teaching for life change.

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## G.B.C. Vision Statements:

# CHAPEL

...gathering for worship, prayer,  
fellowship, teaching and service  
opportunities.

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**WHAT** we do  
serves (flows from)  
**WHO** we are

Goals ↔ Focus ↔ Actions



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**WHAT** God does  
serves (flows from)  
**WHO** God is...

Goals ↔ Focus ↔ Actions



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## GOD'S GOAL:

Full-on, honest, loving, intimate,  
in spirit and truth  
interaction/relationship  
with each person.

This answers the "why?" of our creation.



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## A WORD DEFINITION:

"Worship"



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"Christian worship is...our participation through the Spirit in the Son's communion with the Father. It is our response to our Father for all that He has done for us in Christ."

James Torrance



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"The worship of the true and living God is essentially an engagement with Him on the terms that He proposes and in the way that He alone makes possible."

David Peterson



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"Worship is: Being with God and responding appropriately to Him"

Free will response.

Love given ← → Love received ← → Love reciprocated



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“Corporate worship is the act of being together with God and each other and responding appropriately to God and each other.”

David Pedde



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## GOD’S GOAL FOR OUR CHAPEL:

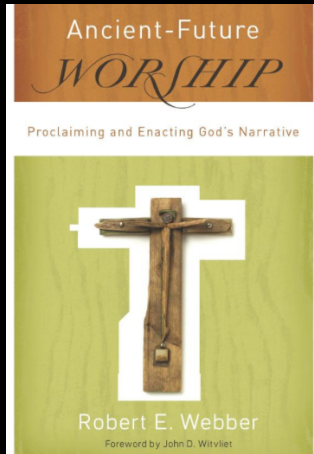
That each person will experience a full-on, honest, loving, intimate, “in spirit and truth,” relational interaction with Him and with each other.

Note: Everything we plan and do as leaders should keep God’s goal in mind.





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*God has a story.*  
*Worship does God's story.*

There is a crisis of worship today. The problem goes beyond matters of style—it is a crisis of content and of form. Worship in churches today is too often dead and dry, or busy and self-involved. Robert Webber attributes these problems to a loss of vision of God and of God's narrative in past, present, and future history. As he examines worship practices of Old Testament Israel and the early church, Webber uncovers ancient principles and practices that can reinvigorate our worship today and into the future.



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Worship has become narcissistic, focusing on *me* and *my* praise of God; and spirituality has turned toward a preoccupation with *my* journey of faith and *my* spiritual condition and experience. . . . When we become narcissistic, the place of worship and spirituality in God's narrative is lost and worship and spirituality become subject to the whims of culture.

-Robert E. Webber, *Who Gets to Narrate the World? Contending for the Christian Story in an Age of Rivals* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2008), 131.



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A QUESTION each worshipper/congregant  
must honestly answer:

“Am I a Consumer or an Active Participant?”



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## The CHAPEL PLANNER'S JOB DESCRIPTION:

1. Teach\* Theology
2. Facilitate\* Response (Participation)



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- 1. Teach\* Theology
  - a. His Character
  - b. His Story / Our Story



- 2. Facilitate\* Response
  - a. Worship Elements
  - b. Worship Actions



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## WORSHIP FIRST PRINCIPLES

brief ideas on the essentials for  
Christian Worship

by

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## +CALL .we gather

This is the summons for God's people to  
join in the communion of the Trinity

He welcomes. We respond.

## +COMPLIMENT .we praise

This is the initial investigation and  
observation of God's Character attributes:  
His beauty, His worth and His creation

He reveals Himself. We worship Him.

## +CREED .we declare our beliefs

This is the affirmative declaration of Christ-centered doctrinal articles of faith.

He teaches. We learn, remember and reiterate our beliefs.

## +CONFESSION .we repent

This is the acknowledgement of sin and our desperate need for a Savior accompanied by individual and corporate confession

He convicts of sin. We confess, repent and receive forgiveness.

## +CARE RECEIVED . wisdom, strength, encouragement

This is the humble acknowledgement of real personal and spiritual needs, involving petitions to God Who so generously provides.

He graciously gives. We receive with thanks.

## +CARE GIVEN . encouragement, intercession, offerings

This is the refocusing on the needs of others and the tangible, obedient response to those needs, whatever they may be.

He prompts us to give to others. We obediently follow through.



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## +COMMISSION .we go

This is the benedictory blessing, the call to go on mission for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom.

He sends us with a specific mandate. We purposefully and aggressively act on it.



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