



GLORY CHURCH

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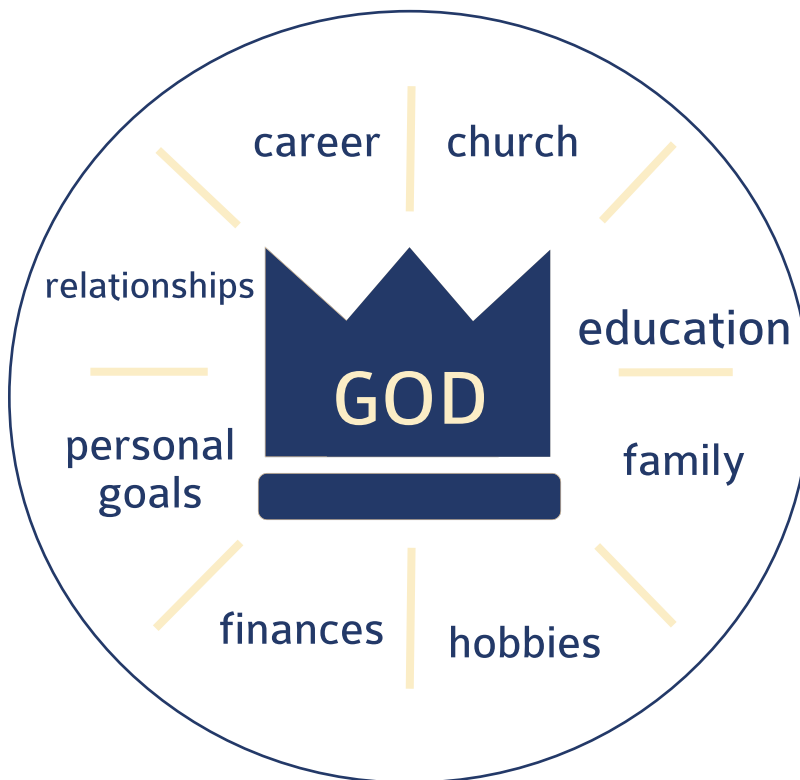
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P I K E C O .

WHY GLORY CHURCH?

God is glorious. He is gloriously holy, loving, just, and kind. The word **glory** literally means “weight.” The glory of God is the weight of all that He is. It is the sum of all His greatness.

We are planting Glory Church because we believe that **everything we do should point to God's greatness!** Whether it be pursuing an education, the relationships we form, how we use our finances, or even our favorite hobbies, **everything** we do should revolve around our glorious Creator and be used as a way to bring Him glory (1 Corinthians 10:31).



*Our Mission, Vision, & Values flow from our belief that God is **glorious** and worthy of our worship.*

It is our mission to **make much of Jesus together** as a body of believers through magnifying the Lord, maturing in discipleship, and multiplying on mission.

Why is this our mission?

The Bible makes it clear from the very beginning that mankind was created to enjoy fellowship with their glorious Creator God, but something went wrong. Instead of obeying their glorious Creator, Adam & Eve sinned by desiring to become like God and eating the fruit that God had told them not to eat. Because of this rebellious act by mankind, sin entered into the world and affects all of life. Humans sin against one another and ultimately against God. The effects of sin can be seen all around. All sin against God results in separation from Him because a glorious, holy God cannot come in contact with sin.

But even though man rebelled, God had a plan to send His Son into the world as a man. Jesus, the glorious Son of God, lived on earth a perfect, obedient life in accordance with God's requirements, died on the Cross as a payment for the sins of mankind, and gloriously rose from the dead. Jesus is the reason we can now enter back into a relationship with God.

It is our mission to **make much of Jesus together** because Jesus is worthy of our worship! He deserves all the **glory** we could ever give Him.

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

- Hebrews 1:3

the **MISSION**

MAKING
MUCH OF
JESUS
TOGETHER.



THE VISION

We believe that by **making much of Jesus together** through magnifying the Lord, maturing in discipleship, and multiplying on mission we can reach Eastern Kentucky with the Gospel.

In order for everyone in our region to hear the Gospel, we must be committed to making disciples by going to those who haven't heard, inviting them into a relationship with Jesus, and helping them grow in that relationship through discipleship (Matthew 28:19-20). Only through our obedience to the Great Commission will we see Eastern Kentucky reached with the Gospel to the glory of God.

We want to see Eastern Kentucky transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ for generations to come - for the good of the mountains and to the glory of God.

