
Week 9: Strategic Missional Targets

I. Introduction

Upcoming Dates

Sun, 12/11 - Preview Service (Perimeter at 5pm)
Sun, 12/18 - Launch Team Sunday (Gordon preaching)
Sun, 12/25 - Christmas (No JOAN Service)
Sat, 12/31 - Watch Night Service (Weston Clubhouse)
Sun, 1/8, 1/15, 1/23 - Launch Team Services (Sharon Elementary)
Sun, 1/29 - Public Launch Service

II. Life Groups: Our main missional strategy

III. Strategic Missional Targets: Our strategic and specific missional strategy

1. What are strategic missional targets?

A focused effort at bringing the kingdom of God to bear on a particular people, place, or issue

2. Why do we have strategic missional targets?

1. Because we want to be wise in not over-stretching our church's capacity for mission and neglecting our main missional strategy of "Life Groups"

2. Because there are specific areas needing ministry where Life Groups will not reach and there is a need and our people have a passion and gifting to meet that need

3. What are examples of potential strategic missional targets?

Examples:

Outreach to South Asians

Friends of India	to become friends with Indian families and be intentional about sharing Christ with them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor Indian children • Serve at outreach events • Organize fellowships • Prayer walk neighborhoods 	Joshua Sunderraj joshuasunderraj@gmail.com
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Tutoring and mentoring in local schools (Sharon Elementary)

Forsyth County Schools	to bless students and teachers in our county through loving acts of service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed hungry children and families • Provide breakfast for teachers and faculty • Serve with Fellowship of Christian Athletes • Volunteer with Night to Shine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Banker (Feed Forsyth Children) teresabanker@mindspring.com • Brian Weaver (FCA) brian@fbccumming.org • Scott Carpenter (Night to Shine) scott@fbccumming.org
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Involvement in mercy ministries

Cumming Home Ministries	to provide Christ-centered help and hope to those facing homelessness or drug addiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in events • Serve in the thrift store • Serve and bless the staff of CHM 	Karen Rivera (Executive Director) admin@cumminghomeministries.org
Family Haven	to provide safe temporary shelter, individual crisis support and referral services for victims of domestic violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate a Bible study with ladies • Serve and bless the staff of Family Haven • Donate and deliver items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latrelle Elliott atrelle@comcast.net • Amy Barfield (Director) amy@familyhavenga.org
The Place of Forsyth County	to serve local families with emergency basic needs in difficult times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide lunch for the community • Volunteer at the Food Pantry or Thrift Store • Donate and deliver items 	Phil Dennis (Volunteer Coordinator at The Place) phillip@theplaceofforsyth.org

Involvement in Fostering / Adoption (Promise 686 - <https://promise686.org/>)

Involvement in local issues of racial reconciliation (Forsyth Descendants Scholarship - <https://forsythscholarship.org/>)

Involvement in a global mission partnerships

4. How will we decide upon strategic missional targets?

1. Year-by-year prayerful evaluation with the congregation and Elders with this criteria:

1. Need - what needs do we see around us?
2. Passion - what passions do we have inside our church?
3. Gifts - what gifts and resources has God given our church?
4. Capacity - what level of capacity do we have to extend ourselves, especially that we don't neglect our main callings of family, work, and church (especially Life Groups)?

2. Prayerful decision to commit to a strategic missional target

5. When and what would be JOAN's first strategic missional target?

1) *May-December 2022* - Launch Team Development Phase

2) *January 2023-August 2023* - Soft-Launch + Early Church Development Phase

3) *August 2023-August 2024* - Full-Launch + Church Establishment Phase

4) *August 2024-Beyond* - Church Growing + Year-by-Year Missional Targets