



Complicating Simplicity

Often in life I find myself wanting to complicate simple things. Whether it's overthinking or overanalyzing I find myself making things much harder than they should be. Sometimes I think we are guilty of overcomplicating the ministry of the church. In Matthew 22:36-40 Jesus says the two basic commands of our lives are to simply love God and love people. Why do we exist as individuals? To love God and love people. What is our purpose as a church? To love God and love people.

While we know the commands of Christ, we sometimes overcomplicate them. We tend to think of big numbers, big programs, big activities and spend so much energy on them. Now don't get me wrong events and programs are good. We should want to see large numbers of people coming to Christ. However, are we guilty of putting the number, the title, the program, the accolades in front of our purpose to love God and love others? When is the last time you stopped to simply ask yourself, "Who have I loved this week? Who have I encouraged this week? Who have I invited to church this week?"

You see, ministry is often difficult, but it shouldn't be complex. It is simply us taking the time to pause from our hectic lives to love others in the name of Christ. However, you may be thinking, where do I start? I'm glad you asked! I would encourage you to look first at your life and your own personal sphere of influence for people you can intentionally invest in. After that, I would offer you three great opportunities in the life of our church for you to simply love others:

- Sunday mornings** – Did you realize each Sunday morning we have multiple first-time guests in our services? Did you know most of them will decide to return based on how they are welcomed? This Sunday make it a point to spend a few less minutes talking to your friends and intentionally seek to build a relationship with one of our guests.
- Friday Family Fellowships** - Every other Friday night we are meeting on our campus for simply a time of fellowship. These nights are great for building community across all generations, but we have found they are also an excellent outreach. Almost without fail, each time we have a new guest or someone from our community. Come to these nights to build relationships in our church better, but also to love our community.
- Spring Family Celebration** – On the night of May 23rd, we are inviting all of our Good News Club families, as well as our community, to come and enjoy a night of fellowship at our church. They will hear the gospel clearly from Pastor Brett, and then we will have food, inflatables, and games. It will be a great opportunity for us to simply love our community.

If you are not already, take advantage of these simple opportunities to love others. Your presence and your time goes a long way.

It's an honor to serve with you,
Pastor Nathan

Sunday's Worship Guide

The Gospel Of Luke: Good News For All People
They Just Don't Get It; Luke 9:37-62

- I. The Cross Gives Faith (37-45)
- II. The Cross Defines Greatness (46-48)
- III. The Cross Creates Unity (49-50)
- IV. The Cross Dictates Grace (51-56)
- V. The Cross Brings Clarity (57-62)

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 AM: Inside Service
Sunday School

10:30 AM: Inside Service
Sunday School

Sunday Evenings

4:00 PM: Choir Practice
6:00 PM: Adult Equipping Classes
Good News Club (Pre-school-5th grade)
Student Ministry (6th-12th grade)

Tuesdays

6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

Thursdays

10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, May 16

11:45 AM: Discover FBC
6:00 PM: Prayer Night

Wednesday, May 19

3:00 PM: Devotional at National Health Care

Sunday, May 23

Observance of the Lord's Supper
6:00 PM: Spring Family Night

Sunday, May 30:

No Evening Services

Saturday, June 5

8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast
10:30 AM: wMu

NIGHT OF PRAYER

Sunday, May 16: 6:00 PM

Spring Family Night

Sunday, May 23

6:00 PM



Join us for a cook-out, inflatables,
and evening of fun and fellowship.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning Sunday, June 6

10:30 AM; Room 201

Taught by: Danny Allen

Sunday Evening Schedule Through August 15

Date	Event
5/16	Prayer for Adults
5/23	Spring Celebration
5/30	Memorial Day (no evening services)
6/6	Fellowship Night
6/13	Prayer Walk for VBS
6/20	Father's Day (no evening services)
6/27	VBS Recovery (no evening services)
7/4	July 4 (no evening services)
July 11, 18, 25	Mini Semester
8/1	Mission Trip (no evening services)
8/8	Ocean Baptism
8/15	Fall Semester Begins

Outside Family Renovation Team

At our last business meeting the church approved putting together a team that would research and recommend renovations to our outside area.

That would include possibly a new playground, family area, and covered pavilion. The Administrative Council unanimously recommends the following to serve on that team.

Gale Foust, Cindy Gilbert, Vic Larsen, Simon Phillips, Mark Steelman

We will vote as a church to accept this team by closed ballot Sunday, May 23.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School: *The Incredible Race*

June 21-25: 6-8 PM

