

## Foundations

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- **I have a dream...**
- ... a dream of a biblically functioning church built upon real Christian community.
- ... a dream of a worshipping church where believers meet together weekly to encounter God and openly express to Him their love and gratitude.
- ... a dream of a church driven to reach unbelievers with the saving message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ... a dream of a church that understands the biblical principle that every member is a minister and seeks to build ministries in response to the spiritual giftedness of her members.
- ... a dream of a church concerned about the surrounding community's needs, and is willing to practically do something about these concerns while pointing people to the solution to all of life's challenges – Jesus Christ.
- ... a dream of a church that truly has the world on her mind and expresses this concern through active mission action projects that take place both within the borders of our own country as well as in other countries around the world.
- ... a dream of a church that understands that creativity and excellence reflect the image of God to the world and God is not limited in His resources to fund and develop his mission plan to reach the world for Christ.
- ... a dream of a church made up of committed stewards who willingly and joyfully give of their resources to accomplish the mission of the body of believers.
- ... a dream of a church that is a place where Godly character is being exercised, sin is being confessed and overcome, encouragement is on everyone's lips, holiness is the priority of everyone's life, creativity is a part of everything we do, and Christ is lifted up so all can gaze at His splendor.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

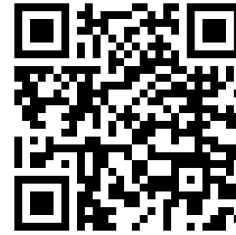
Our mission: We exist to make disciples of Jesus as we make families strong and people whole.

### 1. We are commissioned to be disciple-making disciples.

- **We are disciples of Jesus.**
  - A disciple is a follower. An imitator.
  - Joseph Stowell: "For followers, Christianity is a relationship, an adventure, a passionate pursuit of Christ...As followers, we are liberated from religious traditions and conventions that do not reflect the perspective, character, and conduct of Christ."

How will you grow as a follower of Jesus in 2025?

- Consider the YouVersion Bible App:  
<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>
- Join a small group
- Find a spiritual growth partner



- **We are disciple-making disciples.**

- Method of sharing the gospel:
- <https://www.namb.net/evangelism/3circles/>
- The names of three people I will pray for and look for opportunities to share the gospel:
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## 2. Our mission focus is strengthening families and healing people.

- We exist to make disciples of Jesus as we make families strong and people whole.

- **God has called us to make families strong.**

1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- Strong families mean strong faith for individuals, growing marriages, and effective parenting.

- **God has called us to make people whole.**

- People are broken.
- First, we only find wholeness through Jesus.
- Psalm 18:20-24 God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before him. When I got my act together, he gave me a fresh start. Now I'm alert to God's ways; I don't take God for granted. Every day I review the ways he works; I try not to miss a trick. I feel put back together, and I'm watching my step. God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to his eyes. (The Message)
- There's a significant difference between living for wholeness and living from wholeness.
- Romans 8:31-37 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things...But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
- God calls it the ministry of reconciliation.
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

- We must find wholeness in Christ and hang out with broken people so we can point them to Jesus.

**Further Thought – What will you do in 2025 to...**

- ... grow as a disciple?
- ...to strengthen your family?
- ...to avail yourself to be used by God to help other families be strong and other people to be whole?