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LOPC 1.0



WE CELEBRATE 25+ YEARS OF GOD'S RICH BLESSINGS

1996: John Kinser and six faithful families launch LOPC

1997: Acquired 36 acres for future development

1999: Hired staff members to support growth & minister to young families

2000: Growth continues and Joe King joins as Senior Pastor

2001: Announced building plans and launched 1st stewardship campaign

2003: Growth continued and moved into our current church facilities

2006: Launches second stewardship campaign and becomes debt free

2013: Bill Barton joined and leads with a passion for outreach and missions

2015: Sam Smith & Marion Clark lead with a focus on small groups & caring

2021: Jeff Birch joined as Senior Pastor and introduced a Missional Church

What does God have in store for LOPC over the next 25 years?

LEVERAGING OUR STRENGTHS

- Hospitable and friendly atmosphere
- Bible-based preaching, teaching and doctrinal training
- Traditional worship service enabled by wonderful musical talent
- Modeling the love of Christ through shepherding and care giving
- Physical assets including land, building, pavilion, etc.
- A Senior Pastor who serves with energy and passion
- Elders, Deacons and Ministry Teams who serve LOPC tirelessly and who are committed to reaching out to our community
- A vibrant Women's ministry serving needs inside & outside LOPC
- Strong balance sheet that provides financial stability

VISION & VALUES

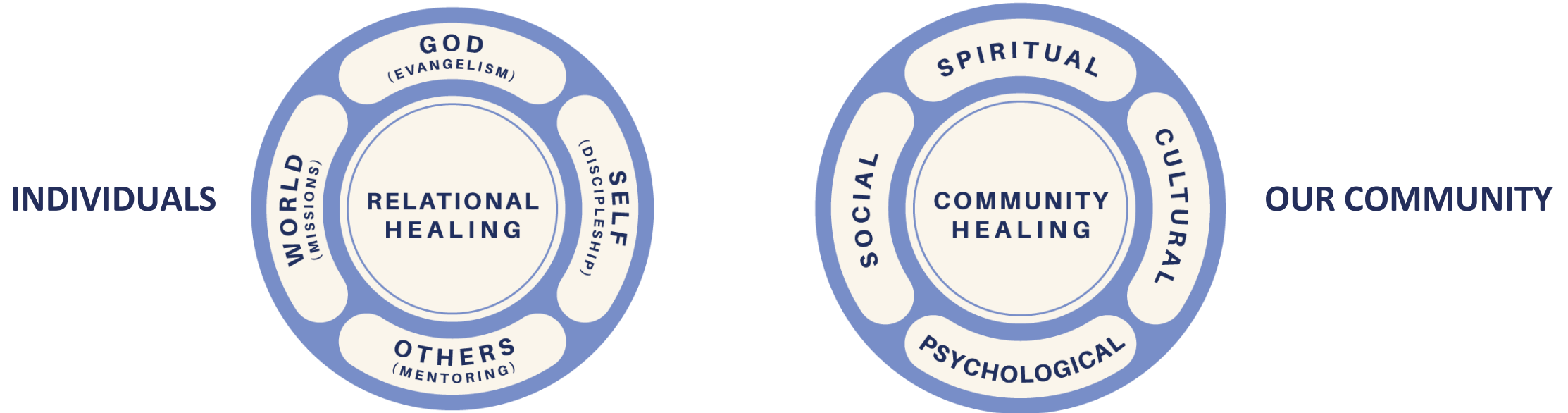


BEING MISSIONAL

- Per Michael Goheen in his book *A Light to the Nations*, A Missional Church must:
 - Participate in God's redemptive mission
 - Continue the mission of Old Testament Israel
 - Continue the kingdom mission of Jesus
 - Continue the witness of the early church
- At LOPC, we are committing to living out our Vision with a renewed commitment to being a missional church

OUR MISSIONAL VISION

LOPC exists to restore that which is broken in:



“...SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY
WHERE I HAVE SENT YOU...”
JEREMIAH 29:7

OUR VISION

The vision of LOPC is to live out the gospel in Word and Deed with the hope that God will bring Healing, Renewal, and Peace to the greater Lake Oconee area and the Nations for His Glory.

