

I. PURPOSE OF THIS DAY

A. Last year we celebrated 25 years as a church

Acts 8:5, 8 (NKJV) ⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

- **A very simple belief: If we would preach Christ in a way that He could simply and effectively be made known and give people an opportunity to respond - there would be Joy great joy in our city**
 - I have three great goals
 - I want to see the lost found
 - I want to see the found become strong followers of Jesus
 - And I want to have a blast doing the first 2

B. What is God doing?

Proverbs 29:18 (Message) ¹⁸ If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

C. This is US

II. THIS IS US – 30,000 foot view

Handouts

A. We are a family church teaching people to reach their world

B. **This church moves at the speed of US**

- **Moves at the speed of our generosity (time, treasure, talent) and the opportunities that we have**

We don't take what you give for granted. We work hard to be wise stewards of that which God brings to us. We are conservative

III. THIS IS US

A. My Job description

- The process of growth

Ephesians 4:11-13 (Message) He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christians in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

- **We embrace the long game**

B. My role is to lead you on a journey of growth that starts where you are and finishes when you've grown and are a skilled servant.

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- Part of my job is to help you see what God is doing, and that you have a part to play

IV. FOUR WORDS THAT DESCRIBE WHAT GOD IS DOING

A.

- **Follow**
 - Some people believe that being a follower means going to church

Mark 8:34 (TLB) ³⁴ Then he called his disciples and the crowds to come over and listen. "If any of you wants to be my follower," he told them, "you must put aside your own pleasures and shoulder your cross, and follow me closely.

- **Connect**
 - The body of Christ analogy - works best when the parts are connected

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (MEV) ⁹ Two are better than one, because there is a good reward for their labor together. ¹⁰ For if they fall, then one will help up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has no one to help him up. ¹¹ Also if two lie down together, then they will keep warm; but how can one keep warm by himself? ¹² And if someone might overpower another by himself, two together can withstand him.

A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

- **Discover**
 - Discover where we fit so we're not out of place

Psalms 139:13-16 (NIV) ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.



This is Us

(30,00' View)
February 5, 2017

2016 Year in Review

THIS IS US



- **Serve**

- Do something that makes a difference in the life of another

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Psalm 92:13-14 (MEV) ¹³ Those that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be filled with vitality and foliage