

# LIVING GOD'S MISSION

February 2025

## Action Plan

LIVING THE REIGN OF CHRIST



LIVING TO BLESS THE WORLD

LIVING THE KING'S HOSPITALITY



LIVING FOR THE HARVEST

Developing Lifestyles of a Church of Christ on Mission



## *A Letter from Our Shepherds*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a privilege to worship and serve with the church of Christ at Jenks Avenue! As elders, we often thank our God for the blessing of serving such a remarkable group of Christians. It seems that no matter the circumstances, our congregation is up to the challenge, with the Lord's help.

At the beginning of 2025 we want to focus our church attention toward fulfilling Jesus's Great Commission—To "Go Make Disciples." This commission is an invitation for us to join our Eternal God on His mission to the world. It is not just a job or activity to add to our "to-do" list. It is an incredible invitation to develop lifestyles of a people on mission.

For four weeks we are going to practice, as a spiritual family, developing lifestyles of a "Church of Christ on Mission"—**LIVING GOD'S MISSION**. We will identify ways to be the Kingdom of God by making conscientious efforts to grow individually and to "spur one another on toward love and good works" in the process.

**For four weeks in February, we will challenge each other with simple and specific goals to develop good mission-focused habits.**

**Week 1** we will practice LIVING THE REIGN OF CHRIST.

**Week 2** we will practice LIVING TO BLESS THE WORLD.

**Week 3** we will practice LIVING THE KING'S HOSPITALITY.

**Week 4** we will practice LIVING FOR THE HARVEST.

**The basic idea and approach is to grow in each specific area by making practical application of some specific actions throughout the week.** The elders and ministers have accepted the challenge to try to grow our own "Mission Living" skills. We invite you to join us. Our prayer is that every member will grow with us! Are you up to the challenge?

From your elders with love and thanksgiving,



**DEVELOPING LIFESTYLES OF A CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION**

Week One

# LIVING THE REIGN OF CHRIST

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February 2-8

## DEVELOPING LIFESTYLES OF A CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION

**Purpose:** Before our Mission begins, we must commit to the absolute reign of our King, Jesus. His authority and purposes extend, not just within the church, but over all creation.

### Daily Activities:

- 1. Bring your lunch to the FAC on **Monday**, **Wednesday** and/or **Friday** for fellowship and discussion. (come and go: 11am-1pm)
- 2. Discuss with someone: “What have I seen or experienced this week that would be different if Jesus was in charge?”
- 3. Discuss with someone: “What have I seen or experienced this week where it was obvious that Jesus’s will was considered?”

**Monday** [Matthew 28:18-20] - Journal about why Jesus established his authority before giving the great commission.

**Tuesday** [Revelation 5:6-14] - If you were in the throne room in that moment and you had to come up with something to sing—write the lyrics to the first verse?

**Wednesday** [Matthew 6:10] - If you had sole responsibility for answering Jesus’ prayer, what would be your first three actions?



**Thursday** [Romans 12:2] - What is one daily habit you can commit to that will direct your thinking in the direction of being transformed to thinking God's will?

**Friday** [Romans 12:1] - In what areas of your daily life do you struggle to consider what Jesus would do in your situation? What can you change to let Jesus rule those areas?

**Saturday** Specifically, how would Bay County be different if Jesus was in charge? This month we will be working on developing the kinds of lifestyles that bring the reign of Jesus into Bay County.

Week Two

# LIVING TO BLESS THE WORLD

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February 9-15

## DEVELOPING LIFESTYLES OF A CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION

**Purpose:** To develop daily routines of helping people in need. Healing and helping people was a part of Jesus's regular ministry. When people experience Christians serving—they see Jesus more clearly.

### Activities:

- 1. Bring your lunch to the FAC on **Monday, Wednesday** for fellowship and discussion. (come and go: 11am-1pm)
- 2. Complete as many Bless Bay County scavenger hunt items as possible.
- 3. Come up with additional ways to bless people in small ways and drop ideas in a box in the foyer.

