

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL: LOOKING TO 2015

HOW WILL WE GROW IN GRACE?

Psalm 1.1-6

If the goal is to abide in Christ, how do we abide?

Every believer is like a power drill. We can't just simply plug straight into an outlet, but we need a way to do it, such as a cord. For us to connect to the power of God, which is the Gospel of God's grace, we need some kind of means to be connected.

Throughout the Word, and subsequently throughout church history, we see that there are three primary "cords," called the "means of grace," that connect us directly to the Gospel.

The Means of Grace

- The Word of God
- Prayer
- Gospel Community

**The cross is not an event to leave, nor a starting line,
but it is the path itself.**

-Kyle Strobel

A PLAN FOR GROWTH

- **The Word of God**
 - 2 Year Bible Reading Plan (Genesis to Revelation, plus alternating the Psalms and Proverbs)
 - Accompanying "How to Read the Bible Book by Book" Commentary

Psalm 119.9, 11 // Jeremiah 15.16 // Matthew 4.4 // 2 Peter 1.3, 4 // Colossians 3.16

**It was God's Word that made us,
is it any wonder that it is God's Word that will sustain us?**

-C.H. Spurgeon

- **Prayer**
 - PrayerMate App: this will give us an added ability to keep the prayer needs of the church in front of us on a daily basis. See the back for more info on downloading this and setting it up.
 - Fasting Monthly as a continued pursuit of God and dependence on Him.
- **Community**
 - More "How To's" and guides for "Fight Clubs"
 - In-depth equipping on how to shepherd and counsel each other.
 - Workshops on how to share your faith.



NOTES:

Weekly Fasting and Prayer

Pray That We Would Challenge Ourselves in 2015. As we enter into a new year, we have a new opportunity to start anew. And though most New Year's Resolutions fail miserably, we can pray that with a community around us aiming for the same thing, and with the Holy Spirit in us craving God's will for us on our behalf, we could see God move in our hearts over the next few months. Pray for a breakthrough in the hearts of many in our communion and abiding in Jesus.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

As the **Community Groups** are still on break, take some time this week to come up with a plan for growth in God's grace in 2015 and beyond.

Will you join us in the 2 Year Bible Reading Plan?

There are a few ways you can join us:

1. Written hard copies of the plan available at church.
2. PDF will be available and viewable online on our website.
3. Daily reminder through the **PrayerMate App**.
4. Published online on our **Facebook** and **Twitter** page.
5. Available via email to your inbox every day.

Additionally, pick up the book, **How to Read the Bible Book by Book** by Gordon and Fee. Find it on **Amazon.com**, or purchase it at church (when in stock).

Will you pray with us?

In addition to daily bible reading, the **PrayerMate App** will also let us know what prayers are being asked for. To subscribe to **Life Mission's Prayer Journal**, follow these steps:

1. On either **iOS** or **Android**, download the free **PrayerMate App**.
2. Click on the settings icon (the little gear/cog icon in the corner), go to the bottom and click "subscribe to online feeds." Then select "churches," then select "US churches," and find "Life Mission Church." Then click "subscribe to feed."
3. Next, it will ask you to add it to a category. For now, just add it to "Personal Growth." Soon we will have a little video tutorial on how to better set up the **PrayerMate App**.
4. For now, you can just back out to the main page. If the Life Mission feed doesn't show up, shut down the app and restart it. You should now see our feed show up when you swipe over. Every day, a new Bible passage and Psalm reading will pop up, including a mini-tutorial on how to "pray the Psalms," as well as a daily prayer request for the church.

Will you fight with us and for us?

Here are a few of the ways we would love to see you deepen your communion with Christ through His body:

1. Joining a **Community Group**.
2. Initiating and committing to a **Fight Club**. Even if you "don't know where to start," initiate simply by asking someone in your **Community Group**, or at church, or at work, to get together to discuss faith and encourage each other. You'll get better as time goes on, and as we continue to equip the church. Email **eric@lifemission.tv** in the meantime for ideas on how you can kick start your **Fight Club**.
3. Partner with the church by committing to a covenant relationship at our upcoming **Covenant Membership Class in February**.
4. Consider becoming more equipped in how to shepherd and counsel others in the Gospel by committing to our upcoming equipping training (they will start in late March on Mondays, though the frequency and exact times/dates is TBA).

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