

Christian **LIFE** Church

Discovering The Life OF Christ - Growing In Our Life IN Christ – Living Our Life FOR Christ

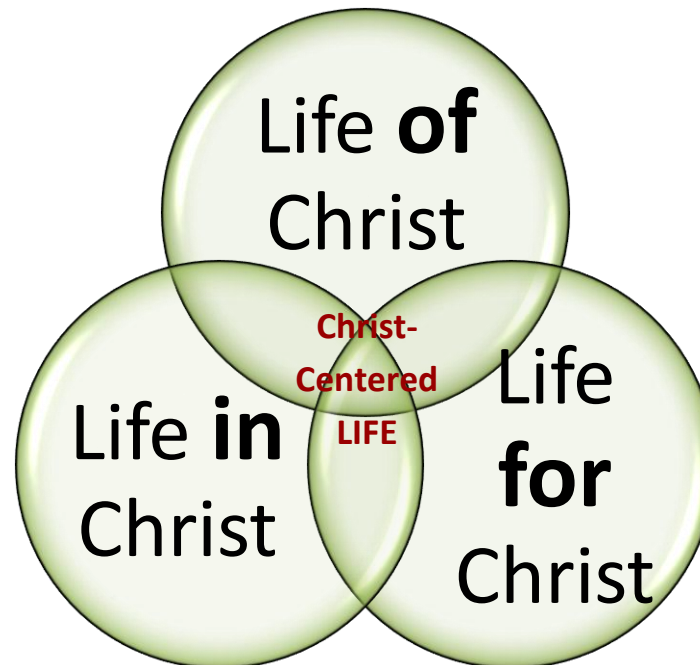
Discover Grow Go

A **Lamp** Church - An **Equipping** Church - An **Apostolic** Church - A **Demonstrative** Church
To **Meet** And Help People **Discover** & Learn About The Great **LIFE OF CHRIST**,
To **Impart** Great Values, Power, And Guidance
To **Grow** And Become More Like Him, Developing A Great **LIFE IN CHRIST**,
To **Worship** God As A Great Generational Community Of Faith,
To **Love** Him And One Another
To **Invite** God's Presence to Fill Our Lives with Great Love, Hope, Faith And Peace,
To **Inspire** Others, Including Our Family, Friends, And Community To Know A Great **God**,
To **Act** With Great Justice, Compassion & Mercy, Serving Sacrificially With A Great **LIFE FOR CHRIST**,
To **Raise** Up A Great Regional Church,
To **Multiply & Demonstrate** His Great Influence In This Great Generation And The Next,
To **Use** All Our Great Resources To **Help** Others Live A Great **Abundant Life**, Forever !

To Lead People into the Full Life of Christ

A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary - Jesus: **John 10:10-11**.

- **Life OF Christ** - We **Discover** and learn of Christ, His Person, His Presence, His Personality, His Plan, His Word, His Father, His Power, His People, His Passion, Love, Mercy
- **Life IN Christ** - We **Grow** in Christ, Growing, Developing, Improving, Worshiping, Praying, We Train, & Discipline Our Lives, relating to one another as His church, We Practice
- **Life FOR Christ** - We **Act** for Christ, as His Body as we work and do while living a Christ-Centered Life and being a Christ-centered church



Through **Christ-Centered Action** to be a **Glorious Church** that

all **Generations** may know **GOD**, helping others to do the same and improve their **Lives Forever!**

Our Greatest Resource

Is Gracious & Generous **God**, Our grace-filled and generous **People**. Their Time And Talent And Treasure, **Given** To God, Allows Our Church To Do The Work Of Ministry

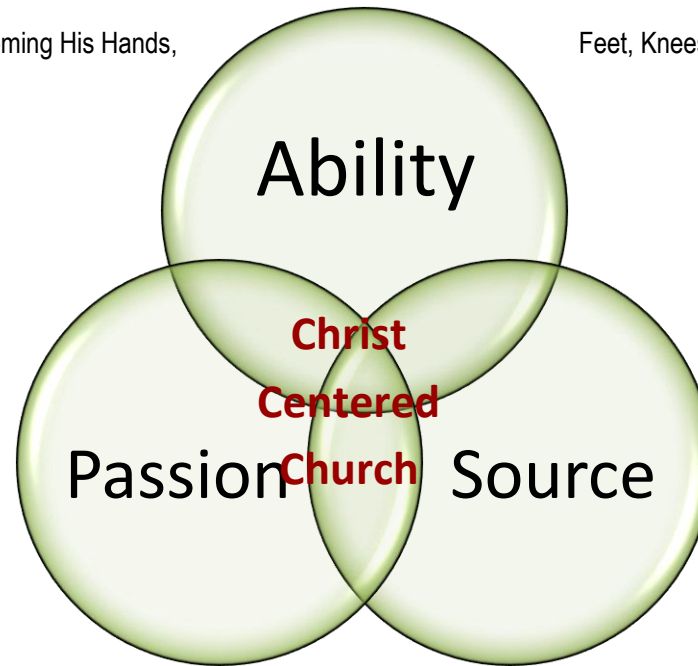
Our Greatest Passion

Is To See People **Changed** And **Serving Together** According To Their Natural Talents And Spiritual Gifts, Living A **Christ-Centered Life**

