

OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

1 Corinthians 15.3-5 // John 17.1-5, 17-19

God's Word tells us that the absolute number one most important thing is the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is the Gospel that should always be central in our lives, our families, our churches, and our pursuits. This should shape and inform everything that we do as a church family.

Jesus was sent to save. You were saved to be sent.

Jesus' primary aim and driving passion was to glorify His Father. That was His own personal life mission. And the most illustrious way He would glorify His Father was by lowering Himself to one of us and die in our place to pay for the sins that we have committed. He was sent to save enemies, and even then to sanctify them and send them.

John 20.19-22

BEING BUILT UP

2 Peter 1.12, 13 // Colossians 2.1-10

If you are a born-again believer in Jesus, you have already been filled "in Him." You have all that you need for life and godliness! There is no need to "add more" or "do more" in order to grow and walk with Him. We are to be built up in Christ, and we have already been given Christ in His fullness.

GOING DEEPER

We often might think that growing in Christ primarily comes from:

- Behaving more like Jesus and/or adhering to His Law
- Growing in better doctrine or theological and intellectual pursuits
- Growing in a tangible and felt experience of His presence and oneness

And while all of these are important and good pursuits and desires, these are *not* the source of our growth. These, on their own, don't bring change, at least the kind of change that we are after.

**We are not talking about adding, but going deeper.
Going deeper implies this: what we need we already have.**

2 Peter 1.3, 4

**Real life change occurs through this reality:
the life of God in the soul of man.**

-Henry Scougal



NOTES:

Announcements:

- A **KOM (Kids on Mission) Interest Meeting** will be held following church on January 22nd.
- **Prayer with the Pastors** at the McGinty's. Monday, January 16th @6:30pm. Email contact@lifemission.tv for address.
- **Newcomer's Dessert** at the Adams'. Wednesday the 25th @ 6:30pm. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3GQylbb>.
- **GPS (Gospel Positioning Strategy)** at CAHS on Wednesday, February 1st @ 6:30pm.
- **Community Group Kickoff Week**. Sunday, January 29th.

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Colossians 3:13

Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Colossians 2.1-10**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

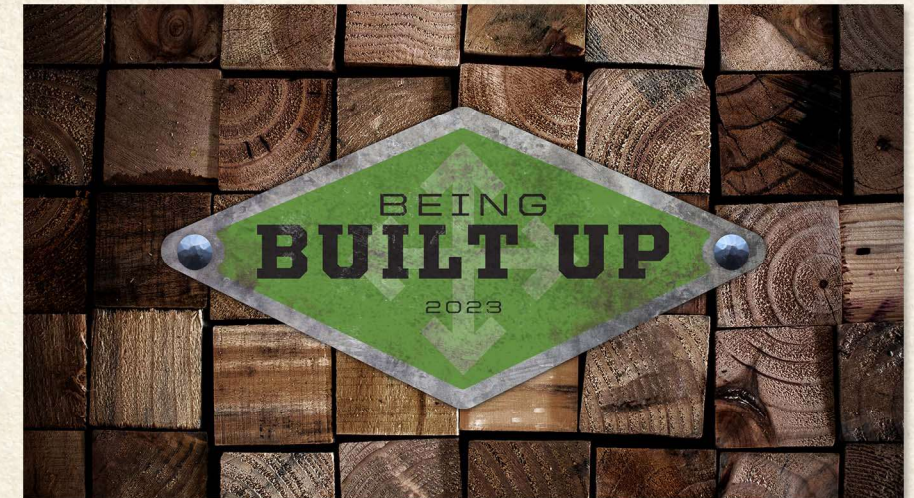
How does the truth that we are to walk in Christ in the same way that we received Christ (by grace, through faith, as a gift of God), change the way that you see your pursuit of growth and sanctification?

Your Life Mission

In every New Year, we often take the opportunity to make new goals or changes. This is a good thing for us to reflect upon. What hopes or goals do you have that you want to see change in as it pertains to the life mission that God has called you to? What do you think you would like to see happen in your life so that you can grow in that?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



BEING BUILT UP IN CHRIST

Colossians 2.1-10 // January 8, 2022

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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