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.

Being created in His image, God has given me:

- The capacity to make choices (Romans 7:18; Joshua 24:15–17)
- The responsibility of my choices (Ezekiel 18:20, John 3:16–18; James 4:6)
- Accountability for my choices (Acts 10:42; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11–15)
- His power to honor Him in my choices (Eph. 3:16; Romans 5:6–11; 6:6–14)

3 Lies People Believe that Distort Identity

- I determine what is true, right, and wrong—not the holy, all-wise God.

 <u>God's Truth</u>: God determines what is true and right, to believe otherwise is to believe a lie and the consequences of it. Deuteronomy 32:4; Genesis 3
- Gender dysphoria is a condition I was born with. I can't help it.
 God's Truth: You were created male or female with a sin nature that needs
 God's grace to overcome any sinful distortion of His design. 1 Corinthians
 6:9–11
- Even if I want to change, there is no hope or no way out.
 God's Truth: God gives His children power and a way of escape in any temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

1 Corinthians 10:13



The deacons will meet Monday, November 17, @ 6:45 p.m.

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

Starting Point Class is this morning at 9:30 a.m. in Pastor's Office. This class is for those considering membership or who would like to know more about our church. We will discuss who we are, where we are going, and the next step towards God's plan for membership.

There is a group attending the Seniors Retreat at the Wilds next fall, October 13–16, 2026. This retreat fills up quickly. If you are interested, go to https://wildsnc.org/camps/adult-family/#senior-adult-conferences for information and to register.



Who

Am I? Shaping

My Identity in

God's Sight

Tuesday, November 18 at 12:30 p.m., the Seniors Fellowship (ages 55+) will have a soup luncheon. Sign up at the Welcome Center for what you'd like to bring. Drinks will be provided. See the Wemmies or Duncans with any questions.

Next week, as part of the evening service, we will have a time for you to share testimonies of gratitude for the good things the Lord has done.





The Chattanooga Rescue Mission provides thousands of meals each year. Our annual canned food drive for the Chattanooga Rescue Mission continues through this month. Our goal is to collect 100 cans. Bring your #10 cans to the main foyer, and help us see how many we can collect!

Ladies Christmas Fellowship

The Ladies Christmas Fellowship will be Saturday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in decorating one of the tables, please see Vicki Baughman. The cost is \$5. Please sign up in the foyers if you are planning on attending.



Tuesday evening, November 25, at 7:00 p.m., we will have our Annual Thanksgiving Fellowship & Service. Please bring a dessert for the fellowship after the service. Drinks will be provided. There will not be a Wednesday Mid-Week Service.

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.



Bob & Jennifer Larson — BIMI USA

Praises

- They were with Lighthouse Baptist Church in Arizona to celebrate their anniversary, and two young ladies were saved.
- Today is the grand opening of the new building and property of Nashville Baptist Church.

Prayer

- Bob ruptured his Achilles tendon.
- ◆ For the services at Nashville Baptist Church

Graham & Melinda Forbes — United Kingdom

Praises

- Graham had abdominal surgery and recovered quickly.
- They did a complete renovation of the church.
- One of the men donated money for a handmade communion table. The artist that made it, Carey, enjoyed the project and they were able to invite him to church.

Prayer

- ♦ For the salvation of Carey
- Wisdom as they deal with people with "messy" lives

2025 MISSIONS GIVING REPORT:

2025 Total \$110,834.50 November Giving \$ 4,269.00

This Week

9:30 **Starting Point** Sun. Choir Rehearsal 3:30 **Deacons Meeting** Mon. 6:45 Seniors Fellowship Tues. 12:30 Wed. 7:00 Patch Clubs Teens Involved STEP Ministry Freedom that Lasts

Looking Ahead

Nov. 23	Gratitude Testimonies
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Fellowship
Nov. 26	No Wednesday Services
Dec. 6	Ladies Christmas Fellowship
Dec. 7	Missions Trip Meeting
Dec. 7	Christmas Concert
Dec. 7	Men's Basketball
Dec. 14	Christmas Program
Dec. 14	Churchwide Caroling
Dec. 17	Annual Business Meeting
Dec. 21	Carols & Candlelight

Midweek Classes (STEP)

- 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

Nursery

Sunday School:

Vicki Baughman/Rebecca Harris

Nursery AM:

Dawn Ward/Olivia Tredy

Nursery PM:

Beatriz Laranjeira/Samantha Harris

Wednesday:

Deborah Blanton/Cindy Dooley

Lock-Up: Dave Wemmie
Pastor on Call: Pastor Baughman

Sermon Notes

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