

How is Your Vision?

Would anyone here admit to using tri-focal lenses? For you Millennials, tri-focal glasses are what we of the more mature generation need to be able to read your texts on our smartphones! Just wait, after years of reading that small print and you too will have to wear corrective lenses and they just might be tri-focals.

If those of you under the age of 50 are not aware of what tri-focals are here is the Wikipedia definition...

Trifocals are **eyeglasses** with lenses that have three regions which correct for distance, intermediate (arm's length), and near vision.

It's easy to spot people who wear trifocals by the way they have to bob their heads up and down to get the text into proper focus. Sometimes we look and feel like chickens but the good news is we can still read! So whether we are looking right in front of us, a ways away from us or in the distance we can see clearly what needs to be done.

Our church has a tri-focal vision! Our vision statement is, **List your statement or simply pick up on this next sentence.** Our vision is driven by Jesus last words to his disciples in Acts 1:8 where he said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

We view the world through the tri-focal lense of Acts 1:8. Our Jerusalem is our city and the surrounding area. Our mission is to impact our area for Christ. For us our Judea and Samaria is our nation and of course the ends of the earth is missionary work abroad. To simplify it we have a world-wide vision that begins when you leave our parking lot.

Like tri-focals, there are times where our vision is focused locally. At other times we are focused on missional work beyond our region. Yet there is never a time where we are not considering and keeping watch on how we can work our vision whether near or far.

Every time you give here at YOUR CHURCH NAME you help keep in focus our vision of Acts 1:8. We use your generous gifts to be the best witnesses for Jesus we possibly can be. Our world is in great need and through the power of the Christ we have the Good News to share with the world both near and far. That is why we exist and that is why your gift is so important to us.

Looking at our world through the tri-focal lenses of Acts 1:8 keeps us on course. Your gift gives us fuel to keep moving forward!