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.
 <u>God's Truth</u>: 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.
 <u>God's Truth</u>: 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

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



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

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.



Sunday, December 14, at 8:15 & 10:30, the choir and drama team will present *A Son Is Given*. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to church.

Invitations for the Christmas activities are available in the foyers. Christmas tracts are available as well. Invite your friends and family to celebrate Jesus' birth with us!

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God's Sight

Church-Wide Christmas Caroling & Cookie Fellowship

Sunday evening, December 14, we will meet in the auditorium at 5:00 p.m. and be divided into groups to go caroling to our shut-ins.

When we return, we will meet in the fellowship hall for refreshments. The church will provide drinks and chips. Please bring the following:

sandwiches or vegetable tray **and** cookies.

The Church Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m. The concert will include a variety of music including some of our younger musicians. Come and enjoy the festive spirit as we celebrate the season of our Savior's birth.





Today is the last day to bring cans for the canned food drive for the Chattanooga Rescue Mission. Our goal is to collect 100 cans.

Sunday, December 7, after the 10:30 AM service, there is a meeting in the Choir Room to give information about the team our church is sending to New York City with IBJM this summer. Please attend if you are interested in this trip, and



summer. Please attend if you are interested in this trip, and contact Pastor Alexander if you are unable to attend.



Upward will be held on Saturdays beginning January 10 through February 14. Registration is discounted this month. You can go to the event page on our website or go to https://stanleyheights.org/upward. Volunteers are needed.

Please see Dave Wemmie if you would like to get involved.

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.



Patrick & Sheila Wolfe — US Military (Germany)

Praises

- Their discipleship class has grown and expanded.
- They had 31 kids in their VBS and 70 people at church the following Sunday.
- In September, they had 3 baptisms and two new families.
- During their missions conference they were able to increase their monthly support to missionaries.

Prayer

- For their son Michael as he undergoes dental procedures
- They have had to say goodbye to several families.
- For Sheila & Michael as they witness in their homeschool group

Dwight & Melissa— Sensitive Area Praises

- The GenZ protests have calmed down.
- They will celebrate Thanksgiving with some American friends.

Prayer

- Stability in their country
- Sayid as he had to have surgery on a broken wrist that did not heal properly
- They will be coming to the States on furlough in Spring of 2026

2025 MISSIONS GIVING REPORT:

2025 Total \$115,341.50 November Giving \$ 8,776.00

This Week

3:30 Choir Rehearsal Sun. 5:00 Jordan McDowell Wed. 7:00 Patch Clubs Teens Involved STEP Ministry Freedom that Lasts Sat. 9:00 Choir & Drama Rehearsal **Ladies Christmas** 5:30 Fellowship

Looking Ahead

Missions Trip Meeting

Christmas Concert Dec. 7 Men's Basketball Dec. 7 Seniors Coffee & Donuts Dec. 8 **Starting Point** Dec. 14 **Christmas Program** Dec. 14 Dec. 14 **Churchwide Caroling Annual Business Meeting** Dec. 17 Carols & Candlelight Dec. 21 Dec. 28 No Evening Service

Midweek Classes (STEP)

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

Dec. 7

• The Old Testament Story

Nursery

Sunday School:

Vicki Baughman/Rebecca Harris

Nursery AM:

Becky Tredy/Olivia Tredy

Nursery PM:

Kyra Hill/Emma Stoetzner

Wednesday:

Phyllis Hinson/Cindy Dooley

Lock-Up: Keith Mattox

Pastor on Call: Pastor Baughman

Sermon Notes

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