



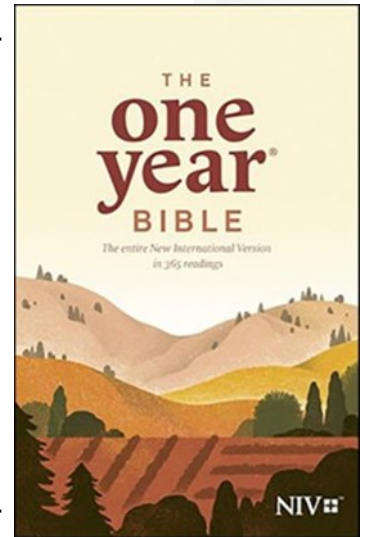
The Mission Briefing

June 2023



This month I want to review where we have been the past couple of years and where we are going as a church as far as our discipleship programming. The first initiative in 2021 was to adopt The One Year Bible reading tool as a congregation. The purpose of this was manifold. First, it was to develop Biblical literacy. It is surprising how much

of the Bible we are unfamiliar with because we have never personally read from many parts of the Bible. Second, the One Year Bible teaches us how to get spiritually fed on our own. We cannot just rely on sermons to give us everything we need for the varied experiences we all are going through. Third, the readings were meant to mature our faith as we see God's truth being worked out in our current life situations. Many of you adopted this practice in your personal quiet times. I hope you are continuing to do your reading and even starting to invite others to join you in your daily readings. This takes us to the fourth purpose, which was to give us a tool to connect with others over the scriptures.



Recently at the beginning of 2023, I introduced the Four G's as a summary of the core values of the Community Church. All that we do in ministry will connect to one or more of these Four G's. As Christians, by the grace of God in our lives we do four behaviors. First, we glorify God. We have life-

**Glorify
Gather
Grow
Go**

styles of worship, highly valuing authentic encounters with our Father, through Christ and by the Holy Spirit. This happens alone in our quiet times but also in all that we do at work, in our free time, with our words, and in our relationships. Our lives are about magnifying Jesus. Second, as Christians by the grace of God, we gather together. We do life and ministry in groups believing we are stronger together in every way. We gather in a crowd of seventy or more for worship. This size of gathering inspires and encourages. We know God is moving and we are not alone. We also gather in twelves. This is the size of a support group we can do life with. Here we bear burdens, pray for each other, and walk together through the ups and downs of life. Then, we also gather in twos and threes. This is the most intimate sized gathering. These are the people who know everything about us and love us anyway. They hold us accountable and unfailingly strive with us and for us. Gathering is a little slow at catching on. I think

