



Motivation to Become a Disciple-Maker

By Joe Funderburk, Senior Pastor

Many churches today have a statement hanging in the hallway or written in the worship guide that attempts to spell out the mission of the church. Countless hours and conversations have gone into developing those statements and crafting just the right language to use in communicating to the people of the organization. Many of you have these statements at work as well, and the truth is that they are necessary. We have our statement articulated clearly on the front of our worship guide on Sunday morning. When it comes to God's church whatever mission statement is worked out should boil down to the clear command to go and make disciples. I would argue that any statement that works around that idea misses the point of God's intent for the church. One thing I continue to learn, however, is that having a mission statement and having the motivation to carry it out are two different mountains to climb. Any organization can climb the first mountain and still find itself a long way from accomplishing the mission. The harder mountain to climb is the steep, arduous road toward corporate and individual motivation for the mission.

If a mission is to become more than just a statement on a piece of paper there has to be a desire on the part of individuals, who make up the corporate body, to achieve the mission. This is where the question of motivation comes in. Over the years I have seen church folks motivated to do lots of things, and many of those are good things. But when you start talking in terms of sharing the gospel and intentionally making mature disciples of immature believers the conversation tends to stall. Teaching a lesson, involvement in a committee, meeting regularly for bible study, volunteering for a ministry, or simply coming to worship or an event all requires a certain level of motivation. But intentional discipleship is a different type of commitment that requires a deeper level of motivation. It requires a sacrifice that goes beyond comfortable and moves us in directions and in relationships that will be challenging. If a deep and godly motivation is not present most of us will have no desire to go to that level, much less maintain a life devoted to it.

So let me finish with some insight into the motivation needed for the mission. To fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ we all need to be motivated in two directions. First, there must be an inward motivation. This inward motivation only comes with a sustained pursuit of and fellowship with Jesus Christ on a daily basis. Statistics tell us that most people in the church are struggling mightily at this point. The second direction is outwardly. We must discover the motivation to move beyond ourselves and take the gospel into the lives of others. Fewer still within the church are approaching this in consistent or meaningful ways. But one secret I have found is that if we set our hearts to pursuing both motivations they will build each other up in our lives. Our fellowship with Jesus takes on greater joy and depth when we set our minds to lead others to Christ and disciple them. This makes sense because we are communicating to Him that we care about what He cares about. Conversely, our need for fellowship with Jesus is heightened when we begin discipling others because we discover more and more how much we need Him. I challenge you to consider pursuing both the inward and outward motivations of the mission and if you will do that I promise that your relationship with Jesus will become much more meaningful and joyful in the process. You will also be able to say that the Lord's mission is not just something on a piece of paper but is becoming a living reality in your life.



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TRANSFORMATION IS THE TURNING POINT BY KELLY JACKSON

Discipleship is a word readily used in the church but what is it, exactly? Simply put by Matthew 4:19, Jesus says, "Come, follow me (follow Jesus), and I will make you (you will be transformed), fishers of men (to reach other people for the cause of Christ)." Follow Jesus and you will be transformed to reach others for Jesus.

As church-goers, we may believe that following Jesus is a given – however when is the last time God has truly transformed you? When is the last time you have sacrificially given up a self-centered behavior for a God-centered behavior? When is the last time you have been broken, convicted, and ready to leave old patterns behind in response of Jesus sacrifice on the cross? By taking ourselves off the throne and putting Jesus as Lord (master, boss, King) back on the throne we rightly honor his death and resurrection. It's not about us- it's about Jesus. That transformation in our lives is magnetic to those around us. People notice, God is glorified and your life reflects His power.

One step towards transformation is through accountability.

Letting someone into the deepest areas of our heart and mind feels very exposing. It is through that transparency that we allow others to see our flaws, idols, bad habits and welcome their exhortation. By the Holy Spirit's leading, God uses that person to surgically remove the sin imbedded in our hearts, so that God can rule and reign in that area of our life. We all have blind spots, we all have sin, we all need transformation. No matter how long we have been Christians, transformation is a constant factor in or walk with God, for our entire lives. We never 'arrive' and have nothing left for God to change in us.

What holds you back to being transparent with those you are in a discipleship relationship with? Have you ever asked someone close to you, "what do you see in me that is not honoring Christ"? Do you have true accountability with those in your core group or circle group? What habit, behavior or idol are you putting before Christ? What are you waiting for?