OUR VALUES

Be Gospel Renewal Focused

- Keeping the main thing the main thing

Be Kingdom Centered

- Seeking to build for the kingdom
- Local & Global partnerships

Join God in Pursuing Lost People

- Jesus came to seek & save the lost
- Lost people matter to us

Love all People

- Lost & Found
- Hurting/Broken
- Cross-Cultural

Have a Heart for the Next Generation

- Invest heavily in our children & youth

Model Over the Top Generosity

- Time, Talent & Treasure
- You can't outgive God

CASE FOR CHANGE



3 SIGNIFICANT DRIVERS OF CHANGE

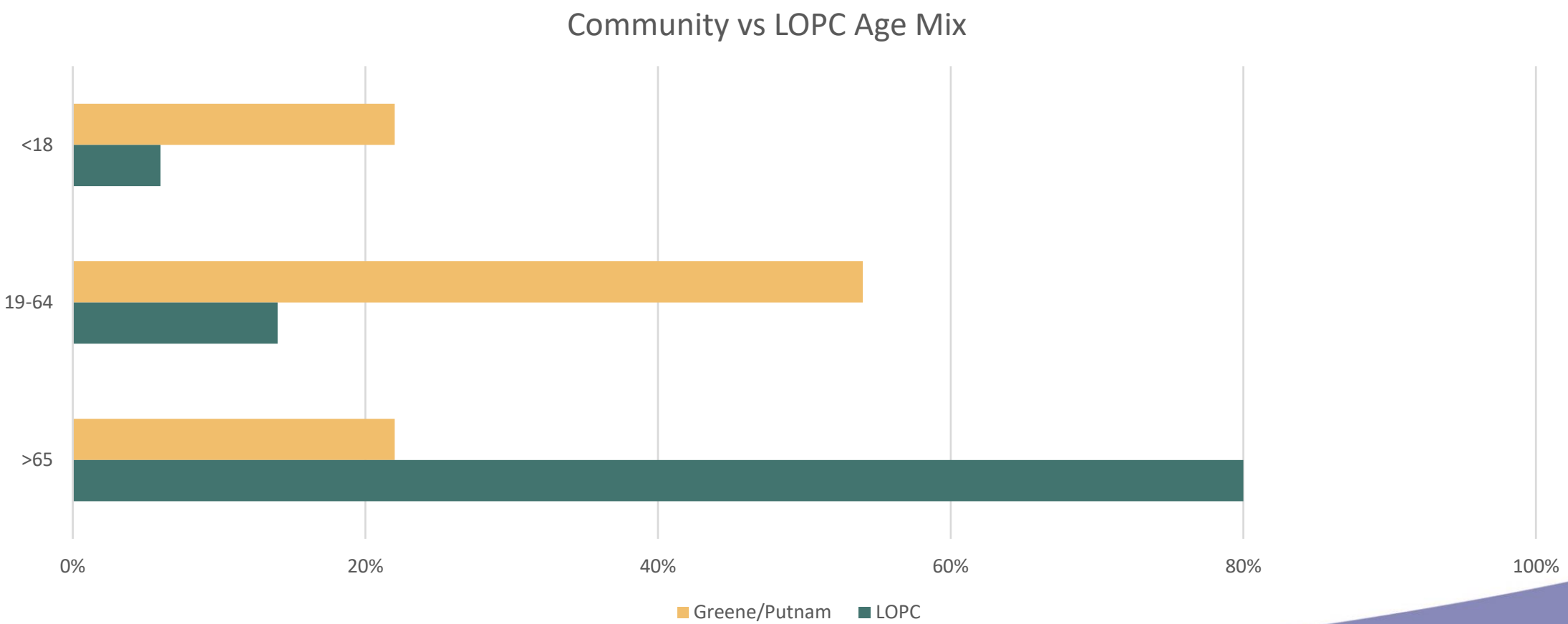
- 1. Our Obedience:** We must be obedient to the great commission found in Matthew 28:16-20. We are to be instruments in God's hands as He brings spiritual restoration to our community.
- 2. Our Community:** Our Community is growing and changing in unprecedented ways, culturally and demographically. We must adapt to these changes while holding firm to the proclamation of the gospel.
- 3. Our Church:** In the context of a high growth environment, our church is not growing, and our age demographics are materially misaligned with those of our community.

