

The Vine

A Newsletter of The Mission
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The only thing that counts is
faith expressing itself through
love.

Galatians 5:6

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News & Events

Advent Series

May the weeks leading up to Christmas be different this year. May they not be hurried. May they not be filled with anxiety. Or frustration. Or sadness. Or guilt. Things CAN be different this year! They really can! (If you think that's impossible, ask the Virgin Mary what's impossible with God!). During this Christmas Season, may you be surprised by how much HOPE and PEACE and JOY and LOVE you experience! That's what we pray happens for our entire church family every Sunday... and we want YOU to be a part of it! Everything kicks off on TODAY (the first Sunday of Advent!). This new sermon series is titled "All I want for Christmas."

Year-End Giving

We realize your mailbox and email inbox are flooded with requests from various organizations at this time of year asking for a special "one time" gift above and beyond whatever you may normally give to each one, so we'd be honored if a portion of your Year-End Giving would go toward The Mission! Please turn this page over to read all about our Year-End Giving initiatives this year. God is on the move at The Mission!

Hello, My Name Is...

One of the strengths of our church is our "church family" feel. When you come to church, it's great to connect with folks you know and chat. And please continue to do that. But in addition, take a few minutes every Sunday to introduce yourself to someone you've never met before. That small act of kindness can go a long way to make folks who are newer to the church feel welcomed!

WiFi Password

Need the WiFi password for your device? Connect to Mission Church Guest with the password *Galatians56*.

Do They Know It's Christmas?

Thanks to everyone who took a tag off of the Giving Tree (for Friends of Foster Kids) or picked up a shoebox (for Operation Christmas Child) and brought your gifts back! Because of your generosity, every item on 3 foster children's Christmas lists will be under their tree on Christmas morning and a shoebox full of gifts will be given to a child in a third world country in the name of Jesus.

Mom's Meet-Ups

Want to connect with other moms? The next Mom's Meet-Up is Wednesday, **December 8th** in the Elementary Room at The Mission. Expect fellowship with other moms and their kids with special devotion and discussion time at these meet-ups, which are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning at 9:30am. For more info, check the box on the back of your connection card or email Jessica Gortat at jessicagortat@gmail.com.

Prayer Time on Wednesdays

Please join us this Wednesday at 5:45pm for ONE HOUR of prayer. We'll begin in the Prayer Room and then pray throughout the rest of the building as the Holy Spirit leads. All are welcome. No need to RSVP!

Pastor's Picks

Want to check out some of "Pastor's Picks"? Our Library now has a new shelf featuring them! These are books which Pastor Dan Kopp has either referenced in sermons or other books/authors that are recommended!

Like and Share on Social Media

As we post about events and livestream our Sunday services on Facebook and Youtube, please like and share them on your social media platforms – this is a great way to get the word out about our church!

Christmas Week at The Mission

SAVE THE DATES! Our Mission Kids & Teens will be leading us in worship on Dec. 19th for a Christmas-themed service AND we'll be having a Candlelight Service on Dec. 24th at 3pm and 5pm. Please keep these dates/times in mind as you plan your family get togethers... and invite them to join you at The Mission! Plus, be sure to end Christmas Week spiritually strong by coming to church on Dec. 26th at our normal service times.

Check Out Our Event Calendar!

Wondering about what church events are coming up? Visit our website! Our church website has upcoming events listed on the main page and a full events calendar available under the MORE tab, then EVENTS tab. Check it out to see what goes on at our church beyond Sunday mornings!

Worship: Beyond the Platform

Our Worship Team is more than the musicians and singers on the platform. It consists of volunteers working behind the scenes to make all things tech and production happen. These roles are vital! They include: ProPresenter, making sure the worship lyrics and sermon slides are on the screen at the right time, Camera, ensuring the camera looks good for our online services to experience as if they were in the building, and Sound, which makes sure the audio is mixed well. If you're interested in any area of our worship team, please check the box on your connection card!

Narcotics Anonymous

A 12-Step meeting of Narcotics Anonymous meets at The Mission every Friday night at 8pm. Parking and entry are at the back of the church. If you or a loved one has a struggle with drug addiction, know that you are Never Alone!!

Year-End Giving



Every year since our church launched in 2010, we've always done a "year-end" push to fund things like building out our Teens Room. When we've presented these real and tangible needs, our congregation has stepped up in radically generous ways to make them happen! THANK YOU!!!

With recently celebrating our 3rd "anniversary" of being at our building, we feel NOW IS THE TIME to make key purchases that will take us beyond equipment from our "portable church days" that is all at the end of its life cycle. In addition, we are excited about taking our "first steps" into the Phase 2 portion of our building (15,000 sqft.) through critical infrastructure improvements.

We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider giving a special one-time "Year-End" gift above and beyond their normal tithes & offerings between now and Dec. 31st!

How will this money be used? Our goal is to be the best stewards possible of everything that is given, so our Executive Team always works closely with our Advisory Board for all key purchases. That being said, based on what we receive for Year-End Giving, below is our prayed-into prioritized list of the things we feel are most important, and intend to purchase the items in the following order:

Priority	Item	Estimated Costs
1st	New projector for the sanctuary (our current projector is 10+ years old from our "portable church" days)	\$10,000
2nd	New professional grade speakers, subwoofers, powered amplifiers, and microphones (including the lead pastor's wireless headset) for our current sanctuary that will be purchased with our Phase 2 sanctuary needs in mind (our current components are all 10+ years old from our "portable church" days)	\$20,000
3rd	"First Steps" into Phase 2: HVAC (the current furnace in Phase 2 is 40+ years old and gets the temp only up to 50 degrees)	\$****
4th	HVAC for Social Hall in Phase 1 (currently there isn't any heat or A/C per needed cost savings during the Phase 1 buildout)	\$****
5th	Reconfiguration of the electricity transformer on the roof of the building (an up-front investment that will save the church tons of money in the decades ahead!)	\$****
6th	"First Steps" into Phase 2: New roof (a new roof for the Phase 1 portion was completed in 2018)	\$****

******Our Executive Team is in the process of contacting various contractors and companies to get competitive bids for each of these expenses.**

How Can I Give? You can give by writing "Year End Giving" in the memo line of your check or choosing the "Year-End Giving" designation in our online CCB giving platform OR you give specifically to fund either a portion of or the total cost of one of the above items of your choice. Please reach out to our Treasurer, Tom Petz, at treasurer@themission.church with any questions.