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***Our Core Mission and Statement of Purpose***  
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## **Our Mission:**

We understand our mission is to . . . .

- **Exalt Jesus Christ** – “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.” John 12:32
- **Edify the Body of Christ** – “Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing” 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- **Encourage the Saints** – “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.” Romans 15:4
- **Evangelize the Lost** – “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

## **Our Purpose**

We the membership of this church, joyfully and prayerfully accept our Biblical responsibilities to maintain public worship services of our Lord (John 4:23-24), for instructing the saints in the Word of God (Matthew 28:19-20), for encouraging fellowship among the brethren (Acts 2:42, 44, 46; 1 John 1:3-7), for providing a place for our membership to serve the Lord (Galatians 6:9-10; 1 John 3:17-18); and for the proclamation of the Gospel of God’s grace, both in the United States and in foreign countries (Acts 1:8), recognizing our mission is the lost rather than simply being a gathering colony for the faithful.