

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UPPER MARLBORO

## ACTS ONE 8 MINISTRIES

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“God is closing in on some of you. He is like the “Hound of Heaven” who means to make you far happier in some dangerous and dirty work. Missionaries and ministers of mercy don’t come from nowhere. They come from people like you, stunned by the glory of God and stopped in your tracks. Sometimes it happens when you are going in exactly the opposite direction.” John Piper *Don’t waste your life*

- We believe that the sovereign God, creator of the Universe, has called us to participate in His good news. In an act of unbelievable mercy and grace He has given us the privilege and responsibility to proclaim the Gospel. While we affirm that the calling of Pastor and career missionary is a special calling, we also believe that each of us, who call ourselves disciples of Christ, must obey His command to share the Good News with others.
- We believe that the church is specially equipped to encourage and minister, and that at FBCUM we must be intentional to live out this command in our lives.
- We believe that accountability and planning is helpful in combating the sinful tendency we have for apathy. Most of all we believe that church together can make a real difference in bringing the light of the Gospel to the darkness of the lost.
- For all these reasons, we ask every church member to make an ACTS ONE 8 personal plan, to pursue with abandon, to come together with their brothers and sisters, bringing the Gospel to their neighbors, co-workers, families, and to all those who God gives us opportunity to pursue in His name. 2 Corinthians 4:6 “For God, who said, “let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”.

“We believe that the commission given by the Lord Jesus to make disciples of all nations is binding on His Church to the end of the age. This task is to proclaim the Gospel to every tribe and tongue and people and nation, baptizing them, teaching them the words and ways of the Lord, and gathering them into churches able to fulfill their Christian calling among their own people. The ultimate aim of world missions is that God would create, by His Word, worshippers who glorify His name through glad-hearted faith and obedience. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. When this age is over and countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and the goal of missions.” John Piper *Let the Nations be Glad*