

# Our Mission

Turning communities upside down through the next step of obedience.

## Our Focus

**Reaching up:** seeking to grow in our relationship with God through growth groups and obedience to God's Word (Love), with a deliberate focus on encouraging spiritual growth in our children and Youth (Biblical knowledge, love of God).

**Reaching out** to our neighbor in the community where we have been placed to build relationships, in order to further the Kingdom and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through relationships we will help others take their Next Steps.

For us, this is fulfilling the Great Commandment (to love God and our neighbor) and the Great Commission (to go and make disciples)!

Are you willing to be active in the ministries of this church?

Are you willing to turn our community upside down?

As a part of His church and this congregation, are you willing to take the Next Step?

We cannot do it without you. God has placed you in this church, in the community for a purpose. What are you going to do about it?

# NEXT STEPS



Baptism is the next step of obedience after salvation, marking that person as a follower of Christ. Making a decision to follow Christ is significant, but there is something powerful about publicly declaring, in front of family and friends, that you've given your life to Christ.



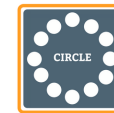
Every Christian is a minister. Serving isn't just for the pastor and leadership. We are all called to serve others. There are 3 avenues to serve: in the church, through community outreach, or world missions.



God's Word compels us to give a 10% tithe of our income and also encourages offerings, or giving, in additional ways. We are blessed so that we can be a blessing to others.



Growth is an essential part of our relationship with Christ. Growth should be happening in 3 ways: time in service, in growth groups, and in personal devotion time.



Community (relationship) makes all the difference! We were not meant to follow Jesus on our own. We were created for community! We were created to live in unity with one another.



### Every Christian is a minister.

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you...*  
- Matthew 28:19-20



We are all a part of the body, each of us has a purpose here. You cannot expect your church to be healthy while you stand on the sidelines. *Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.* - 1 Peter 4:10



God designed the church to meet the needs of the people around us - physical, spiritual, and beyond. *Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.* - Titus 3:14



While we all might not be called to serve overseas, we can certainly be invested in spreading the Gospel to "the ends of the earth" in other ways like prayer, finances, and material support. *...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.* - Acts 1:8



### If you aren't changing, you aren't growing.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!*  
- 2 Corinthians 5:17



Our Sunday morning experience where we learn to be more like Christ through worship, transformational teaching, and the opportunity to serve others. *And let us...not neglect to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing...* -Hebrews 10:24-25



Growth groups, where believers gather for personal interaction that encourages spiritual growth, including prayer and Bible study. *For where 2 or 3 are gathered together in My name, I am there among them.* - Matthew 18:20



Time we spend alone, inviting God into our every day by reading the Bible and spending time in prayer. *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, went out, and made His way to a deserted place; and there He was praying.* - Mark 1:35



### Baptism is the next step after salvation and tells the world of your decision to follow Christ.

The Christian plunges beneath the surface of the water to represent death to self. But just as Christ emerged from the tomb in a resurrected body, Christians emerge from the water, a new Creation! *..Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*  
- Acts 2:38



### We are blessed so that we can bless others.

From the beginning of Church, radical generosity has been a distinguishing trait. God has given us everything we have and blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others. We are to give joyfully and without reservation. *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*  
- 2 Corinthians 9:11



### Community makes all the difference.

Being intentional to build authentic relationships within the Church will often require sacrifice. But when we seek the fellowship that God designed, unity and harmony are a natural by-product. Life-change happens best in the context of relationship. We are better together! *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!*  
- Psalm 133:1