CASE FOR CHANGE: OUR COMMUNITY

- Greene, Putnam & Morgan counties have a population of 57,866 growing at 12% per year with certain areas growing at >30%.
- Our community is experiencing a significant influx of residents from many states including NY and California as well from Metro-Atlanta
- A post COVID flexible work environment has resulted in a significant number of young families moving into our community
- Our community is 62% White, 29% Black and 6% Hispanic
- The median age in our community is 49
- Our Community is blessed with good schools including LOA which is ranked higher than 70% of all state schools and Gatewood which is ranked in the top 20% of Georgia Private schools

CASE FOR CHANGE: OUR COMMUNITY & OUR CHURCH

LOPC's age mix is materially misaligned with our Community and is unsustainable



CASE FOR CHANGE: OUR CALL TO ACTION

LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

Our Situation: Our community is experiencing unprecedented growth as people flee urban areas, seize mobility in a post COVID environment and enjoy the beauty of the Lake Oconee area. For the last 10 years our LOPC congregation has been aging and is not in alignment with the community we serve.

Our Calling: By God's sovereign will, we have been called as a church family at this place and at this time to carry out the great commission in our community.

Our Response: We will be obedient to Jesus' great commission (Matthew 28:16-20). At LOPC we will double down on our efforts to reach our community for Christ.

EXECUTION PLAN



EXECUTION PLAN: WHAT

1. Continue to offer our church members and our community excellence in worship through our traditional worship service.
2. Continue our strong shepherding and caregiving programs as we meet the spiritual and physical needs of our brothers and sisters.
3. Preach/Teach on what it means to be a missional church and engage every member serving as an ambassador for Christ in our community.
4. Launch community outreach events and gatherings to significantly improve our appeal and connection to our community.
5. Launch a second service to offer a more informal worship style with “contemporary” elements, while remaining consistent with our gospel focus.

EXECUTION PLAN: WHEN

JUN – AUG Refresh LOPC Strategic Plan

JUL – NOV Jeff Birch to preach on Being a Missional Church

SEP Gain input on LOPC Strategic Plan from Leaders, Staff, Church members

OCT 2ND Launch 6-week LOPC 2.0 Stewardship program

OCT – NOV Conduct LOPC small group Vision Casting sessions

OCT Jeff Birch to preach on Biblical Stewardship

NOV 13TH LOPC 2.0 Commitment Sunday

JAN Target date for onboarding new Assistant Pastor, Youth Pastor, Children's Ministry Director, and Musical Talent

JAN Launch new LOPC Outreach Ministry Team

MAR Launch community focused Social Media Campaign

APR Launch elements of contemporary worship at a Sunrise Easter service

APR FORWARD Conduct both a Traditional & Contemporary worship service

EXECUTION PLAN: IMPLEMENTATION MODEL

Desired Missional Fruit

Relational healing, Community healing, New Converts to faith, New Church Members, a more diversified church congregation that better aligns with our community demographics



Missional Ministries supporting Outreach

Continue our focus on Prayer, Preaching, Member Life on Life, Children's Programs, Benevolence, Evangelism, Community Events, Missions, and Social Media. Evaluate the addition of a second service with more "contemporary" elements of Worship.