If you are currently not in a discipleship relationship and would like to be in one, contact Kelly Jackson (kelly@nallave.org)

JOY LUNCHEON



Monthly senior potluck, meets every 2nd Thursday. Our next one is Thursday, November 14. Everyone is welcome, bring your friends and family. Bring your favorite potluck dish or pay \$4 at the door. Fellowship starts at 11:30 am. Guest will be the MoKan Reunion Band, a Good Ole Hootenanny 2.

Welcome New Members

Ryan & Kayla Felix, children, Reagan, Benjamin, Thatcher and Adira. October 6, 2019



Deepest Sympathies

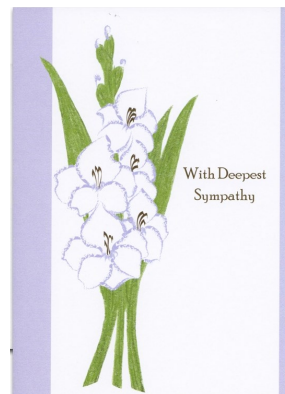
We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of;

Shirley John, longtime member

Dorothy Trentman, mother of John & Mary Adams daughter-in-law

Ron Brunsvold, father to Robert Brunsvold

Andrea Ryan, Katie Shonkwiler's sister in law



Wednesday's Dinner Menu

Nov.6- Chili, hot dogs and brats, onion rings, coleslaw

Nov. 13- Adobo pork, Mexican cheesy corn, guacamole and chips

Nov. 20- Lemon dill salmon, baked potato, asparagus, green peas, and dill sauce

Nov. 27- No Dinner or Activities

Dec. 4- Tuscan chicken, Fettuccine, squash medley and steamed broccoli

"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH" PROV 29:18 BY MARK MILLER, MINISTER OF WORSHIP

Every ministry must have a proper biblical vision if they are to be 'Used by God'. Despite what some may think, the worship ministry is no different and, like any group, will dissolve when void of mission or vision. So, it begs the question, "What is the purpose of the worship ministry?" I'm glad you asked. Within the past twenty months of my time here at NABC, the worship team has developed a mission statement that says,



These words were intentionally chosen in efforts to best represent the several aspects of this one sentence; our targeted goal, the means of achieving that goal, and the overall purpose for reaching that goal. Though I could delve further into the many facets of this statement let me briefly address one.

To say that we 'aim' for something inevitable means that we have a 'target'. Let me state, however, that our 'bullseye' is not playing the congregation's favorite songs, though we do hope our song selection consists of your favorites. I do enjoy it when I find out your top songs and the reasons they are your favorites. Also, we do not exist to showcase the talents of our church members, though we desire to use the abilities that God has placed in our congregation to achieve the mission.

For some of you, there is a place of service for you on the team to use your talents... I'm just waiting for you to step forward. Rather, our 'split-the-arrow-center' of our target is to worship God through authentic personal praise and faithful servant-leadership at NABC. My hope is that when you look to the platform during our services may you see passionate disciples of Christ worshipping Him and exhorting you to do the same.

Upcoming Events

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| Middle School Guys Hangout | Nov 1 |
| Men's Breakfast | Nov 4 |
| MOPS | Nov 7 |
| Youth Murder Mystery | Nov 9 |
| Youth Lunch After church | Nov 10 |
| AHG & TL | Nov 11 |
| Deacons Meeting | Nov 12 |
| Awana Super Hero Night | Nov 13 |
| MOMSnext | Nov 14 |
| Joy Luncheon | Nov 14 |
| Middle School Guys Hangout | Nov 15 |
| Business Meeting Luncheon | Nov 17 |
| Awana Twin night | Nov 19 |
| MOPS | Nov 21 |
| No Wednesday Activities | Nov 27 |
| Thanksgiving Breakfast | Nov 28 |
| Offices Closed | Nov 28 |

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

On Saturday, November 16th from 8:00 to 4:00

Lenexa Baptist Church is hosting Disaster Relief training

This training is free and available to anyone in the area that is willing to be trained and committed to respond to disaster as their schedule allows.

Lunch will be provided from 11:30 to 12:30

Basic Disaster Relief training: 8:00 to 4:00

Chainsaw and Flood Relief: 12:30 to 4:00

Trailer Towing: 12:30 to 4:00

To Register: lenexabaptist.com/disaster-relief-training