"The LORD is great and is highly praised; His greatness is unsearchable. One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts." - Psalm 145:3-4



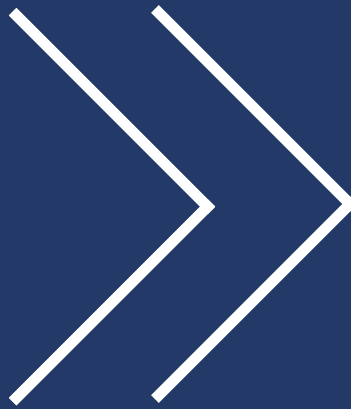
FOR THE **GOOD** OF
THE MOUNTAINS, TO
THE **GLORY OF GOD**



the **PROCESS**



MAGNIFY



MATURE



MULTIPLY

*We bring glory to God by **magnifying** the Lord, **maturing** in discipleship, and **multiplying** on mission.*

M A G N I F Y

the Lord through worship.

Making much of Jesus together from Sunday to Sunday and every moment in between.

M A T U R E

in discipleship.

Making much of Jesus with other brothers and sisters in Christ by growing together.

M U L T I P L Y

on mission.

Making much of Jesus throughout the mountains and throughout the nations.

WE BELIEVE

I. THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

II. GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

GOD THE FATHER: God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff; 20:1ff; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

GOD THE SON: Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff; Psalms 2:7ff; 110:1ff; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.

III. MAN

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God.

The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

VI. THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

IV. SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

V. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

VII. BAPTISM & THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.

*For a closer look at what we believe, see the entire
Baptist Faith & Message 2000: www.sbc.net/bfm2000*



WE VALUE

BIBLICAL TEACHING

Whether it is the sermon on Sunday, a kids' or students' lesson, or an adult class, we teach the Bible. Anything else falls short of God's intentions for the church. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 4:2)



DEPENDENT PRAYER

In order for us to fulfill the mission that God has given us, we must continually ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, sanctify us as we grow, & send out from us workers into the harvest. We are completely dependent on God. (Psalm 51, Matthew 9:37-38, Colossians 1:3-9)



CHRIST-EXALTING WORSHIP

Jesus is the focus of our worship. He is the only one worthy of all our praise. He is glorious, so in everything we do, we worship and glorify Jesus. (Colossians 1:15-20)



AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual growth never occurs if we are completely isolated from others. We are committed to learning from more mature believers by meeting with them (one-on-one) for study, prayer, accountability, & encouragement. (1 Corinthians 11:1)



PURPOSEFUL FELLOWSHIP

We are also committed to growing in the Lord together as a church family. We believe that meeting in Together Groups for fellowship, sermon-based discussion, & prayer will help our church make much of Jesus. (Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:24-25)



INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING

*Jesus commands us to **make disciples**. We do so by sharing the Gospel with others, inviting them to come into a relationship with Jesus, & helping them grow in that relationship through discipleship. (Matthew 28:18-20)*



GLOBAL MISSIONS

*The command to **make disciples** extends to **all nations**. Jesus has commanded every believer to be involved in God's mission of reaching the nations. We are committed to giving, going, praying, & sending in order that all people groups of the earth will hear the Gospel. (Matthew 28:18-20, Revelation 7:9-10)*



COMMUNITY IMPACT

In response to the love we have been shown by God, we are committed to loving our neighbors as He has loved us. We do this by sacrificially giving of ourselves and our resources to meet our neighbors' needs. (Mark 12:30-31, 1 John 4:19)



