

Be Thou My Vision: A Church with Eyes Fixed on Jesus

Wylie United Methodist Church

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Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: (KJV)

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

2 **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

To be a Church with Eyes Fixed on Jesus we must be a ...

1. WORSHIPFUL CHURCH!

And if we Worship, the world will see Jesus.

(Heb 12:2a) Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith

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2. HOLY CHURCH!

And if we are Holy, the world will see Jesus.

(Heb. 12:1b) let us **throw off everything that hinders and the sin** that so easily entangles.

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3. LOVING CHURCH!

And if we Love, the world will see Jesus.

(Heb. 12:2b) who for the **joy set before him** endured the cross, scorning its shame.

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4. SERVING CHURCH!

And if we Serve, the world will see Jesus.

(Heb. 12:1c) let us **run** with perseverance **the race marked out for us**.

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5. PRAYING CHURCH!

And if we Pray, the world will see Jesus.

Acts 1:14

They all joined together constantly in prayer,

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6. GIVING CHURCH!

And if we Give, the world will see Jesus.

Acts 2:44-45

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.
45 Selling their possessions and goods, **they gave to anyone as he had need**.

We have 2 things that St. John's doesn't have:

➤ People & Resources

CONCLUSION:

God is calling Wylie UMC to be a church with Eyes Fixed on Jesus. Every time someone looks at Wylie UMC, they must see Jesus.

Jesus must be our "backdrop" at All Times, and in All Things.

The reason WUMC exists is to **Share Jesus Christ**

- WHAT IS THERE IN YOUR LIFE THAT ONLY JESUS CHRIST CAN EXPLAIN?
- WHO HAVE YOU TOLD LATELY?