

**VISION:
honor the aging while engaging the emerging**

Sunrise Church has a 60+ year history of prioritizing God's Word and reaching the lost. God has placed all of our Sunrise locations in communities where the median age is between 29-40.

As our church ages, we must keep our eye on future generations. Those of us who have walked with Christ for many years must engage the emerging generation by praising God's works from one generation to the next (Psalm 145:4).

As we continue to reach out to all people, we want to take deliberate steps and new ministry strategies to reach this younger population God has placed in our back yards. Over the next 3-5 years, we want to increase the 18-39 age demographic by 15%. We need everyone, of all ages and ethnic backgrounds to take up this mantle and lay the groundwork not just for Sunrise today but also for Sunrise tomorrow!

Vision Weekend FAQ's

Will Sunrise have classes for single people and do you have a college age ministry?

Sunrise Church currently has a Young Adults ministry at the Rialto Campus. This is for anyone between the ages of 18 and 29. For more information contact Pastor John Hill (jhill@sunrisechurch.org).

What is the new vision for life groups?

The vision is to re-launch groups that make it easy for people of all life stages and locations to find people they can grow with. Over the coming months our staff is tasked with learning from other churches, contextualizing ministry for Sunrise and laying out the new plan in the Fall of 2019.

When classes end late, it can affect kids schedules for those who have young children, what can we do to address this?

Start times of weekly classes and events are on the table for discussion right now. Moving to earlier start and end times is a strategy we are actively pursuing.

What is the long term plan for the student ministry?

We are close to hiring a Next Gen Pastor who will oversee the teams that lead our kids and student ministries across all campuses. The student ministry varies from campus to campus in terms of size. At the Rialto Campus, we are in the process of hiring a new Student Ministry Pastor. He will be empowered to create the most effective methods for engaging students.

Are we bringing younger couples with children into the church, how will childcare handle the need?

This is a critical matter that is currently being assessed. We affirm the need for helpful childcare options and are currently exploring the most effective ways each Sunrise ministry can address this challenge.

How can we engage more youth and adults to help with children?

We are in the process of making volunteer opportunities for any ministry in Sunrise Church to be more clear and streamlined. The need for serving within our Children's Ministry is great. However, serving in a ministry that involves minors requires an extensive background check to ensure the safety of our little ones.

Can we have more fun activities for younger kids so they are excited about coming to church, that way we all can come together and reach the younger generation?

We do believe that fun is an essential part of children's ministry, especially when it helps open children's hearts to the Word of God. Our highest priority at this time however is running an excellent, biblically based children's ministry weekend worship services. In addition to weekends, fun events are sprinkled throughout the year, most notably in the summer.

What is the church's plan to ensure that kids at Sunrise are taught the Bible in a way that makes them Biblically literate?

Our plan is to equip parents to be the primary disciple makers of their children. In addition to the biblical instruction children are receiving from their homes, our children's ministry purchases bible-based kids ministry curriculum that teaches children the bible in a fun and interactive way.

When will we gain a full time Pastor for Spanish?

The search process is underway. Continue to pray for God's man for this role.

What are the plans for more involvement in missions using our people?

First we are assessing our current missions partnerships. For partnerships that are thriving, we want to create greater visibility and access to anyone interested in getting involved. Secondly we are exploring new local, national and global partnerships. This process requires careful planning and budgeting that will take time to get right.

There are currently groups already formed, are the groups that are currently established going end to create new groups, or will we be able to add new members to the groups already established?

Like all ministries we are needing to assess and align for greater consistency across our church. Our desire is to help people grow spiritually in relationships with one another. How we go about doing this is yet to be determined.

Will classes be available to be taken online in the future?

Currently Sunrise has a large number of classes at the physical campuses. If virtual classes add value to our overall mission we will explore their possibility.

Will all the campuses receive all the same support equally in all the changes?

Sunrise is in the process of rebuilding our multisite infrastructure to ensure resourcing and alignment across all campuses. We currently have 16 members of our Central Staff team from the Rialto Campus whose main responsibility is to provide support to all campus locations.

Will there be more opportunity to have outreach concerts with well-known Christian bands?

There are a variety of ways to reach out to our community, both by going out and by inviting people to our physical locations. All of our outreach initiatives need to be assessed on their effectiveness in engaging people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Since Christian concerts primarily target Christian audiences, this is not the type of outreach we are prioritizing at this time.