

## LONG RANGE PLANNING

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When Rev. Shannon Kershner became our pastor and the Session had its' first off site meeting Nov. 2010, the concept of establishing a Long Range Planning Committee was considered. The roll of this new committee in relation to the vision of the Church and a new Pastor was considered. After much discussion and thought, it was agreed that for 2011-2012 the Session would establish a 1-2 year vision. All Church Committees would actively work on vision goals and objectives with the help of our staff and congregation. Then after 1-2 years as things became clearer and our pastor had time to get to know us and we to know her, Long Range Planning would take on a more typical role in visioning and planning for our future needs.

Our role in 2011 will be to work with the Committees to help identify where we have been and where we are currently in relation to our five visions objectives. Then we need to set up objectives and plans on how we as a Church can achieve our vision. The Session's Vision for BMPC for the Next 1-2 Years is below:

### **Creating Community**

#### **Centered in God's Story**

We will strengthen both of our worship services (in their respective styles), as well as our educational opportunities, continuing to challenge ourselves to be creative and fresh with words/liturgy, music and artistic expression.

#### **Living God's Grace in the World**

We will get more members involved in hands-on mission work

#### **The Welcome Does Not End**

We will create community that intentionally includes new members, active and inactive members, and visitors.

#### **Generation to Generation**

We will create opportunities for teaching, learning, caring and playing between generations, in worship and in other church activities.

#### **Stewardship of Staff and Facilities**

We will be aware of current staff gifts and future staffing needs. We will attend to immediate facility repairs and begin planning for future possible expansion and improvement in 5-10 years.