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St. John's Vision and Mission

The church council approved the following Vision and Mission for St. John's in **2003**:

Vision Statement: The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace. May our doors at St. John's always be open for those who need a safe haven from the storms of life; may they find hope, peace, love and an understanding of God for their life today and hereafter.

Mission Statements:

1. **Outreach:** St. John's will reach out to the community with projects and/or gifts of love, i.e., food, clothing, and shelter which serve our community and persons throughout our conference, out country, and the world; that by experiencing and sharing God's love through involvement with others, we may build relationships with each other and make the choice to build a relationship with Jesus Christ. The types of activities we currently do to support Outreach are: community meals, Christian Education, i.e., Vacation Bible School (VBS), youth program activities, i.e., Famine, missions, Outreach Committee activities i.e., booties for babies, music program.
2. **Witness:** St. John's will become a church that is viewed as a place and a people that witness to God's love and presence in the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The types of activities we currently do to support Witness are: formal training on how to witness, program to put training in action, providing community meals, Christian Education i.e., Vacation Bible School (VBS), music programs i.e., VBS, Roane County High School (RCHS) Christmas concert, holiday cantatas.
3. **Nurture:** St. John's will provide an environment and opportunities for learning and growth, in order to nurture peoples' relationship with Jesus Christ throughout all phases of their Christian walk. The types of activities we currently do to support Nurture are: all facets of our Christian Education Program, Nurture Committee work focusing on home bounds and senior singles, United Methodist Women organization, Circle Programs, bible studies, music program.