

## GOSPEL UNITY

Philippians 1.27, 2:1-4

### GOSPEL UNITY IS TOUGH

Philippians 1.27

**We are to live worthy of the Gospel, locking arms with one another, acting like who we already are... Citizens of the Kingdom of God!**

Titus 2:11-24 // 1 Corinthians 15:58 // Galatians 5:1 // Hebrews 12:28

### GOSPEL UNITY IS ENCOURAGING

Philippians 2:1

Paul reminds the church of four JOY-FILLED blessings of being in a unified Christian community....

- **Encouragement**
  - Are you encouraged by being "In Christ?"
- **Comfort from His love**
  - Have you ever received comfort from His unconditional agape love?
- **Participation in the Spirit**
  - Participation is a Fellowship, a Koinonia; it's Communion with the Holy Spirit.
  - Have you been blessed by being in a Church community?
- **Affection and Sympathy** (Tenderness and compassion)
  - After confessing sin, have you been shown compassion, or grace beyond what you deserve from someone here?

Acts 2:42

### GOSPEL UNITY IS TENDER

Philippians 2:2-4

**If you're currently not unified with a local church....**

- Why not? How long have you put off being truly known in Church community?
- How long have you been making excuses? Really, think about it. Take a second. How much time has gone by? What changes will need to take place in your life to join in the mission with the Body of Christ?

**"The church lies at the very center of the eternal purpose of God. It is not a divine afterthought. It is not an accident of history. On the contrary, the church is God's new community."**

- John Stott

1 John 3:16

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

#### **Colossians 2:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

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. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** 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 forge 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** is 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](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)

### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv).



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, ask if anyone is able to recite the memory verse.

Read **Philippians 1:27** and **2:1-4**. What stood out to you the most in these passages or from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

In these passages, Paul tells us to be of the same mind, of one mind, and in full accord. Explain in your own words what you think he means? Read **1 Corinthians 1:10**, **Colossians 3:13-14** and **Galatians 3:28**. \_\_\_\_\_

Before moving to the next question, discuss with your Community Group how you can be more unified as a group. \_\_\_\_\_

Most would agree it's okay within the church to have individual preferences when it comes to dress, music, sports teams, and food. But what about more serious or divisive issues? Work? Politics? Theology? Work-life balance? Language? What are some gray areas that have real potential to cause division within churches or which *have* caused divisions in churches you have been a part of? What should our response be? Read **1 Peter 3:8**, **Psalms 133:1**, **Romans 12:1**. \_\_\_\_\_

How do we go about becoming more unified as a church? Can we simply work hard to get along? Who joins us together in unity? Read **1 Peter 3:8**, **Ephesians 4:16**, **Romans 6:5**, and **John 17:23**. \_\_\_\_\_

How have you been pursuing unity in the Church through Christ? Are you actively seeking to not just avoid disputes, but to join in unity with other believers for the advancement of the gospel through the church? \_\_\_\_\_

Using the P.R.A.Y. model, spend time preaching the gospel to yourself, and asking the Lord to reveal practices, feelings, attitudes, or actions that may be interfering in you fully enjoying God's gift of unity within the church. Ask for a heart that desires unity within the church so the gospel can be advanced.



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,  
Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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## SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Life Mission Church Meets at Classical Academy High School  
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