

THE OUTLET: YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

OUTLINE OF PURPOSE AND IDENTITY

MOTTO:

Plug in and let go!

MISSION STATEMENT:

A ministry to shelter, cultivate, and recharge the young and forgotten through Christ and Godly Community.

VISION STATEMENT:

To build a strong, Christ-centered community where young believers can walk through life and grow towards God together. Building a foundation for our Faith that will keep us steady through everything that this life might throw at us.

POWER VERSE:

1 Timothy 4:6-16

AGE GROUP:

18-30+

We truly believe that this age group is the most underreached group in our country today. You can go into any church and find a Men's/Women's class and a Youth group, but there is a huge gap between those age groups, and there is a ton of young adults that fall through that gap; leaving the church and even the faith altogether. It is the goal of our ministry to close this gap and provide a place in our Church and community for this age group to call home. We want to equip those young adults with everything they will need to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth no matter what role God may have for them in that mission.

SERVICE TIME:

Wednesdays: 7:00PM-8:15PM

LEADERSHIP:

Tommy and Ashlyn Kay

CORE VALUES:

- **THE GOSPEL (Romans 1:16-17; Ephesians 2:1-10; Romans 10:9-17)**

Never forget that we are sinners save by Grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone

We believe that the Gospel is at the center of everything we do as believers. This is the greatest news that we will ever hear:

We have all sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard. In doing so we have all died spiritually and are deserving of the wrath and judgement of the one who created us. But God, in His grace and mercy sent His one and only Son to die on the cross on our behalf. Taking the punishment that we deserved on Himself so that we who believe in His name might be counted righteous by Him placing His righteousness on us. He was buried carrying our sin and shame, and three days later he rose from the dead and conquered all sin and death. Now we can be made alive spiritually through the same spirit that raised His body from the grave. Through His death, burial and resurrection God has graciously extended salvation to the world, and we can accept that salvation through our faith alone in the finished work of His son, not through our own good works.

This message is one that should sustain us through our entire lives. Romans says that this Gospel message is "*the power of God for salvation for all who believe*", and this is not something we accept and then move on to bigger and better things. Now that we have this wonderful gift, we are supposed to take it to the rest of the world. Our lives, and this ministry, will revolve around the Gospel, and leading people to Christ so that they too might call on him and be saved as well!

- **DISCIPLESHIP (Matthew 28:19-21; Luke 9:23-27)**

I am a disciple making disciples

We believe that discipleship is one of the most important aspects of the Christian life. We should all be a disciple in the sense that we are always looking to learn and grow in our faith. We do not reach some milestone as Christians where we no longer need to be disciplined. However, this is not where it should stop. Everyone wants someone to mentor and disciple them, but very few people are actually willing to step up and disciple others. Even though this was Jesus' last command to His disciples when he ascended into Heaven. We are called to go and make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to follow the commandments of Jesus. Our mission as a group is to disciple everyone who walks through those doors and lead them to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, by teaching them and showing them what it means to deny ourselves take up our cross and follow Him. So that they may be equipped to go out and make disciples themselves! That is how the kingdom is going to advance to the ends of the earth.

- **AUTHENTICITY (Hebrews 10:23-25; James 5:13-20)**

Real people, real lives, real change, real God

We believe that authenticity is the key component to building a true Christ-centered community. It is so easy to walk into church and to put on a brave face so that everyone around you does not know what is going on in your life, but this is not how we were meant to walk as believers. We are supposed to encourage one another, enjoy spending time together, to help bear each other's burdens, and to constantly pray for one another. For any of these things to happen we need to be

real with one another. We should be careful who we let into our inner circle, but we should not be afraid of letting brothers and sisters in Christ, who genuinely care about us, into our lives. That is something that is a good and beautiful. So, in this group we will strive to be real with each other and share our lives with the people in our class. We will strive to encourage others and push them in their walk with Christ. Praying for everyone in the good and bad times! This is something that every believer wants and needs, and we are going to build our community up so that people can walk into our class and find real people, living real lives, seeking real change from a real God. I believe that if we do that, we will find that people will build real relationships with one another in our community that will last a lifetime.

- **WISDOM (Colossians 1:9-10; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)**

Always seeking to know and apply what is biblical and true

We believe that wisdom is something that is extremely important when it comes to navigating the things of this world. Especially in the age of information that we are in. We are constantly being slammed with information and misinformation, and with each passing day it is getting harder to know which is which. Therefore, in our group we are going to learn to think biblically about everything in our lives. In order to do this, we will devote ourselves to growing in knowledge of the scriptures. This is knowledge that we can use to strengthen our faith, correct areas where we are wrong, and then we can use this knowledge in our mission to lead people to Christ. Wisdom though is not just having knowledge. Wisdom means to have knowledge, and to apply that knowledge correctly to our lives. In doing this we will train ourselves in righteousness, and build ourselves a solid foundation while we are still young. This foundation will help us process and navigate through these crazy times that we live in, and to do it in a way that honors God.

- **LOVE (1 John 4:7-12; 1 Corinthians 13)**

Love all like Christ loved me

We believe that love has to be an essential character trait of every believer. This world is tearing itself apart day by day with people hating people that aren't like them more and more. In this society we as Christians should be standing out, but sadly if you look around, we do not appear to be doing a very good job of loving people. One side of the spectrum is cold and hateful. They may speak truth and stand for the right things, but, when they speak out on those things, they are arrogant, rude, and impatient with the people they are speaking too. Then on the other side of the spectrum we have people that say they love everyone and are accepting of everyone, but they have no idea what biblical love looks like. They think because they are "tolerant and accepting" they are loving people. In reality, they are overlooking people's sin and allowing them to believe that they are ok in doing whatever they want. These people may be kind and patient, but they are rejoicing in wrongdoing. We as a group will strive to not fall in either of these categories. We will show grace, kindness, and patience to everyone just like how God showed us when He sent His son to die on our behalf. We did not deserve that, but God still showed us love. So, we should do the same to others. Even if we feel that they do not deserve it. At the same time, we will speak the truth in Love, and realize that our love for God and His commandments are greater than our love for our fellow man. We will stand on the truth of the word, and, if needed, we will address sin issues with our brothers and sisters in a loving way so that they might repent and be reconciled.