

**Morton Church Vision Statement**  
**Adopted April 2, 2013**

We will honor Jesus Christ through Biblical teaching and Christ-centered living to inspire spiritual growth within our congregation, in our community, and throughout the world.

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**5 Evidences of Spiritual Growth**

**Evidence 1: We will see an inspired congregation that is equipped and empowered to engage confidently in the four pillar mission of the Apostolic Christian Church of America (evangelism, serving, teaching/nurturing, and preserving sound doctrine).**

Key Initiatives:

What we do:

- Evangelize: develop skills for sharing the Gospel to actively reach out to lost souls in our community, our sphere of influence, and throughout the world.
- Serve: seek opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ within our congregation, community, and throughout the world.
- Teach/Nurture: identify needs throughout our congregation for specific learning and instruction to deal with life's challenges and opportunities.
- Preserve Sound Doctrine: apply Biblical Truth based on rightly dividing the Word of God.

How we do it:

- Engage the Stewardship Committee: assist with implementing the vision by reviewing ideas and utilizing the spiritual gifts and talents of the congregation.
- Ensure Appropriate Facilities: seek to enhance ministry efforts and meet the needs of the total congregation.
- Develop a Communications Process: maintain open dialogue on the status and progress of the five Key Evidences.

**Evidence 2: We will see a congregation that engages and connects people of all ages and walks of life.**

Key Initiatives:

- Seek opportunities for the various generations of the church to interact and build up one another.
- Seek to interact with everyone who attends our church so that every person is shown love and value.
- Expand and promote mentoring.
- Retain and expand church-wide activities that encourage broad fellowship.

**Evidence 3: We will see a congregation grounded in Biblical Truth with an understanding of and commitment to sanctified living.**

Key Initiatives:

- Promote Bible study and application of the Word through independent study, small group study, and congregational worship.
- Continue and expand a coordinated Bible Study program.
- Engage in victorious Christian living and Biblical accountability.
- Commit to living out Christ's commandment to love God and others.

**Evidence 4: We will see young people who are inspired to follow Jesus Christ.**

Key Initiatives:

- Provide appropriate leadership and resources for implementing youth programs.
- Provide a Sunday School curriculum that teaches and explains Biblical truth and Apostolic Christian church doctrine.
- Continue to develop Sunday School activities and enhance the summer Sunday School program.
- Enhance the Young Group's spiritual growth and ministries.

**Evidence 5: We will see families who are Biblically-focused and living in alignment with God's Word.**

Key Initiatives:

- Equip and motivate couples to grow and sustain strong marriages.
- Equip and motivate parents to raise spiritually-committed children.
- Strengthen spiritual leadership by encouraging men of all ages to be servant leaders in their spheres of influence.
- Provide opportunity and encouragement for women of all ages to fulfill their Biblically-defined roles in their spheres of influence.