



MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH

Vision

Home for the wanderer. Rest for the weary. The restoration of all things.

We are a church where people who have wandered far from God are welcomed home with open arms and those weary of religion and perfectionism find rest in the finished work of Christ. Our dream is to see all things on earth restored to the Father's intention, starting with every aspect of our own lives.

Values

Authenticity with self. Intimacy with God. Love for each person. The Restoration of all things.

The world changes one person at a time, inside out. It starts with authenticity with ourselves. The gospel helps us live honestly in the tension of who we were made to be and how we have fallen short of that glory. When we become our authentic selves and pursue intimacy with God, things change. We actually love each person naturally and care about the restoration of all things. Authenticity. Intimacy. Love. Restoration. These core values are an inside-out strategy for life change.

Location

Partnership. Generosity. Favor. Creativity.

The Ranch will be known for partnership with business, generosity in the city, favor with the neighbors and a center of creativity and the arts. It will be a hub of activity seven days a week that draws people to the center for church and community activities. Our church gathers at The Ranch in San Juan Capistrano, and in homes in every city in South Orange County. We embody the vision and values in both of those locations and live in our city, for our city.

City Life

The Church in your city, for your city.

Our church has a presence in each city in South Orange County for the sake of that city. Leaders in each city connect people in their city, care for the church community and reach out together to their neighbors. City tables and city walks lead to city groups and city serve projects. Connection, care and outreach is done primarily in and through the city life leadership teams.

Teaching

The Gospel is Good News.

We teach a Jesus-centered view of the Bible that encourages trust in a good Father and partnership with the empowering Spirit of God. Our goal is not information, but transformation into the image of Christ for the sake of the world. Our message is unashamedly good news of great joy for all people.

Worship

We were made for love.

Worship connects our hearts with the heart of God. Through our creative expressions we retell the story of who God is, what he has done to pursue us, and how gratefully we respond. This is what we were made for. We look for creative ways to express this in music, media, light, movement, sound and space.

Leadership

We build big people.

We develop leaders from within and empower them to their full potential. At every age group, we identify people who embody our values and equip them to lead well from a place of health. Interns come to our church to be trained and released to start ministries, plant churches and serve in other contexts. Intentional mentoring pairs the enthusiasm and dreams of the young with the wisdom and resources of those more experienced to create a future worth having.

Diversity

What unites us is stronger than our differences.

Sharing the same good Father, having the same Spirit in each of us, and following the same Lord Jesus is more than enough to keep us together in our other differences. We are increasing in diversity because we value it. Each of us sees through different lenses and has had different experiences, so we seek to learn from each other. We want our church to reflect the kingdom where every tribe and tongue and nation is in unity, where old and young, male and female of every economic class come together as family. We give honor to each person and see the image of God in all it's diversity.

Multiplication

Simple and Able to be Duplicated.

We will create simple structures and systems that can be duplicated over and over. We work hard to create language to pass on our values to those who will follow us. Every leader is called to duplicate themselves. Every group must give birth. Be fruitful and multiply is still the first command in the Bible.

Blessing

We are blessed to be a blessing.

Election and blessing is for the sake of the world. Abraham was chosen and blessed to be a blessing to all nations. We carry the favor and blessing of God everywhere we go. So we bring it. Our strategic involvement in the world is not in argument, proving we are right or selling people on the gospel. It is in blessing. So we pray for people. We tell people what good we see in them. We bless and don't curse.

Generosity

We are never more like God than when we give.

God is a giver. We are like him when we are generous. He loves to bless generous people. As individuals we give to the church and as a church we give to ministries outside ourselves to be part of God's work in ways we could never accomplish alone. We will continue to grow in our generosity, giving an ever increasing percentage away to stretch our faith and expand our capacity as individuals and as a church.

Wholeness

We care about the whole person, not just "saving souls".

We want people healthy spiritually, emotionally, relationally, physically and financially. Humans are complex creatures, and restoration involves every aspect of our lives. People need prayer, a counselor, a physical trainer, some medicine, a life coach, financial planning and more! We can help, but we don't have a simple "one size fits all" solution to everything.

Sweet Spot

The intersection between what you love, what you're good at and what the world needs.

We help people find their sweet spot so they can use the gifts and passions God has given them for the benefit of others. God created us each with something in mind - good works he prepared for us to do. We help people find and follow their destiny.

Reconciliation

We bring peacemaking & positivity in a culture divided by the politics of division & negativity.

Our church serves and loves all people rather than taking sides in politics. We look for the best in others and their intentions and seek to understand through active listening. We bless and don't curse. We create opportunities for safe dialog and growth through listening and speaking from the heart in an atmosphere of curiosity and honor.

Outreach

As part of something bigger than ourselves, we invest our first fruits in outreach beyond MVC.

We are part of a family of churches that is planting churches, training leaders and sending missionaries all over the world. We participate in that larger mission through giving and partnerships. We work with missionaries and send teams on short term trips around the world to do sustainable ministry with long term partners. We also work with underserved populations right here in San Juan through the work of Unidos and our partnership with the ECC to plant a Latino Church in San Juan Capistrano.

Conferences

We pass on our culture and concentrate our impact through conferences.

We host conferences for couples, parents, leaders, worship teams, teachers, and our unleashed conferences where our people share their stories and pass on their life transformation to others.

Media

We export the message and culture of mvc.life to the wider world using technology.

We produce valuable content to take the vision and values of our church out into the world. Social media, videos of teaching, podcasts, sermon audio, music, art, youtube shows, films, books, blogs, articles and new forms of media are opportunities to get the message out. Livestreaming all our services will be an opportunity to expand our reach and add another venue that reaches beyond our local community.

Programing

We are one church with many programs.

We will operate as one church, working together to serve all our people with programs that meet their particular stage of life needs. We have programs for kids, youth, young adults, men, women, moms, dads, people in recovery, people with disabilities, those in grief, and many other stages and life situations. All our programs carry our values.

Facility

The Ranch brings the past and future together beautifully.

The Ranch will bring together the organic, earthy nature of it's farming history with the style and technology of the age we live in. It will feel warm and inviting and hip. People will want to hang out there and it will be open to use by the community in both informal and formal ways.

By 2020

- We see three services each weekend reaching 1500 people, broadcast live.
- We will have leadership teams, groups and a mission outpost in each city in South Orange County.
- We will publish worship albums, books, curriculum, videos and trainings by 2020.
- We will host four Unleashed conferences per year and two conferences that teach our values.
- We will have a functioning Intern program and ministry school.
- We will plant a bi-lingual church that reaches the local Latino community San Juan Capistrano.