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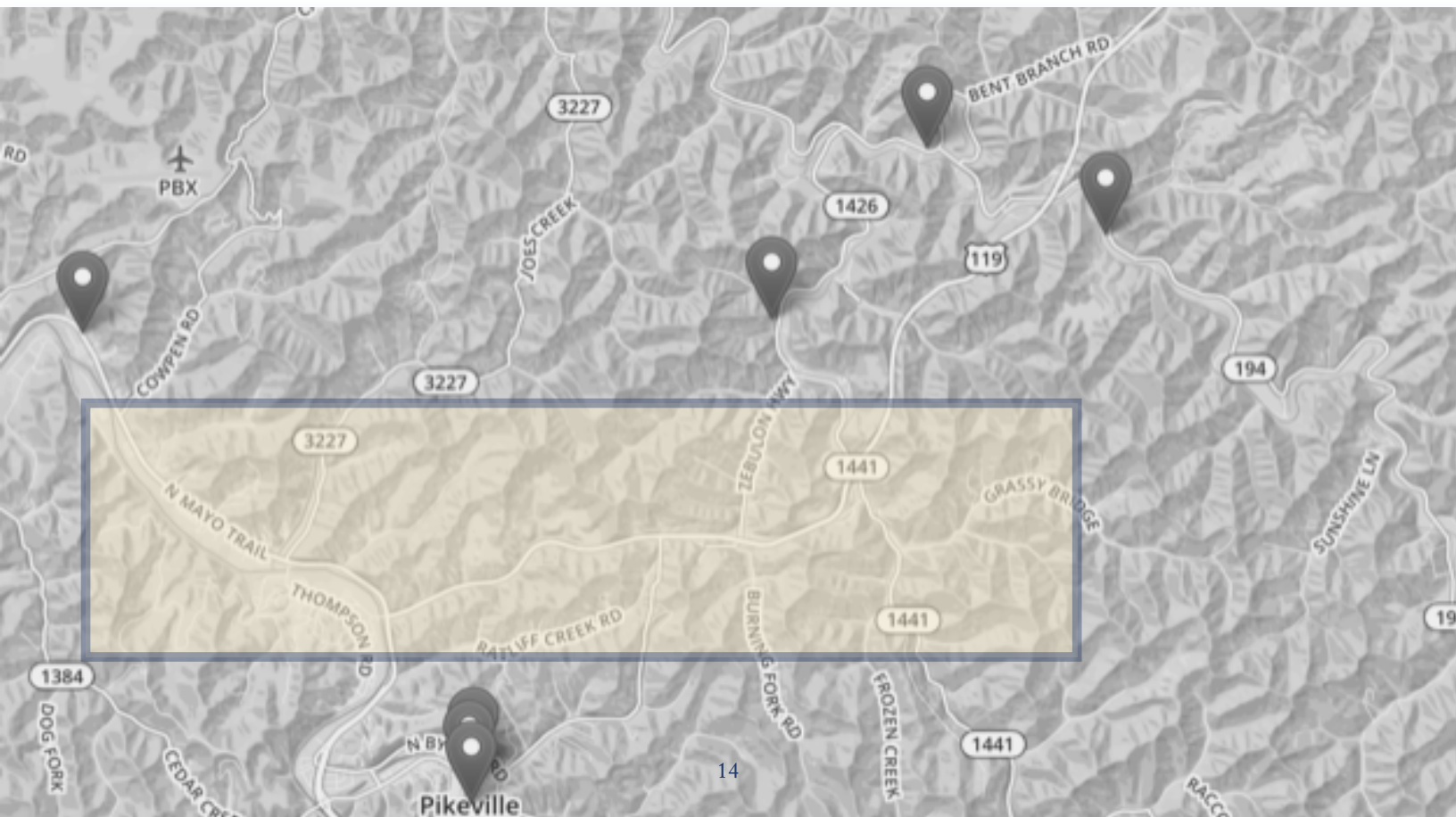
*If we want to see **Eastern Kentucky transformed by the Gospel**, then the intersection of US 23/US 119 is a key strategic point in reaching our region. It is the most heavily crossed intersection in Pike County, and a number of neighborhoods are close by:*

- Coal Run Village
- Ratliff Creek
- Thompson Road/Quail Ridge
- Raccoon Creek
- Burning Fork

