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For the past two years, our church has been working our way through the first half of the ACTIVATE Church Revitalization Process. The church-elected team of fifteen members has been diligently examining our church, her culture and mission to develop a memorable mission statement and set of core values. Our mission is to:

CONNECT People to God
UNITE People to One Another
EQUIP People to be On Mission

Core Values are the guard rails that keep a church focused on its mission. Therefore, it's important to take the time to get them right. This set of eight core values has been developed by your Activate Team. They represent what we believe have shaped the culture of our church. As we move forward in the Activate Church Revitalization process, it is crucial that we articulate these values because every major decision we make as a church will be filtered through our mission and these eight core values. These are the core values that we adopted as a church:

1. **Jesus First** – Because Jesus, God's only Son, is the head of the church, we imitate Him, follow His lead, and honor Him above all.

- 2. **God's Word** Because the Bible is living and active, holding the power to transform the hearts of people, we submit to its authority for faith and life.
- 3. **Loving People** Because we are commanded to love our neighbor, we desire to serve and unconditionally love all people.
- 4. **Multiplying Disciples** Because Jesus charged us with the Great Commission, we endeavor to evangelize people and aid in their spiritual transformation.
- 5. **Praying Continually** Because God desires to hear from His children, we believe in the importance and effectiveness of prayer; seeking to align ourselves with His will.
- 6. **Worshiping Constantly** Because God desires intimate relationship with His children, our response to His love should be daily worship both individually and collectively.
- 7. **Growing Relationships** Because the Bible emphasizes interpersonal relationships, we strive for unity through authenticity with one another, even when it hurts.
- 8. **Expanding the Mission** Because Everyone needs Jesus, we support those who evangelize, both locally and globally, through our finances and prayer.









Hello Youth and Parents. It's that time of year where things really start to speed up and don't slow down till summer. March is no exception this year. We have three really big events coming up in March.

First, the youth will be hosting a Garage Sale on Saturday March 10th, from 6:00 – 12:00. If you have stuff that you would like to be picked up, I will be doing rounds on Wed Feb 28th, Sat Mar 3rd, and Wed Mar 7th. Please shoot me a text if you need me to come pick stuff up. Or if you would like to bring something to the church either: put it in my office, or put it in the fellowship hall. All donations will go towards the Youth Mission Funds.

Second, Spring Break this year is from March 19th through the 23rd. We will be having a

Youth Lock in on Tuesday the 20th. This will be an all night lock in. So parents who work, we will have drivers to take students home in the morning.

And last, we will be hosting another Easter Egg Hunt this year, on Saturday March 31st.

While we had a really good turnout last year, we had a lot of learnings as well.

We don't need as much time between the hunts, the



Bryan Taylor, Pastor of Worship Arts

The life of Jesus Christ was the climactic moment in the history of mankind. A hopeless and doomed creation offered salvation through the life, death, burial and resurrection of the very One who created them.

Join us this Easter weekend as we worship Him who is alive and sitting at the right hand of our Father.

On March 30th

from 7-8 P.M, we will come together to remember the death of our Savior as we hear from the man that built the cross where Christ was crucified. Then Sunday morning, **April 1st at 10:45**, join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

hunts went super fast. So we will kick off the Hunts at 15 min intervals. The young kids will start at 10, middle aged kids at 10:15, then the older kids at 10:30. Outside adult help will be to help walk some Younger kids through the hunt, 2 with the registration, and 2 with handing out information on our church. Laura and I

will put together some shifts that you can sign up for. Thanks!



Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

Fourteen times in the first thirty-two years! Norma mentioned the times we had moved so many times I at first thought she was bragging! But after the last twenty-one years in the same house, I realized she is very happy to be right where she is!

First there was the small mobile home in Sparta, IL We were there only a few months, I think the first summer. Then it was another mobile home in Collinsville, IL and a lateral move. That is, the mobile unit we were living in was moved (with us in it) to a nearby location.

We adjusted to apartment living in South St. Louis where we experienced our first truly needy time. Both working in Downtown St. Louis, we both came down with a very serious cold, maybe flu. Had not Norma's brother and his wife dropped by to see how we were doing we may have starved. There were no groceries in the house and we were too sick to go get some. They will always have a special place in our hearts as we reflect back on the time we were rescued.

From South St. Louis it was to Willow Springs, MO. We loved our three years there where our first child was born, Ronda. But while there the landlord changed some policies and we were forced to move. In the same block, to a house that was roach infested! We escaped when the Lord led us to Cape Girardeau, MO. At Cape I finished college. We also moved from an apartment into our first home, shared of course with the mortgage company. Renee and David were born there.



Christian Seniors - Noon	March 1
Ladies Bible Study - 6:30 pm	March 5
Ladies Bible Study - 9:00 am	March 8
TSM Garage Sale	March 10
Daylight Savings Time Begins Mission Trip Fundraiser Lunch	March 11
Awana Grand Prix	March 14
Mission Rally—Plainview	March 16
Spring Break	Mar 19-23
Ladies' Bible Studies - 6:30 pm	March 19
TSM Lock In	Mar 20-21
Awana Dismissed	March 21
Palm Sunday	March 25
Good Friday Service	March 30
Easter Egg Hunt	March 31

Seminary called and we moved into seminary apartments in Jacksonville, TX until graduation and then to a wonderful three year experience in Palestine, TX. There we survived the first attempt to manipulate and control the pastor!

St. Louis called and we went North St. Louis County, Spanish Lake. A building program that was completed debt free! Our longest tenure, twelve years ended when we moved to Bryan, TX to serve a campus ministry at Texas A & M. Shortly, we moved to Tool, TX.

In 1995 we moved into the parsonage next door to Temple Baptist for a couple of years until our new house was finished in March of 1998. There are multiple memories I would like to share but you will have to wait for the book! I would like for our next move to be to glory!

Opportunities for Worship & Service

SUNDAY

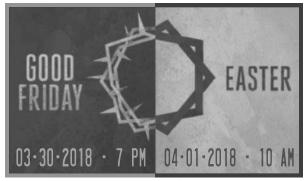
Sunday School 9:45 AM	
Worship Service 10:45 AM	
Children's Church10:45 AM	
Kidz Choir/Preschool Priase 6:00 PM	
Student Life Groups 6:00 PM	
Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM	

WEDNESDAY

Awana6	:00рм
TSM (Temple Student Ministry)6	:00рм
Wednesday Bible Study 6	:30 рм
Alpha Bible Study 8:	30 рм

THURSDAY

Christian Seniors - (March 1) Noon







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