Seeking God’s Plan
Why are We Here, Where are We Going,
and How Do You Fit In?

The mission of Faith Baptist Church is to glorify God by winning people to Jesus Christ and equipping them to be more faithful disciples.

Matthew 28:19-20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 16:18 - ...upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Hebrews 6:10 - For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

Core Values

1. Growing Stronger – believing that God has a plan for every Christian’s growth, and that He wants godly lives and families built.

2. Reaching Out – believing that a changed life enables us to reach those without Christ in a way that is faithful and creative.

3. Serving Together – believing that God wants us to challenge and equip our members to serve Him, and that He wants every member serving.

4. Meeting Needs – believing that our church should address community concerns by doing good works and sharing biblical truths.

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

5. Strengthening Others – believing that God is pleased as we seek to strengthen other pastors, missionaries, and key lay leaders.

Hebrews 11:8 - he went out not knowing where he was going.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

I. We Want to Be People Who Faithfully Obey Our Calling – Hebrews 11:8-12

A. God calls people to know and serve Him

11:8 - when he was called.
1. to salvation

Romans 1:6-7 - among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. to sanctification

Ephesians 4:1 - Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

1 Thessalonians 4:7 - For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

3. to service

2 Timothy 1:8-9 - Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

B. You (and we) have to decide if we are going to obey the call

11:8 – by faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed.

Romans 10:16 - But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

C. This calling is flooded with promises

v. 9 – a land of promise

v. 9 – fellow heirs of the same promise

v. 11 – she considered faithful who had promised

2 Peter 1:4 - For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

D. This calling has a specific destination

Hebrews 11:10 – for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Romans 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

E. Obeying this calling will allow you (and us) to accomplish amazing things
Hebrews 11:12 - *Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants as the stars of heaven in number, and innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.*

F. Aspects of our calling today

1. Called us to grow spiritually

   2 Peter 3:18 - *but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

2. Called to share Christ with others

   John 15:16 - *You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.*

   1 Corinthians 1:26-29 - *For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God.*

II. We Want to Be People Who Rightly Relate to Our World – vv. 13-16

A. We are strangers and aliens on this earth

B. We are thinking a lot about a better country, a heavenly one, and how to encourage others to find a way to get there

III. We Want to Be People Who Sacrificially Offer God Our Very Best