

Deep Dive

“The Mission”

What Is My/Our Mission/Purpose? - T3 = C3

Our purpose at Main Street Baptist Church is to become completely committed Christ-followers who *enjoy*:

1. **Touching God** through expressing and demonstrating love to Him, to Christ-followers, & to the unbelieving (*worship*).
 - **Matt. 22:37-38:** “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*”³⁸*This is the first and greatest commandment.* ³⁹*And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Great Commandment)*
2. **Transforming lives** through connecting in small groups, growing together in unity, maturity & Christ-likeness, & reaching out to serve others (*fellowship, discipleship, & ministry*).
 - **Eph. 4:11-13:** “*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,* ¹²*to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up* ¹³*until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*” (Great Conquest)
3. **Taking risks** through relationally and compassionately sharing Jesus Christ locally, nationally, and internationally (*evangelism/missions*).
 - **Matt. 28:19-20:** “*...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰*and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*” (Great Commission)

What Is Our Methodology?

Our methodology can be understood through the sports analogy of a person moving from being a disinterested onlooker to becoming a full fledged supporter of the team:

1. **Spectator**
2. **Fan**
3. **Team member** (MS 101)
4. **Player** (MS 201)
5. **Captain** (MS 301)
6. **Coach** (MS 401)

How Do I Measure Success in Accomplishing The Mission?

1. By how well I’m **celebrating**.
2. By how well I’m **connecting**.
3. By how well I’m **contributing**.