

Welcome!

- ✓ ***Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.***
- ✓ ***Say hello to someone you don't know.***
- ✓ ***We'll gather at 10:20am.***

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Romans 3:21-22

“But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.”

*“The gospel is not good news for ‘do it yourself-ers.’
The gospel is good news for ‘I give up-ers.’”*

- Tullian Tchividjian

GOOD NEWS

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*“In a world of bad news,
everyone needs Good News.”*

Overview

1. Why are we here? (Purpose / Vision)
2. What are we all about? (Mission)
3. What do we believe? (Beliefs)
4. What do we do? (Behaviors)
5. What is the Good News? (Motivation)

Vision & Verse

Vision – to experience and express LOVE from God to others

- **Verse** – *“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”*
– Galatians 5:6b

Mission

Mission – to connect with people and build relationships through community workshops, neighborhood-focused ministry, serving local needs, mentoring, and worship.

For Fun

If you HAD to lead a workshop to teach people how to do something, what would be the workshop that you'd lead?

The Story

1. Creation – God made it all.
2. Fall – We lost it all.
3. Redemption – Jesus did it all.
4. Salvation – We get it all.
5. Sanctification – God will grow us all.
6. Glorification – God will restore it all.

GNC Beliefs

1. I'm really broken and I need help.
2. Jesus is perfect and He is my help.
3. Jesus is the only way to healing in my relationship with God.
4. The Holy Spirit is my power to live as a follower of Jesus.
5. God calls me to submit to His authority and serve His Church

Our Only Hope

Jesus is perfect, and He is my only help for healing in my relationship with God.

I'm broken and I need help, but God... sent...

JESUS

Jesus

Savior Shepherd

Rescuer Redeemer Ransom Lamb

Lion Lord Friend of sinners

Suffering Servant

Son of Man

Son of God

God

Our Response

US - *“Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”*

- Galatians 3:10b, Deuteronomy 27:26

JESUS - *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.”*

- Galatians 3:13a

Changed Life

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

- Galatians 2:20

“Love Lusters at Calvary”

*At Calvary, grace removes my burdens and heaps
them on thy Son, made a transgressor, a curse,
and sin for me; Christ was
all anguish that I might be all joy,
cast off that I might be brought in,
trodden down as an enemy that I might be
welcomed as a friend,*

*surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain
heaven's best,
stripped that I might be clothed,
wounded that I might be healed,
made thirsty that I might drink,
tormented that I might be comforted,
made a shame that I might inherit glory,
entered darkness that I might have eternal light.*

My Savior

*wept that all tears might be wiped from my eyes,
groaned that I might have endless song,
endured all pain that I might have unfading health,
bore a thorny crown that I might have a glory-
diadem,
bowed his head that I might uplift mine,
experienced reproach that I might receive welcome,*

*closed his eyes in death that I might gaze on
unclouded brightness,
expired that I might forever live.*

from “*Valley of Vision*”
a book of Puritan prayers

Conclusion

- 1) One day, every person will bow and declare that *“Jesus Christ is Lord.”*
- 2) If you’re able to do that in this life, you have been a recipient of God’s amazing grace.

1 Corinthians 12:3

I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "*Jesus be cursed*," and no one can say, "*Jesus is Lord*," except by the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

We are broken and desperately in need of help, but Jesus is perfect and perfectly able to help us find healing in our relationship with God.

The Blessing

from Galatians 2:20

*You have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in
you. The life you now live in the body, you live by
faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave
himself for you. Go now to serve in His life,
in His love, and in His peace.*