



**First Baptist Church Exists to
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ By...**

Truthfully **TEACHING** God's Word
Sacrificially **LOVING** One Another
Selflessly **SERVING** Others

Faithfully **ENGAGING** Our World

The missionary mandate of faithfully engaging our world means we take the Gospel out by the power of the Holy Spirit into all the world.

Faithfully Engaging Our World, Makes Us a Church Where People...

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Prior to his death and resurrection, Jesus spoke that "everything written" about him in the Old Testament prophecies "must be fulfilled" as he was fulfilling his divine destiny (Lk. 9:22, 44; 18:31; 22:37; Gen. 3:15; Ps. 22; Isa. 52:13-53:12).

For you to "understand the Scriptures" the Lord must open your heart (Acts 16:14), enlighten the eyes of your heart (Eph. 1:18) while giving you the light of Jesus (2 Cor. 4:6).

The Gospel begins with the cross where Jesus would "suffer" as a substitute dying for the sins of his people as "God made him who had no sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21; Ps. 22; 69; Isa. 52:13-53:12).

The "rise" of Jesus "from the dead" in the resurrection is a truth upon which the validity of your salvation hinges so that "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17; Ps. 16:8-10; 110:1; Acts 3:15; 1 Cor. 15:3-8).

Understanding the Gospel Begins With...

1) -----
The Gospel truth of Jesus' death and resurrection was the plan of God all along as he told the serpent in the Garden of Eden that one was coming who "will crush your head" (Gen. 3:15).

The Gospel hope of Jesus' death and resurrection is "Plan A" for FBC in fulfilling our mission from Jesus of "making disciples."

2) -----
The Gospel is the message of Jesus' death and resurrection that is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes" (Rms. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:3-8).

FBC is to make disciples by transforming lives through living and communicating Jesus' message of Gospel hope.

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"Repentance" is a change of mind that leads to a radical change in one's life as they turn from the current direction of your life to serve the living God (47; 1 Thes. 1:9-10).

"For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God..."-1 Thessalonians 1:9

The missional call of the Gospel is that "all nations" are called to repent by turning to faith in Jesus (Acts 17:30).

The "forgiveness of sins" is the consequence of turning to God through repentance as people experience Jesus' salvation (Acts 2:38; Col. 1:14).

"Proclaimed in his name" refers to the preached message of the Gospel as Jesus' name "will be communicated to "all nations" (47c-d).

Taking the Gospel to the Nations Begins With...

1) -----
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."-Jesus in Matthew 28:18-19

Missions is not a work of the church but rather the mission of the church spilling over into the nations.

2) -----
"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent..."-Acts 17:30

The Gospel of Jesus confronts the sin of all the nations "testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

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The Holy Spirit will cover his witnesses with "power from on high" by enabling us as disciples to powerfully and effectively witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus (49).

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."-Acts 1:8

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would empower his witnesses as he would "teach you in that very hour what you ought to say" (Lk. 12:12).

Witnessing By the Spirit's Power Begins With-

1) -----
"Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God."

-William Carey, Pioneering Missionary to India

Partnering with the Development for Freedom International is a God-sized task for FBC as we take the Gospel to orphans in one of the poorest nations on earth.

2) -----
"For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict."-Luke 21:15

The church's mission is to speak the Gospel of Jesus by the power of the Spirit so others may savingly believe in Jesus.

Challenge- -----
