

God has a purpose for Believers Church. It’s time to let our purpose shine!

Why is The Future So Bright I’ve Gotta Wear Shades?

We are part of a “Local Church” which is the _____ of the _____.

Matthew 16:18 / 1 Timothy 3:14-15

Jesus established the local church. Jesus died for the local church. The Holy Spirit empowers and dwells in the local church. And one day, Jesus will come for the local church referring to it with affectionate terms such as “The Bride of Christ.”

“This is God’s ultimate achievement -- a community, a center of warm, pulsating, effervescent, outreaching Christian love, a place with all of its components united in order to become a force in this world instead of a farce.” Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian

Our future is bright because we are part of God’s _____ Ephesians 3:10-11

The manifold wisdom of God going to be made known to all through you the church! *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Our future is bright because we are _____ and _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6 ...God has been making it grow. The early churches Growth Pattern. Acts 2:42-47

We Grow by Taking Spiritual Next Steps: Attend and Experience Jesus. / Place your Faith in Jesus as Your Savior. / Publicly Declare Your Salvation with Water Baptism. / Going through the Firm Foundations Course which covers Bible Study, Prayer, etc. Firm Foundations is on our web page @ <https://believersstatesboro.com/nextsteps/>

Next Step: This week I will assess my spiritual growth and take my necessary next steps.

We Grow by Taking Relational Next Steps. To know and be known, be needed and belong. (See the handout these notes were in)

Next Step: I will sign up and attend all four Next Step Events to grow and be healthy.

Today, I will be attending the Newcomers Social Next Step Event after the service.

Our future is bright because we Minister to _____ and _____.

We partner together with parents to raise Godly children.

**Our future is bright because we have a _____, _____,
and we understand our _____ as a church. (See Insert)**

Our future is bright as we _____ based on our Core Values.

We Choose to Believe. / We Choose to Be Spiritual Contributors Not Consumers. / We Choose to Live a Life of Generosity. / We Choose to Be Inward and Outward Focused. / We Choose to Do Life Together.

Next Step: I will continue to make choices based on the core values we hold together.

We will have a bright future as we Stand on the _____ of God. Psalms 84:11; Ps. 27:13-14

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. In your own words, why do you think Believers Church’s future is “So Bright I’ve Gotta Wear Shades”?
2. Why do we say the “The Local Church” is the Hope of the World? How does Jesus feel about his church?
3. According to Ephesians 3:10-11, how is this manifold wisdom of God going to be made known to all the principalities and powers in heavenly places?
4. Without looking at your notes, what is the Mission of Believers Church? Our Goals?
5. Do you agree that just like God has a mission for us, he also has a mission for Believers Church? What are the Five Purposes of Believers Church? Is one purpose more important than the other?
6. Why do we express our Core Values in “We Choose Statements”? Judging from the We Choose Statements, what are our Core Values of Believers Church?
7. What do we at Believers Church believe about families, children, and parenting?
8. Of all the reasons for a bright future, which one or ones resonate the most with you and fill your heart with joy and hope for the future? What role do you see yourself playing in the fulfillment of our future together?

Mission Statement:

To teach, encourage, and inspire Authentic Christianity to the people of Statesboro, Bulloch County, and Surrounding Areas.

The Five Purposes of the Church

Worship - Love the Lord Your God

Matt 22:37

Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the First and Greatest Commandment!”

Ministry - Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Matt 22:39

“And the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Evangelism - Make Disciples of All Nations

Matt 28:19a

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”

Fellowship - Baptizing Them

Matt 28:19b

“...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

Discipleship - Teach Them to Obey My Commands

Matt 28:20

“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Our Goals:

- To reach the unchurched of Statesboro and surrounding areas
- To proclaim the word of reconciliation
- To operate in power and purity
- To encourage and build up all people
- To help people discover their divine purpose and destiny
- To be a family of love, acceptance, and forgiveness

