

the Connection

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WHAT IS THE MISSION OF MISSIONS?

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Many churches in recent years are self-described as missional. It is not uncommon today for churches to have *mission* statements. And, of course, most churches support the work of missionaries. But what does *mission* mean? We're definitely in favour of it, but what exactly is it?

Some people define missions as evangelism. It is the act of sharing the gospel. In this sense, all Christians are missionaries because we are all called to proclaim the gospel (Mark 16:15). Others define missions even more broadly. Almost any good deed is described as missions. Is mission work feeding the hungry and caring for the sick? What about social justice, improving literacy, digging wells, or planting trees? If everything is missions, then nothing is!

Fortunately, the Bible directs the church in its missions involvement. Of course, there are a thousand good things that individual Christians can do to love their neighbour, but the New Testament church has a unique calling by God revealed in the Scriptures. With a limited amount of time, resources, and people, what should the church prioritize?

This Sunday we will explore a biblical model of missions and how the local church is involved. We will observe a local church sending out missionaries (Acts 13:1-3) and what they were sent to do (Acts 14:21-28). We will also hear Christ's command to spread the gospel and see how the early church obeyed His command. We want God's Word to shape our priorities as we send missionaries and partner with gospel workers for the glory of God.



**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
SERVICE 9:30 OR 11 AM**

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. Services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

Due to restrictions, nurseries are unavailable at this time, but classes are available for ages 2-3 for each service.

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- CALL TO WORSHIP
- "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE"
- PRAYER
- "NEAR THE CROSS"
- "I LOVE YOU, LORD"
- EPHESIANS 2:1-13
- "FACING A TASK UNFINISHED"
- MESSAGE: "A BIBLICAL MODEL OF MISSIONS" ACTS 14:21-28
- PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE"

Sunday Adult Fellowship Groups Available:

9:30 AM

Pastor Jerry
Sandi Stephens

Church History: Forerunners of the Faith (Room 207)
Ladies' Class: Matthew Presents Christ, the Son of
the Living God (Room 312)

11:00 AM

Will Breckenridge

Young Couples' Fellowship Group (Room 207)
(for married couples in their 20s-30s)

Manuele Russo

The Epistles of John (Room 312)

Bob Cook

Acts: The Birth of the Church (Room 306)

Jeff McConnell

College & Career Group (Room 221)

Teen Fellowship Group 11 am:

Anthony Neumann (Room 308)

Sunday School Classes for Children 11 am:

Ages 4-5 Room 209

Grades 1-2 Room 212

Grades 3-4 Room 211

Grades 5-6 Room 309

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR ACTS 14:21-28

1. What is the Great Commission? (Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)
2. What strategy does Jesus give for reaching the world? (Acts 1:8)
3. What activities are involved in missionary work? (Acts 14:21-28)
4. Is missions equivalent to evangelism or even humanitarian efforts, or should it be more narrowly defined?
5. What is the role of the local church in missions? (Acts 13:1-3; Phil 4:10-20; 3 John 5-8)
6. Why is missions so important? (John 4:23; Rom 15:9; Rev 7:9-10)
7. How can you get more involved in missions?



Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

On Sunday evening we will watch a video presentation and Zoom interview with Jeremie Roy, missionary to the Dominican Republic.



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NEXT SUNDAY

Don't miss our Thanksgiving Service Sunday, October 11th! We will have two services at 9:30 & 11 am. These services will simultaneously be broadcast in the gymnasium (no singing) or available to you at home. All children's classes and adult fellowship groups are cancelled for the day, including the evening service. The service will include scripture reading, singing and observing the Lord's Supper.

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"AS THE
FATHER HAS
SENT ME, I
ALSO SEND
YOU."

JOHN 20:21



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Block Course: Church History October 5-10



This class traces the history of the present Baptist movement back to 17th century England, examining the three primary theories of Baptist history and tracing the spread of Baptist teaching throughout England, North America and the world.

- Professor: Dr. Michael Miller, Pastor of Foundation Baptist in Calgary
- Audit or credit
- In-Person or Zoom