### **OUR MISSION**

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

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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.

### A Summer of Growing in Wisdom

Today is the last day of Growing in Wisdom reading in Proverbs. Be sure to share what you've learned in Proverbs on the banner in the office hallway!



In honor of our church's anniversary, we will have a breakfast fellowship on Sunday, September 7 during the Sunday School hour. We will serve breakfast from 9:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m. in the Gym. Sign up in the foyers.

On Sunday, September 7, in the evening service, we will have an opportunity to share "Good News" testimonies about people we are praying for to share our faith or people we are praying for and have shared our faith in Christ with.







Who

Am I? Shaping My Identity in God's

Sight

Fall Work Day is Saturday, September 13, from 8:30–11:30 a.m.

There is work to be done both inside and outside, helping make this facility all it can be for God's glory! This is a great time to get your ABC to work together. Sign up in the foyers.

The Missions Committee will meet in the reception room Wednesday, September 3 after mid-week ministries.

**Days of Praise** and **Our Daily Bread** are available in the foyers for use with your personal devotions.





The Lost & Found is located in the Copier Room. We will be donating lost & found items monthly. Please be sure to check in a timely manner for items you have lost. Bibles will remain on the shelf in the copier room. Please see Vicki Baughman if you have

lost valuable things such as jewelry, eyeglasses, keys, etc.

There are also dishes in the kitchen that have been left from fellowships, funerals, and the meal ministry.

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.



### Ed & Jan Alexander — Brazil

### Praises

- Jan's gallbladder surgery went well, and the doctor is pleased with her recovery.
- Their weekly Bible Club has increased in attendance.
- They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.
- The master's module on Hebrews was well received and one of the students felt that God is moving him toward ministry.

### Prayer

- ◆ For the Bible club outreach to the children of their neighborhood
- For Dr. Lounsbrough and the master's module to be a time of learning and encouragement

## Matt & Marla Hanna — USA (TX)

### **Praises**

- They are busy presenting their work in churches, helped with a VBS, and attended two conferences with their mission board.
- Several churches have partnered with them and their support now stands at 86.8%.

### **Prayer**

- For upcoming travels and ministry in churches
- ♦ Fruit from Vacation Bible School

### **2025 MISSIONS GIVING REPORT:**

2025 Total \$ 87,636.50 August Giving \$ 10,000.00

## This Week

Sun. 3:45 Choir Rehearsal Wed. 7:00 Patch Club

Teens Involved

STEP

Freedom that Lasts

8:00 Missions Committee

# **Looking Ahead**

Sept. 7 Church Anniversary Breakfast

**Sept. 7** Evangelistic Testimonies

Sept. 7 Men's Basketball

Sept. 13 Fall Work Day

Sept. 14 Starting Point

Sept. 21 Vision for the World

# Nursery

**Sunday School:** 

Vicki Baughman/Rebecca Harris

**Nursery AM:** 

Kyra Hill/Olivia Tredy

**Nursery PM:** 

Danielle Alexander/Allie Ward

Wednesday:

Vicki Bennett/Deborah Blanton

Lock-Up: Joe Mims

Pastor on Call: Pastor Alexander

# Sermon Notes

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