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LIFE ON PURPOSE

FIRST BAPTIST
NEW BRAUNFELS

Who We Are

OUR PURPOSE: TO GLORIFY GOD

Our purpose guides all we do at First Baptist New Braunfels. The church is referred to as the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12). When we, the church, the body of Christ, purpose to live out the life of Christ, we will glorify God the Father.

I glorified You (God) on the earth, having accomplished the work You have given me to do (John 17:4, NASB).

What We Do

OUR MISSION: LEAD PEOPLE TO JESUS

There is a beautiful simplicity in this statement.

All people need Jesus. Jesus isn't for some and not for others. Jesus is the only name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4;12, NASB).

Lead - The word lead implies action

No matter where we are in our relationship with Christ, God invites and expects us to take the next step with Him.

People - Jesus made people a priority

People should be a priority for us as well. In Matthew 28, we're commanded to focus on people from all nations. People means all people, not just those in our circles. We see people as Jesus sees them and love them enough to be involved in their lives.

Jesus - We lead people to Jesus because He alone is Savior

We lead people to Jesus, not ourselves, our denomination, or even church, but to the One who has the power to change lives.

Like a double-edged sword, our mission has two "edges."

- **Evangelism:** We purposefully tell the Gospel story. We share it with our family, our neighborhood, our community, and the world.
- **Discipleship:** We continually point believers to Jesus as Lord, encouraging them to live in obedience to His commands. There is a call here to continually lead ourselves back to Jesus. He desires to build on the foundation of salvation a life that reflects Him.

OUR VISION

We exist to be a shining light for the Gospel in our region and world.

Our faith is found in Jesus as Savior and Lord. We desire to obey His commands to let the light of His Gospel shine through us locally and globally. We believe the place we can shine most brightly within our region is between Austin and San Antonio.

Why We Do It

OUR VALUES

These shared convictions guide our actions:

Biblical Fidelity

Christ-like Living

Genuine Fellowship

Purposeful Evangelism

Biblical Fidelity: God's Word is central to who we are and what we do.

Our life in this world is temporary, but God's Word stands forever. Because God's Word is eternal, inerrant and divinely inspired, we teach these truths without compromise, urging all to follow and obey.

Genuine Fellowship: We value investment in the lives of fellow believers.

It isn't good for us to be alone. As we walk through life together, we find encouragement, wisdom, prayer and understanding. As Christ-followers, we are a part of the whole church, the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12).

Christ-like Living: Being a disciple of Jesus is more than a claim. You are chosen.

Jesus is the light living in every believer. Just as He was obedient to God the Father, we strive to demonstrate the same obedience. He is our model with the Holy Spirit guiding us to live productive lives, allowing others to see Jesus through us.

Purposeful Evangelism: The Gospel of Jesus is the only story that changes eternity.

In Matthew 28:19, God commands us to "go" and "tell." His Word reveals this truth: all people have eternal life spent either in heaven or hell. The only hope of salvation is through Jesus (Romans 5:8). Sharing the hope of the Gospel through purposeful evangelism happens through preaching, teaching and person-to-person.

How We Do It

OUR STRATEGY

We strive to live obediently to Christ's commands through faithful biblical teaching, in genuine community with others, and purposely telling the Gospel story.

These essential actions are present in our everyday lives:



CONNECT

Connection creates family.

Relationships are God-designed. When it comes to faith, we must connect to God first. Salvation is essential. We connect with God through the confession of Christ as our Lord and Savior. That connection grows through daily worship and the study of His Word, and as we connect through weekly gatherings.

Connection creates family, and when a family comes together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible! As a church, we don't want people to be just spectators; we invite others to be participants in what God is doing.

We envision a church family connected to what God is doing, connected to each other and openly confessing God before the world.

GROW

We are at different stages, but we all continue to grow in our faith.

Growth begins through submitting to biblical authority. The Bible is God's Word given to us to know how to live the Christian life. We encourage each other to engage in Bible study as we seek to become more like Him. John 15 reminds us of the importance of remaining in His word to grow and bear fruit.

We will never fully mature until we are glorified with Christ. But, we continue to mature as His followers. Engaging with other believers through Bible study helps us understand what God expects and prepares us to live a holy life.

We envision a continually maturing church family who participates in personal and corporate Bible study and who desire to live according to God's Word.

SERVE

God has equipped each of us for a purpose.

Church is a place where people participate with purpose. Growing believers use their spiritual gifts to humbly invest in others' lives. He has given each of us a different SHAPE (Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personalities, and Experiences) to faithfully/generously serve with excellence.

Scripture tells us that although we have different roles, together, we make up the body of Christ. We serve the church as we serve God. We believe in the priesthood of the believer, making every member a minister. God blesses you with time, talents, and treasures to be shared with others. You are blessed to be a blessing!

We envision a committed church family fully utilizing their SHAPE to serve others allowing the light of Christ to shine brightly through us.

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