

- **What is the church to \*BE\* and \*DO\*?**
- Who are we? A Church is an assembly of baptized believers joined together by a covenant of discipline & witness who meet together regularly under the preaching of the Word of God. *[CFBC catechism Question 112]*

*John Wesley, the great evangelist & preacher during the 18th c. said: The Bible knows nothing of solitary [individualistic] religion!”*

- **At CFBC, we are INTENTIONALLY & TIRELESSLY focused upon:**
  - people // not programs
  - spiritual growth // not numerical growth
  - edification // not entertainment
  - men LEADING // not men abdicating
  - pleasing GOD // not pleasing MEN
  - being HOLY // not being HIP
  - discipleship // not decisions
  - proclaiming Truth // not chasing Trends
  - Preach the Word! // not pleasing the world!

**→CFBC’S MISSION: we exist to glorify God by preaching the Word, evangelizing the lost, discipling the saved, and obeying Jesus Christ — all by the power of the Spirit.**

CFBC exists...

### 1. **TO GLORIFY GOD!** (2 Tim 4.18!)

Glorifying God includes 4 realities:

1. appreciation — God-Centered thoughts
2. adoration — God-worthy thoughts
3. affection — viewing God as all-satisfying & God-loving thoughts
4. subjection — God-obeying living; obeying the Lord.

### 2. **BY PREACHING THE WORD!** (2 Tim 4.2)

1. We are tirelessly committed to preaching:
  1. Expositionally
  2. Biblically
  3. Theologically
  4. Evangelistically
  5. Purposefully
  6. Edifyingly
  7. Powerfully
  8. Prayerfully
  9. Engagingly
  10. Christ-exaltingly

### 3. **BY EVANGELIZING THE LOST!** (2 Tim 4.5; 2.10, 24-26)

1. Oswald Smith surely spoke accurately when he lamented: *Oh, my friends, we are loaded down with countless Church activities, while the real work of the Church, that of evangelizing the world and winning the lost, is almost entirely neglected.*

#### **evangelism is: communicating the message of the good news!**

*It includes 2 elements of: communication + good news!*

1. We follow Christ (Mark 1:17)
2. We fish for Men
3. We expect a Catch
4. We trust our God

We are and must be **urgent** because of the nearness of death, the finality of judgment, the compassion for people, the imitation of Christ, and the sweet delightfulness of Jesus Christ.

### 4. **BY DISCIPLING THE SAVED!** (2 Tim 2.2; 2.14-15; 1.5, 8)

**2 Timothy 3:16-4:5 — “Our Mission: Why We Do What We Do!”**

1. Discipleship is the progressive journey of growing in Christlikeness until every believer is presented completely mature in Christ.
2. Discipleship is ONE believer helping ANOTHER believer follow Jesus.
  1. to be a disciple is to be a follower of Christ
  2. It demands that one must first follow Christ
  3. Then he helps others follow Christ
  4. Consider practical implementations: call, email, text, word of encouragement, card, conversation.
  5. 55 members in a membership commitment/agreement — affirmation of obeying God with the “One Another’s” in the church.

**5. OBEYING JESUS CHRIST! (2 Tim 2.19-22; 2.22; 3.16-17; 4.6-8)**

- TO OBEY JESUS CHRIST means we love Christ & want to \*serve\* and \*please\* him (2 Cor 5.15) as we obey him...
  1. obey with zeal
  2. obey with power
  3. obey with joy
  4. obey with humility
  5. obey with repentance
  6. obey with sacrifice
  7. obey with the saints

➡ **All by the power of the Spirit!** (2 Tim 1.14; cf. 2 Tim 1.7, 8b; 2:1; 4.22 - Lord is with you!)

**Spurgeon poetically sums it up well:**

Some go to church to take a walk; some go there to laugh and talk.  
 Some go there to meet a friend; some go there their time to spend.  
 Some go there to meet a lover; some go there a fault to cover.  
 Some go there for speculation; some go there for observation.  
 Some go there to doze and nod; the wise gather **to worship God!**

## I LOVE THY CHURCH, O GOD

*Tune: Rise Up, O Men Of God!*

I love Thy church, O God;  
Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The place of Thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.

Sure as Thy truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield,  
And brighter bliss of Heav'n.

For her my tears shall fall;  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
Till toils and cares shall end.

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion  
And You reign, You reign over all.*

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

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I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

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