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Another World Is Possible

What makes Eden Church or any church different from other organizations?

I have heard critics say that they couldn't tell the difference between a church and a country club, and I have heard supporters say that there shouldn't be any difference between a church and a well-run nonprofit organization.

So maybe the answer to the question about the difference between churches and other organizations depends on who you ask, whether they have a high regard for the church, and which churches and types of organizations are being compared.

One thing that makes Eden Church, and churches in general, different from other organizations is that we believe that another world—a better world—is possible. Our understanding of the particular characteristics of that better world may vary, but in general our vision is shaped by the proclamation of the biblical prophets, the life and teachings of Jesus, and the witness of the apostles. In addition, we commit ourselves to being citizens of this better world by helping to make God's vision a reality in our midst.

Each newsletter issue and bulletin that we produce trumpets the news that a better world is possible, and invites members and friends to be part of making that vision a reality.

Some achievable ways to co-create that better world are just a page turn ahead. Here you'll read about an all-church baby shower, our second annual Animal Blessing, the church school schedule for K–12th grade, some spiritual growth and education opportunities for adults, Safe Congregation training for all ages, a special offering in support of Native American ministries, and more.

Take a look and see how the spirit is drawing you to be part of the better world that God envisioned, and come experience God's blessings as the vision becomes real.

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