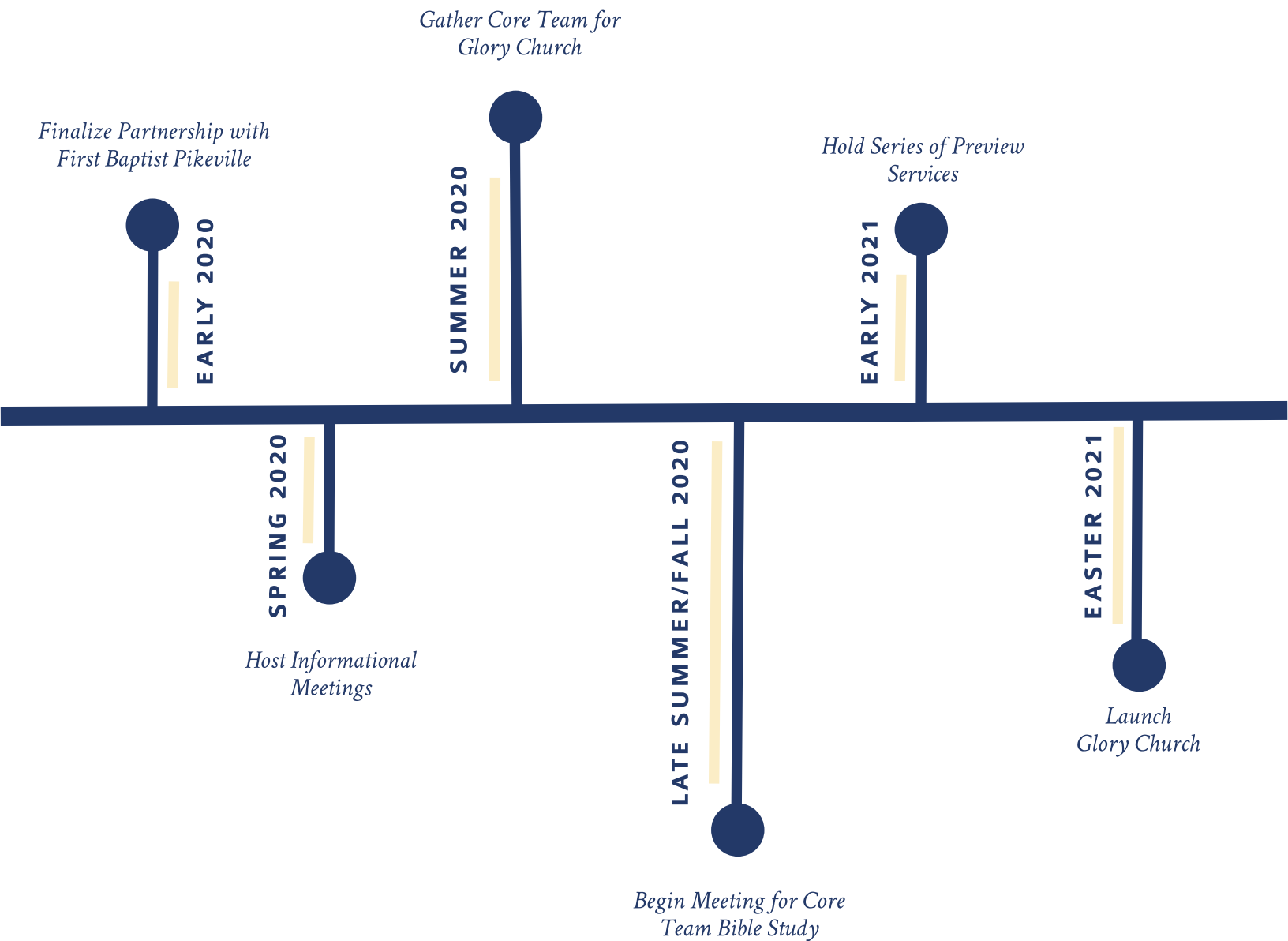
STRATEGIC EVANGELISTIC AREA



= Southern Baptist Church







TIMELINE



PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

Dear First Baptist Church Pikeville,

It has been my honor to watch you labor for the Gospel in order to reach the city of Pikeville. My wife, Stacie, and I have been blessed by your church in many ways and look to you as a model of what a Gospel-centered, Christ-exalting church should be. As my time in ministry began in Lexington, I paid close attention to the great work that you have done in planting Creekside Church. Your desire to see Eastern Kentucky reached with the Gospel through disciple-making and church planting is encouraging to me as one from Pike County.

I grew up on Raccoon Creek and later moved closer to Pikeville when I was in grade school. My parents, Randall and Kim, modeled for me what it looked like to be a faithful Christian witness wherever I went. I became a Christian at a young age, but began to grow at an exponential rate when I was in high school and college. It was during my time in college at Morehead State University that I began sensing a call to ministry. As undergraduate ended and seminary began, Stacie and I offered the Lord a "blank check" of our lives to send us wherever He called. As I began to serve on the staff of a church plant, Center Point Church in Lexington, God worked in our lives to show us that our calling was for the good of the mountains and the glory of God.

That is why I would like to request a partnership with First Baptist Church in order to see Eastern Kentucky transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I share your mission to make disciples, and I believe supporting Glory Church in a sending capacity would further your mission and glorify God. It would be an honor to join you in your church planting efforts in Pike County, if the Lord wills.

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