OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by Developing & Deploying Disciples in This Generation for the Next

God's plan for you is to bring glory to Himself through your life. Whether becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ, developing, or deploying as His disciple, take the next step today.

The Question: The issue of identity has taken on a life of its own recently, although it has been an issue of human significance from the beginning. So, who am I?

The Answer: I can only have freedom in my identity as much as my identity aligns with God's truthful and accurate assessment of who I am. Each month we will explore further God's truth to shed light on who I am.

Who Am I? I Am Not Yet Perfect

In this life I am and always will be imperfect, a saved sinner, seeking to grow in holiness and relating to God on the basis of grace that is mine because I am...in Christ!—Jerry Bridges

Because I am not yet perfect...

- I experience the tension of my imperfection—between who I am in myself and who I am in Christ (Phil. 3:4–14 is a testimony of this tension).
- I have the responsibility to seek to grow in holiness and grace. Put off the old man, put on the new man, and change my thinking (Eph. 4:22–24). Put to death the deeds of the body (Romans 8:13). Put on God-honoring character qualities (Col. 3:12–14). Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11). Give all diligence to grow in Christlike character (2 Peter 1:5–7). Grow in the grace of knowing our Lord (2 Peter 3:18: 1:1-4).
- I need a new focus based on the power of grace in life. I am the least of the apostles—but by the grace of God I am what I am (1 Cor. 15:9-10).

I am less than the least of the saints—yet is this grace given unto me (Eph. 3:8). I am the chief of sinners—howbeit I obtained grace and mercy (1 Tim. 1:14–16).

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Phil. 3:13-14

For your convenience, hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. For Sunday services, audio is also broadcast live in the Reception Room.



PROMOTION This morning in the 10:30 a.m. service, we will acknowledge those who are moving up to the next Sunday School class. Students should attend their current class this morning.

◆ Tonight following the evening service, teens and their families will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will talk about this upcoming semester and share a time of fellowship together. We will be ordering pizza, so please sign up in the foyers if you will be attending.



♦ Teens Involved will start Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym.



Who

Am I? Shaping My Identity in God's

Patch Club starts Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Books will be made available for \$8. (They include a code for a digital download for the songs for the year.)

ABC Leaders will meet Wednesday evening in the Reception Room following the quarterly business meeting.



Good News Clubs



Saturday, August 16, CEF is training new Good News Club workers. We could use some more volunteers, even if it is just to serve as a substitute. Please see Pastor Alexander if you can help and plan to attend this training.

A Summer of Growing in Wisdom

Don't forget to share what you've learned in Proverbs on the banner! Journals are available in the foyers to guide you through the summer.

i The Stanley Heights Baptist Church Fine Arts Academy provides ! music instruction for students of all ages. If you or someone you I know may be interested in lessons, please contact Peggy Mims (peggyamims@yahoo.com; 571-228-4431).



If you would like to contribute to Operation Renewed Hope for Texas flood relief or the IBJM NYC Project, please designate Flood Relief or IBJM NYC Project on your offering envelope. August 24 will be the final day gifts are received.

Parents, your children ages 3 through 3rd grade are welcome to attend Children's Church during the morning service. They can go to the side exit when they are dismissed during the service. You may pick them up in the 4's & 5's classroom upstairs.

Sermon Notes for Kids are available in the back of the auditorium.



Dan & Sandy DeLong — International Representative

Praises

- Dan was able to visit churches in Australia & Papua New Guinea. He was able to deliver \$15,000 to Shalom Baptist Church for their building project.
- They have seen 22 saved and 30 young people/adults dedicate their lives for God's will.
- ♦ 1,070,000 Bibles have been distributed in Papua New Guinea.

Prayer

♦ Shalom Baptist Church is still in need of funds for their building.

Michael & Marsha Talley — Germany Praises

- ♦ After studying the Bible with a couple for a year, they were excited when the couple realized they could not lose their salvation.
- The room where their children meet is overflowing!

Prayer

- For the right property for the church
- That God would call national pastors who can be trained to lead or start churches in surrounding areas
- Michael's parents' health especially his mom as she deals with a secondary cancer related to her leukemia

2025 MISSIONS GIVING REPORT:

2025 Total 79,45.50 **August Giving** 2,290.00

This Week

Promotion 10:30 Sun. 3:45 Choir Rehearsal

> Teen Family Fellowship 6:15

Wed. 7:00 Patch Club

Teens Involved

Quarterly Business Mtg. ABC Leader's Meeting **Prayer Meeting** Freedom that Lasts

Looking Ahead

Aug. 16 Good News Club Training

Aug. 17 SALT Class Game Night

Aug. 22 Bridal Shower for Miranda Tullis

Aug. 24 Starting Point

Upcoming Midweek Ministry

Aug 13 & 20 Intro to Fall ministries Beginning August 27:

- Women's Discipleship Quieting a Noisy Soul
- Men's Discipleship Seeking Him
- Auditorium

The Old Testament Story—How God reveals Himself in the Old Testament and what it means today

- **Outreach Ministry**
- Freedom that Lasts continues

Nursery

Sunday School:

Vicki Baughman/Rebecca Harris

Nursery AM:

Becky Tredy/Abby Ward

Nursery PM:

Emily Hill/Olivia Harris

Wednesday:

Kellie Wemmie/Cindy Dooley

Lock-Up: Phill Harris

Pastor on Call: Pastor Alexander

Sermon Notes

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