Missional Ministries supporting our Church Family and our Outreach Mission

Worship, Assimilation, Fellowship, Education, Administration.

EXECUTION PLAN: HOW

1. Continue Current Outreach Strategies

- Pray fervently for the Lake Oconee area
- Preach the word of God with passion and commitment
- Attract those who love a traditional style of worship/music through our current worship format
- Equip church members as they share the love of Christ with their neighbors
- Love on our community through our deacon benevolence activities
- Hire an Assistant Pastor to support our church members and support Outreach
- Show community goodwill by hosting events e.g., Community Bible Study
- Support local and world missions
- Connect with our community through social media

EXECUTION PLAN: HOW

2. Add Emphasis on Children's Programs

- Hire a Youth Pastor
- Hire a Children's Ministry Director
- Engage interns to support our youth efforts
- Leverage attractive, Christ-centered curriculum for our children's programs
- Plan and execute fun family events
- Attract a handful of young families to help us grow our young family and youth programs

EXECUTION PLAN: HOW

3. Add Emphasis to Current Outreach Strategies to attract greater diversity (age, cultural, racial, etc.)

Plan and execute attractive community events to build brand and develop relationships

- Sports parties
- Holiday events
- Summer lake activities
- Music events
- Theological investigative forums
- Vacation Bible School
- Other events reflecting our community

EXECUTION PLAN: HOW

4. Add New Outreach Strategy to attract greater diversity (age, cultural, racial, etc.)

Add another service with more “contemporary” elements of worship and music to reach a more diverse audience with specific emphasis on reaching the rapidly growing young family segment of our community

- Work with our Worship team to design a fully biblical, less traditional worship service
- Recruit a young male and female Worship Leader duo
- Recruit musical talent to be a part of our more contemporary worship service
- Engage our women more actively in scripture reading, testimonies, prayer, etc.

EXECUTION PLAN: EVALUATION

We Evaluated Several PCA Churches with Biblical, more Contemporary Worship Services. Each Church had the following common characteristics:

- Very Missional focus
- Worship led by a Male and Female worship leader supported by a worship band
- Biblical, Christ-centered, worship-oriented praise songs
- Stage with a pedestal
- Casual attire
- Expository preaching in a topical context

EXECUTION PLAN: OUR WORSHIP

LOPC is Committed to a God-centered Worship

Biblical elements of worship common to both services

- Prayer
- Scripture Read and Proclaimed
- Communion
- Offering

Traditional Worship Enablers

- Choir/Ensemble
- Hymnal/Hymns
- Piano/Flute/Violin
- Light use of Projector/Screens
- More Formal Feel

More Contemporary Worship Enablers

- Male/Female Worship Leaders
- Biblical Praise Songs
- Worship Band
- Heavy use of Projector/Screens
- More Informal Feel

EXECUTION PLAN: THE NEED

Over the top generosity in support of our LOPC 2.0 missional church vision

GROWING YOUNGER

- Hire an Assistant Pastor, Youth Pastor, Children's Ministry Director and Musical talent to help us reach and serve young families (\$600k)
- Invest in our facilities to support our focus on Children's and Youth programs (\$300k)
- Invest in Children, Youth and family-oriented curriculum and programs (\$100k)

REACHING OUT

- Invest in facilities to make more welcoming and update Family Life Center plans (\$350k)
- Invest in LOPC community outreach programs and National/Global outreach partners (\$100k)
- Professionally develop and execute a LOPC Public Relations & Social Media program (\$50k)

TOTAL GOAL \$1.5M

EXECUTION PLAN: OUR CALL TO ACTION

Together let's bring renewal, healing
& peace to our community!

HAVE I NOT
COMMANDED YOU?
BE STRONG AND
COURAGEOUS. DO NOT
BE FRIGHTENED, AND
DO NOT BE DISMAYED.
FOR THE LORD YOUR
GOD IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO”

JOSHUA 1:9

