



ENDURING REACH

Wawasee Bible | 2030 Vision

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

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Beyond the Horizon (2030)

Short Summary

By 2030 the people of Wawasee Bible will engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations and establish an Enduring Local Presence in at least two surrounding communities by meeting practical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people in the Greater Wawasee Lakes Area.

VISION TEMPLATES:
Geographic Saturation by Needs Adoption

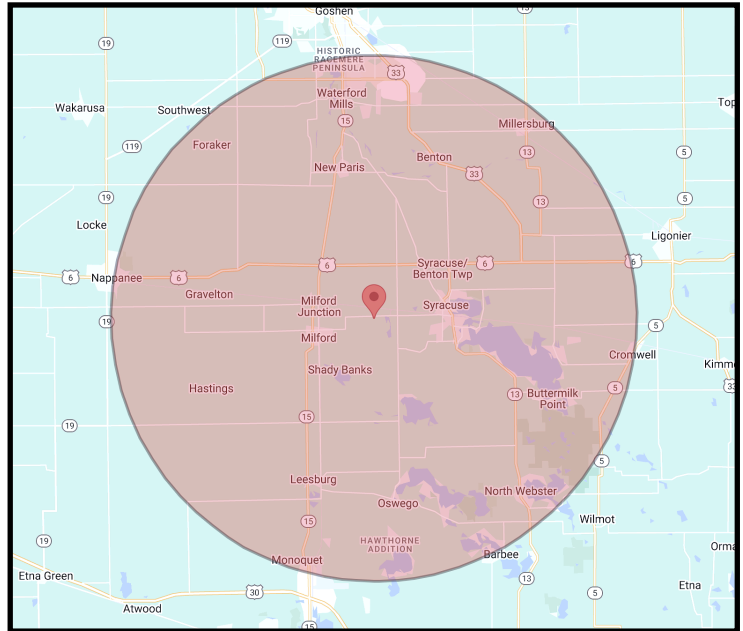
Vivid Description

Being sent to love, we intend to make a lasting difference in our local communities by addressing the practical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people God has placed us near. As we demonstrate and point people toward the incredible love that God has for them through Jesus Christ, we see two key areas where we can saturate our local area with the love of Christ.

First by 2030 we look to engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations with people in our individual spheres of influence, recognizing that these are

the people God has intentionally sent us to. This includes our "PEARLS" (our friends, family, and neighbors) whom we pray for regularly and long to see come to faith in Jesus Christ.

By 10,000 Gospel Conversations we do not mean 10,000 people, but *conversations*. A Gospel Conversation is an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with someone in need of knowing of his love and grace.



This circle indicates a 10-mile radius surrounding the Wawasee Bible campus.

A conversation that points to Jesus as the hero and gives testimony to his grace, as well as our own need for it, counts as a Gospel Conversation. These conversations will take many forms ranging from recounting a personal experience of God's grace through Christ, to sowing seeds of different Gospel teachings, to discussing the necessity and process of repentance, to urging others to place their faith in Christ.

Second, we see our physical location as an asset in the sense that we have the opportunity reach into many local communities. Yet it can also be a detriment in that we're not truly located in any one community. Therefore **we see an opportunity in the years ahead to establish an enduring local presence in at least two communities within or near our geographical sphere of influence, for the advancement of the Gospel and the long-term good of the people in those communities.**

Wawasee Bible's campus sits between the two communities of Milford (2.5 miles) and Syracuse (3.5 miles), home of Lake Wawasee. And while our name, "Wawasee Bible", might only bring to mind three communities (Milford, Syracuse, & North Webster), within a 10 mile radius of our campus are also the small communities of (in order of shortest driving distance) New Paris, Oswego, Benton, Leesburg, Enchanted Hills, North Webster, Nappanee, Clunette, Cromwell, Millersburg, and southern parts of Goshen. Additionally within that 10-mile radius are parts of 6 public school districts and a population of over 50,000 people or approximately 18,000 households.

We see the establishment of a local Enduring Presence in any of these communities to be a strategic expression of care. That presence might be a needed ministry or community partnership, a physical presence via a needed facility, or a local church plant/campus. For a number of decades now most small rural communities have lost some sense of community identity from loss of local businesses to larger population centers and/or loss of educational identity with school mergers and closures. The establishment of an enduring local ministry or even a church campus would communicate the value of that local community to Jesus and our church and contribute to the community's unique local identity.

As we clearly articulate this vision to those who call Wawasee Bible home and our guests, and execute the vision in our geographic area of influence, Wawasee Bible will be known as a church that not only preaches but lives the truth of the biblical Gospel. The people of our communities will know that they are loved by Jesus and loved by us, and we will be known as a church with a passion for meeting the greatest spiritual needs of every person in our circle of influence.



