



OUR PURPOSE (WHY WE EXIST)

Our reason for existence is "to make Christ known and to disciple the knowing."

OUR PASSIONS (WHO WE LOVE)

GOD, THE CHURCH, THE UN-CHURCHED

We love God because He is uniquely beautiful, infinitely worthy, and supremely valuable. We love the church because it is more than a building; it is the "body of Christ" and the "brotherhood of the saints," a collection of redeemed men and women who find common ground in their love of Jesus. We love the un-churched because God loves the un-churched, and He wants to use us to make His love known.

OUR PRACTICES (WHAT WE DO)

WORSHIP, MINISTRY, MISSIONS

Because we love God, we worship Him (Father, Son, and Spirit) through relevant music and engaging preaching; knowing that He alone deserves our worship. Because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ, we do ministry (acts of service by the church for the church), knowing that the world will see our love for each other as proof of our love for God. We engage in missional acts of service because we know that eternity is real and really long.

Our hope is to bring the life-changing gospel of Jesus to those who don't know God, so they can experience forgiveness, and spend eternity in grateful worship of God, instead of experiencing God's wrath in the eternal torment of Hell.

Baptism Sunday

Wet Obedience

Matthew 3:1-17

GOALS:

1. To grow in relationship with God.
2. To grow in relationship with others.
3. To grow our groups and start new groups.

INTRODUCTION (PLEASE READ ALoud BEFORE EVERY GROUP): Polarizing. Some issues just are. Take politics for example. Two people who have known each other for decades, have been friends, love the same foods, the same movies and the same hobbies can come to blows when it comes to politics. Baptism is another such issue. What is it? How is it done? By whom is it done? Why is it done? Where is it done? Who is it for? This study may not eliminate the polarizing nature of the issue of baptism, but it should at least put everyone on the same page of the arguments.

REVIEW: What is the current series? Why are we doing this? What is this week's title? Why is this subject important to study?

(Each question needs to be read in its entirety first, and then broken down question by question)

- What does the word *baptize* mean? Is that important? Why?

BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION:

Read Matthew 3:1-17

- What is your first memory about baptism? What were your questions then?
- Does NAC baptize babies? Why or why not?
- Why did John baptize in Matthew 3? Who was responding? Why?
- What did John say to the religious crowd? Why?
- Did Jesus have anything to repent of? Why was He baptized? What did He say about baptism?
- When should we be baptized? How should we be baptized?
- In Romans 6:4-7, what does Paul say about baptism? What should it represent to others about us? How are you measuring up?
- What else did you learn from Sunday's message?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 22nd – Monday Night Supper Club 6-8pm

March 12th – No One Goes Hungry Dinner 1-4pm

March 19th – Family Fun Night 5-7pm