Our Greatest Ability

Is That We Are **Able To Act** For Christ, Becoming His Hands,
Together As His **Family**

Feet, Knees, Eyes, Ears, Heart, And Mind As We Do His **Work,**





The Church Is God's Glorious Best

The Church, properly functioning together in love, is the best representation of God on earth.

Eph 5:25 – 27 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. There are two major actions that this scriptures tells us. Jesus sanctifies and cleanses his church in order to present His church. That action is accomplished through the performance (the preaching and response) of His word

The Glorious Church **Gathers Together**

Gathering is the primary means of facilitating most of the functions of the church. Gathering is the one natural mechanism which enables common sharing of the faith, expressions of worship and devotion and action. A church, properly gathered together in love, represents the kingdom of God on earth. In such gathering, God Himself, promises to be present in the assembly of believers. God takes the lonely and isolated and He puts them in families. He makes His families like a flock.

The Glorious Church **Gleans Together**

Gleaning is an agricultural term. It is the process separating the healthy fruit or kernels from the stems. Gleaning can be compared to picking what is valuable from the invaluable. Farmers glean or pick fruit from a vine. Learning together, whether formally or informally, organically or systematically, provides an increasing base of gleaning information, knowledge, and wisdom. This deepens and enhances the effectiveness of the church and individual Christians. Learning is most effective, lively and joy-filled when shared. Private and personal study enhances and expands the joint-learning experience. Everyone can learn and contribute something to the success of the whole church. Line upon line, the bible says, we learn. A little bit and a little bit make a "big bit". A brick near the bottom of a church is the same size and nature as the brick at the top of the steeple. People may occupy different positions, and have different duties or responsibilities. Both are important. If they are missing, they leave a void. Sharing lives and experiences actually multiplies learning. It provides reinforcement of values, discourages error and sin, and strengthens the believer and the church for life. Over time, the collective learning can be transferred and taught to subsequent generations.

Glorious Church **Grows Together**

The goal of growing together is to mature into a Christ-like, Christ-centered life. It takes time, wisdom, application and the enduring desire to live life in an ever maturing way. We are always being encouraged by God to be "fit in", "knit in", "built up", and formed into a functioning house. Each member should endeavor to cooperate in what the Bible calls the "Spirit of unity and the bond of peace."

The Glorious Church **Goes Together**

Jesus said "Go". The church is not a static body of persons. God is not merely interested in adoration and worship of Himself. He is active. He is concerned. He is involved. Whether sent to preach or teach, comfort or heal, lead or guide, show mercy, compassion and grace, a Christian is at his or her best when he goes together with others. The most notable and visible figureheads or leaders are merely servants and examples of an entire body of moving individuals.

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To Be A **L.E.A.D.** Church

WE ENVISION A CHURCH, AS A LIGHTHOUSE, THAT WOULD BRING THE LIGHT AND LOVE OF CHRIST TO OUR REGION AND THE WORLD. WE ENVISION A CHURCH OF BIBLICAL COMMUNITY WHO VALUES THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR CHURCH AND PERSONAL LIFE. WE VALUE INSTRUCTION, WORSHIP, AND ACTION, JOINING TOGETHER IN COMMON LIFE-GIVING FELLOWSHIP, SINCERE LOVE AND SPIRIT-LED CHRISTIANITY. WE ARE CALLED TO LEAD THE WAY FOR OTHERS.

A **Lamp** Church / To Light the World / To Love God/ To Love One Another

L LIGHT THE WORLD: WE WANT TO BE A **LIGHT HOUSE**, SHOWING THE WAY, BRINGING LIFE DISPELLING DARKNESS

An **Equipping** Church / To Educate, Outfit, & Mature the Church for Ministry

E EQUIP MEMBERS: WE WANT TO BE A **SCHOOL HOUSE**, A PLACE OF RESTORATION AND EDUCATION

an **Apostolic** Church / to be Ambassadors of Christ To All the World

A AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: WE WANT TO BE AN **APOSTOLIC HOUSE**, A CHURCH ON A MISSION, SENT TO OUR REGION WITH PURPOSE, MESSENGERS OF HIS GOSPEL, HERALDS OF HIS GOOD NEWS

A **Doer** Church / Not Merely Hearer / Demonstrate The Gospel / To Deliver People

D DOERS OF THE WORD: WE WANT TO BE A **POWER HOUSE**, A PLACE OF DEMONSTRATION AND ACTION