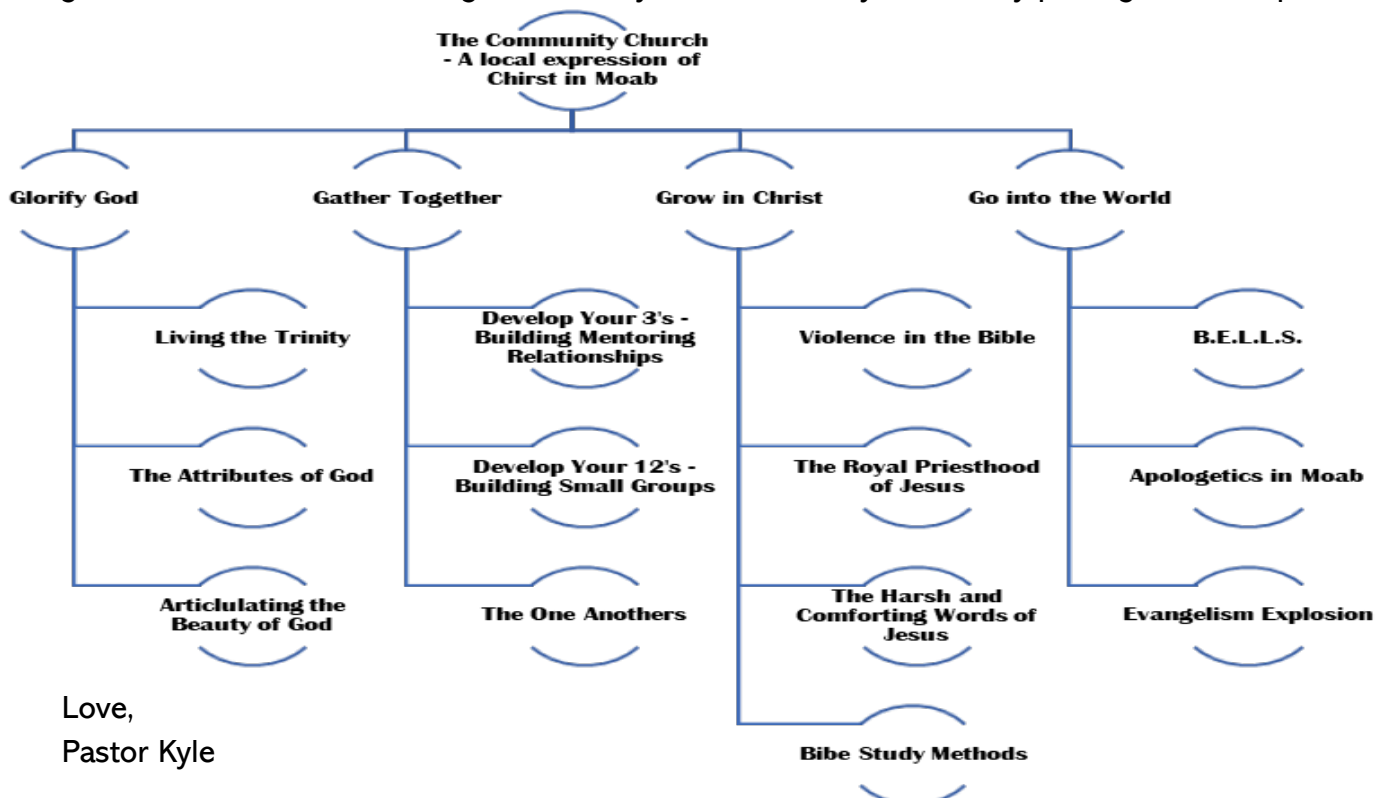
this is one of places our practice has some important growing to do. I encourage you to make it a priority to find your 3s and 12s but also to commit to consistency in Sunday morning participation. There is an intangible but substantial difference when you are here in corporate worship. It is also something you can easily do to make a big difference in your spiritual life and the lives of others. The third G is by grace we grow in Christlikeness. We are lifelong learners allowing God to shape us and use us for His purposes. We are disciples of Jesus. This means we are committed to learning Jesus. With this comes transformation in our thinking, doing, being, and interacting. Finally, the fourth G involves going. We aspire to change lives through relational evangelism and missional love. Going may not be very far. The going is just part of living, more important to emphasize is what we do in our going. Jesus commissioned us to make disciples of the world. Relational evangelism means living the gospel out everywhere. We preach it to ourselves and all those around us with words and actions.

These 4 G's can be focused on individually but much of what we do as a church will *combine* these. These are the really rich, priority behaviors to include in our lives. For example, our One Year Bible reading discipline fits all 4 G's. We glorify God by personally listening and connecting with Him. We gather together to read and study the scriptures in our 3s, 12s, and 70s. As we read, we are growing by trusting and we go by applying and sharing the lessons we are learning about God and ourselves. The higher value habits will fit in multiple G's. The practice of prayer is another high value Christian behavior. Consider how prayer touches on all 4 G's.

We just finished the B.E.L.L.S. series. This was an extension of our 4th G, Going. As we go through life, we practice 5 habits of highly missional people. We bless people inside and outside the congregation. We eat with people inside and outside the congregation. We Listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We Learn Jesus by reading in our Bibles. We also journal regularly about how we are Sent to share the reconciling work of Jesus, the beauty of God and His creation, the value of human dignity, and God's ability to make us whole. Practicing the B.E.L.L.S., understanding the 4 G's, and continuing to read through the Bible are all manageable practices that will pay huge, eternal dividends in this life and the next. Persevere in them and you will see God at work in you and this community.