**Monday** [Mark 10:46-52] - Why did Jesus's disciples rebuke Bartimaeus? What was Jesus's attitude toward him? What did Jesus require from him?

**Tuesday** [Mark 5:24-34] - What was Jesus's attitude toward the bleeding lady? What did Jesus require from her? What did the disciples learn?

**Wednesday** [Luke 10:17] - How would you feel if you could heal people and cast out demons? What is the first thing you would do?



**Thursday** [Acts 3:1-10] - With the crippled beggar, what caught Peter and John's attention? What did they require of him? What was his response? Why did he respond that way?

**Friday** - What were the 5 most fun ways you served others this week?

**Saturday** - Who is someone you have encountered recently that you would want to invite over to your house for a meal?

Week Three

# LIVING THE KING'S HOSPITALITY

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February 16-22

## DEVELOPING LIFESTYLES OF A CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION

**Purpose:** To develop habits of making outsiders insiders.

### Activities:

- 1. Bring your lunch to the FAC on **Tuesday, Thursday** for fellowship and discussion. (come and go: 11am-1pm)
- 2. Share a meal in your home with someone who is not a member of Jenks Ave.
- 3. Share a meal in your home with someone who is a member of Jenks Ave. (Bonus: you can do 2. and 3. together)

**Monday** [Mark 2:13-17] - What kind of people did Jesus eat with? Why? What did religious people say about Jesus? Why?

**Tuesday** [Luke 10:5-9] - Where did Jesus send his disciples to make outsiders insiders? How were they to behave in other people's homes?

**Wednesday** [Luke 14:15-24] - Who came to the man's banquet? What does this tell us about God? What does this tell us about how we ought to be?



**Thursday** [Acts 2:42-47] - How often did the early church show hospitality? What impact did that have on their mission?

**Friday** [Matthew 6:19-21] - Why do we treasure the things that we invest in? How can we invest in the people God values? What impact would that have on us? What impact would that have on our mission?

**Saturday** - Spend some time in prayer today specifically naming and praying for lost people you know who do not know or follow King Jesus.



# LIVING FOR THE HARVEST

February 23-28

## DEVELOPING LIFESTYLES OF A CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION

**Purpose:** To develop habits of continually looking for people who are receptive to Jesus.

### Optional Activities:

- 1. Have at least one spiritual conversation with a non-member every day this week.
- 2. Bring your lunch to the FAC on **Monday, Wednesday** and/or **Friday** for fellowship and discussion. (come and go: 11am-1pm)
- 3. Bring a friend to lunch with you in the FAC. (Bring lunch )
- 4. Begin a Bible study with someone.

**Monday** [Jonah 1:1-3] - Who are people you regularly encounter that you would not expect to respond to Christ? What might turn their hearts toward King Jesus?

**Tuesday** - What percentage of a farmer's life would you say he thinks about the physical harvest? What percentage do you think about a spiritual harvest? How can you improve the percentage?

**Wednesday** [John 5:6, Acts 22:16] - Who could you ask to take the next step? When will you ask them

Examples: Are you interested in coming to church with me? Are you interested in studying the Bible? Have you ever thought about getting baptized?

**Thursday** - How do you imagine the judgement will look? Whose faces do you imagine in your picture?



**Friday** - Add to your list of lost people to pray for. Spend some time imagining how you might talk to them about Jesus or invite them into the reign of Christ.

**Saturday** - What are five habits you have gained from this month that you plan to continue moving forward?

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### **Spiritual Conversation Starters**

#### **Simple question suggestions to start spiritual conversations.**

1. What can I pray about for you today?
2. What do you think God is doing about all the pain in the world?
3. Where will you be when you get where you are going?
4. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "*I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" (Jn. 14:6)?
5. What do you think Jesus wants for us? His church? Your family?
6. What would a church look like who represented Jesus?
7. What do you think about Jesus?

### **Three simple options for personal Bible studies**

1. *Riches of His Grace* Bible study (Yellow Book).
2. God's Perfect Plan for Our Salvation cards
3. Read a gospel asking, "What does this chapter teach about Jesus?"

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**“Go make disciples...” – Jesus**



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