Communities Surrounding Wawasee Bible:

Communities	Straight Line Distance	Shortest Driving Distance	Drive Time	Population <small>(2022 Estimates, US Census Bureau)</small>	School District
Milford	2.2	2.5	6m	1617	Wawasee & Fairfield
Syracuse	3.0	3.5	7m	3081	Wawasee & Fairfield
New Paris	5.6	7.6	12m	1464	Fairfield
Oswego	6.9	8.1	11m	NA	Wawasee & Warsaw
Benton	6.5	8.5	13m	NA	Fairfield
Leesburg	6.6	8.6	13m	554	Warsaw
Enchanted Hills	7	9.8	15m	NA	Wawasee
North Webster	8.7	11	17m	1002	Wawasee
Nappanee	9.5	12	19m	6899	Wa-Nee
Clunette	9.2	13	18m	NA	Warsaw
Cromwell	10	13	21m	482	West Noble
Millersburg	9.2	14	19m	952	Fairfield
Goshen	10	14	23m	34375	Goshen
Ligonier	12	14	21m	4592	West Noble
Warsaw	13	15	25m	16111	Warsaw
Wakarusa	14	20	28m	2000	Wa-Nee
Pierceton	16	20	28m	1021	WhitKo
Etna Green	16	24	31m	573	Triton
Columbia City	25	31	42m	9234	Whitley County



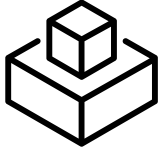
Background Horizon (3 Years)

In order to see this vision become reality, we must pursue the following four 3-Year Strategies over the next 3 years:

1. Financial Freedom



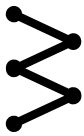
- We will purpose to reduce our total debt to less than 20% of our Annual Budget by the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.
 - Our current debt is ~ \$500,000 v. an Annual Budget of ~ \$600,000.
 - Since 2017, the people of Wawasee Bible have generously given over \$1,000,000 in addition to our general budget, completing nearly \$1.7 million worth of renovation and expansion of our facility since 2019.
- To reduce our debt to this level we will initiate a strategic debt reduction and generosity campaign within the 2023-2024 ministry year.



2. Enduring Foundations

- Reducing our debt to this level will be essential to free up funds for additional staffing, ministry opportunities, and ongoing facility maintenance (including a new roof) and updates in the future.

- At least one of our two Enduring Local Presence projects will be identified and a strategic plan for will be developed for it within 3 years. Initial steps toward this plan will be actively being implemented.
- This will include researching needs, communities, demographics, and opportunities before us. Additionally our own church people, dynamics, and resources will be explored to determine which opportunities best leverage who we uniquely are for long-term impact.



3. Expanding the Trellis

- A clear spiritual formation pathway will be developed and being executed.
 - Our Leadership Pipeline will be completed and fully functioning including the development of training content for each level.
 - All training will be in sync with and teach into who we uniquely are as a local church. Our Vision Frame will be clearly communicated throughout, and all language will be consistent.
 - Scope and sequence will be clear from youth through adult ministries, implementing our 5 Outcomes appropriately at every age level.
- Additionally we see a need to increase our vocational staff by at least 1.5 FTE's... Especially in the areas of youth, strategic administration, and discipleship/care.



4. Growing P.E.A.R.L.s

- Evangelism strategies, training, and opportunities will be expanded, resulting in at least 4,000 Gospel Conversations by the 2026-2027 Ministry Year.
 - Will will increase our focus on relational evangelism. This will include intentional sermon series each year, strategic church-wide initiatives, and further development and championing of our PEARL strategy.
 - Additionally we will pursue practical and helpful church-wide training opportunities (such as our Great Lakes District Partner, "Go and Tell") to grow our heart for and competency in sharing the Gospel, "inviting people to follow Jesus with us!"



Mid-Ground Horizon (2023-2024 Ministry Year)

Enduring Growth

In 2023-2024 our newly articulated 5 Outcomes will become a regular part of our culture, vernacular, and assessment. Over the course of the Ministry Year at least one practical tool will be deployed for equipping the people of Wawasee Bible in each of the 5 outcomes.



Foreground Horizon (Fall 2023)

To support this 1 year focus of Enduring Growth, the following 4 initiatives will be completed during the Fall 2023 Trimester:



1. Prayer Culture

- We will intentionally focus on developing and encouraging a culture of prayer among our church family as a whole and individually. Not only on Sunday mornings—but a daily, personal, conversational dependence on God.



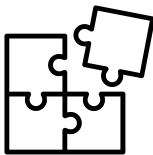
2. Cultural Exegesis

- Research will be initiated on the demographics and specific needs of people in the Greater Wawasee Lakes Area as well as our own church family. This may include seeking a strategic partner to help us in this.



3. Garden Tools

- At least two of the 5 Outcome Tools will be developed and deployed by the end of the Fall 2023 Trimester.



4. Communication & Strategy

- Articulation and strategic communication of our Vision Frame and 2030 Vision (“Enduring Reach”) will be developed and implemented across Wawasee Bible. This includes the identification and tasking of Champions for each of the four 3-Year Strategies outlines above.



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3-YEAR GOALS

FINANCIAL FREEDOM



ENDURING FOUNDATIONS



EXPANDING THE TRELLIS



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2023-2024 FOCUS

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FALL 2023 PLANS

PRAYER CULTURE



CULTURAL EXEGESIS



GARDEN TOOLS



COMMUNICATION & STRATEGY