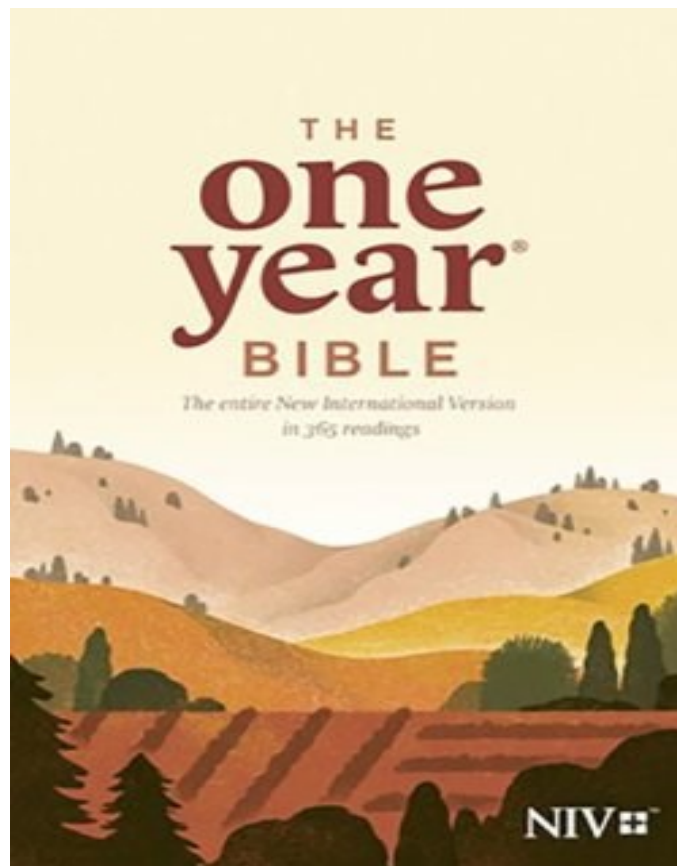


Where are we going from here, you ask? I will continue to connect sermons and future programs to the 4 G's. Coming down the pipe expect sermons on Violence in the Bible (Grow), the Comforting and Challenging Words of Jesus (Glorify and Grow), Prayer (all 4 G's), and likely the "One Another" Commands of the scriptures (Gather and Grow). Small groups will continue to be encouraged with the hope that every member and participant can find their "12". The Sunday morning connection class just started a Bible study through the Epistle to the Romans. If you missed this first class the homework was to read through the book of Romans and identify three major themes in the book. Sometime in the future I would like to teach through personal Bible Study methods (Grow) and relational apologetics (Go). As we look forward, I hope you will do so with excitement about what God us doing and will do, but also holding onto what you have recently learned by putting it all into practice.



Let's Keep Reading

It is so important to be engaging with the scriptures all the time. January is when we restart or start to read through the Bible together. The One Year Bible makes this journey simple and enjoyable. You can pick up one of these devotional Bibles in the sanctuary or church office. This year we are offering the New Living Translation and the English Standard Version, if you need some variety. If you already have one, pick one up for a friend or pass along your old one, encourage those around you to join you on this adventure. You will be glad that you did!





June 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1.	2.	3.
				Cabin Opens		
4. Graduates Recognized Communion	5. VBS	6. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner VBS	7. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner VBS	8. VBS	9. VBS	10.
11.	12.	13. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner	14. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner	15.	16.	17.
18. Father's Day	19.	20. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner 5:30 Trustees 6:30pm Gen. Board	21. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner	28. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6am Moab Diner	29.	30.	

June Birthdays

Alisha Cheney 6/4
Michelle Mefret 6/10
Amy Trueman 6/12
Janice Radcliff 6/15
Tara Penner 6/16
Anne Walden 6/18
Lindsay Dowd 6/21
Marleene Tsosie 6/21



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May Fund Report

Total Income-	\$ 14,522.32
Online Giving-	\$ 6,805.00
Expenses-	\$ 11,386.18
Budget Need-	\$141,474.00
Budget/year	\$282,950.00

Average Worship Attendance 114



*Congratulations to
the Class of 2023*

Graduates are as follows:

Nevaeh Johnston

Mallory Maughan

Jackson Mayer

Mekker Relph

Lillian Scott (Valedictorian)