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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HALLSVILLE, TX

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Our Purpose is to Magnify the Glory of God, as we Build Up the Body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ."

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples, while Serving our Community and the World.

Matthew 22:37-40 And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came up to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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."

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VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is to be a Unified People, Living in Obedience to the Word of God, who are:

Devoted to Prayer

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.

Committed to Reconciliation and Restoration

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Living Intentional Missional Lives

1 Peter 4:10-11 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Focused on Growing the Next Generation of Disciples

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

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