

Building The Foundation

Class 101

Liberty Worship Center

We are so glad you have chosen to invest in your personal growth by participating in this class!

Through this class, you will gain a basic understanding of your relationship with God, your relationship with His family, and your relationship with Liberty Worship Center in particular.

Class 101 will be completed in two sessions. Classes 201, 301, and 401 will be taught in order, directly after this class.

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Guiding Scripture for Class 101

*"So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. **You are members** of God's family." Ephesians 2:19*

We believe:

1. The church is God's_____.
2. God expects you to be an **active** part of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is a **contradiction**.

The Goal of This Class: That I will commit myself to _____ *and* to the **family** of God.

We all come from various beliefs, backgrounds, or denominations. The purpose of growth track is to teach our core values, beliefs, and make sure that you know your spiritual gifting and where you can use that to advance the kingdom of God.

What is the Vision and Mission of LWC?

Mission: Be a Church where every person can encounter Jesus and bear the fruit of a transformed life.

Vision: Be a house of prayer, power, and presence that equips and sends out Disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Process Of Every Believer

First we must understand the process of **EVERY** believer.

It is important that we follow the process that God has called us into. When we (attempt) to skip part of our process with God, the gaps in our walk are easily seen. It is better for us to submit to God and be obedient to His calling.

As Christians we **MUST** enter into the process of discipleship, or becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

The word disciple (*mathētēs*) appears _____ in the New Testament and can be translated to learner, pupil, and even apprentice.

That means that when we surrender our lives to Jesus we become students, apprentices, or followers of His.

Saved -> Healed -> Discipled -> Sent

In this class we're directly focusing on Salvation and Healing.

We believe that the scriptures teach that we're to be disciples who make other disciples.

John 15:9 - 17

9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

You were called to produce _____ fruit.

That means fruit that doesn’t appear for a while and then goes away, but it is to become lasting.

We can only have lasting fruit in our lives by becoming committed Christians who consistently grow closer to Jesus, love each other, and share that love with a lost and dying world.

Our Salvation

“For you are all children of God *through faith* in Christ Jesus. *And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.* There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. *For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*” Galatians 3:26-28

What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?

Every person on earth asks these 5 question in their life:

1. Who Am I?
2. Where Am I From?
3. What Can I Do?
4. Why Am I Here?
5. Where Am I Going

Each one of these questions can only truly be answered when we surrender our life to Jesus Christ.

Who Am I? Deals with _____

Where Am I From? Deals with **Heritage/Inheritance**

What Can I Do? Deals with **Potential**

Why Am I Here? Deals with _____

Where Am I Going? Deals with **Destiny**

Every Christian must be able to give an answer to these questions! We must know who we are (In Christ), whose we are, what we can do, why we exist, and what we'll achieve for Christ in this life and where we'll end up in the afterlife.

Let's focus on one of those questions. “What is the meaning of my life?” Why am I here, and why do I exist?

Many people live their entire lives without ever knowing why they exist. They spend a lifetime with no idea about why they live or what purpose God has for their lives.

Everyone wants to be happy. People look for happiness in many ways:

- Acquiring possessions
- Experiencing pleasure
- Gaining power and prestige

However, real joy comes from understanding my _____.

Understanding The Gospel

“Why Did God Create Me”?

I. Why Am I Here?

1. God made me to _____ me!

- a. *“Long ago the Lord said to Israel: “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself.” Jeremiah 31:3*
- b. *“Even before he made the world, **God loved us** and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1:4-5*

2. We were created to enjoy a personal relationship with God and to serve all of His creation! This makes us special!

- a. *So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” Genesis 1:27-28*
- b. *“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10*

3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:

- a. A clear conscience - Romans 8:1
- b. Life & peace - Romans 8:6
- c. Help with our weaknesses - Romans 8:26
- d. Purpose - Romans 8:28
- e. Confidence - Romans 8:31
- f. Security - Romans 8:39
- g. Power & strength - Philippians 4:13
- h. Fulfillment - Philippians 4:19
- i. Freedom - John 8:32, 36

4. We were created for _____ with Him.
- John 10:27-29 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."
5. God created you for a specific mission in mind.
- We often find that mission as we walk with Him.
- For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10*
 - For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:9*

II. So, What Is The Problem?

- Well, man has a natural tendency towards _____ and towards ignoring God's principles for living. Most of these tendencies sound good, but end up being self-destructive:
 - "Look out for number one."
 - "Do your own thing."
 - "If it feels good, do it."
 - "It's my life and I will do as I please."
 - "There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."*
Proverbs 14:12
- The Bible calls these tendencies _____ and they only create frustration and pain. In fact, the Bible's definition for sin is basically "**mistakes which cause us pain and frustration**". Sin can also be defined as anything that we do, say, or think that is not pleasing in God's sight. Another way I define sin is anything that separates us from God. So, avoiding sin is really about avoiding pain in our lives.
 - "All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all."* Isaiah 53:6
 - "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth."* 1 John 1:8
- Sin breaks the close relationship we were designed to have with God and separates us from Him. It causes us to be afraid of God and to try to live our lives outside of His will**

and purpose.

- i. *"It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore." Isaiah 59:2*
- ii. *"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23*

4. There are three kinds of death that are mentioned in Scripture: Physical death, Spiritual Death and the Second death.

- i. **Physical Death** is a violent and unnatural thing (it was not part of God's original design). The separation of man's _____ and soul from his body.
- ii. **Spiritual Death** is more violent and unnatural to humanity. It is the separation of man's spirit from **God** (*Ephesians 4:19*).
- iii. The **Second Death** is an eternal separation of man from _____, in a state of existence where the nature of God is no longer, and shall never be, accessible to man. (*Revelation 20:11-15*)

5. When our relationship with God is not right, it causes **problems** in every area of our lives. In our marriages, our finances, our careers, and in our relationships. When we have problems, we often try many different ways of coping before turning to God. When we live in sin, we reap the fruit of living in sin, but when we live in Christ, we reap the fruit of the Spirit.

6. Even when we **know** that our deepest need is God, we often try wrong ways of getting to know Him:

- "My mother was a Christian, so..."
- "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you're sincere."
- "I'll give up all of my bad habits."
- "I'll work really hard, be a good person, and earn it."
- "I'll be religious and go to church."
- "I grew up in the _____ church, so I'm good."
- "I'm not as bad as that guy."

III. What Is The Solution?

1. The only way to build a relationship with God is by establishing a relationship with _____!
a. "Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6
2. God himself came to earth as a human being, Jesus Christ, to bring us back to Himself. If any other way had worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The "way" is a **person**, and His name is **Jesus**!
 - a. **JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!**
 - b. *"...but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23b*
3. God did this for us because He _____ us and wants us to know Him. **God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative.** Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.
 - a. *"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8*
 - b. *"For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus." 1Timothy 2:5*

IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

1. _____ that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.
 - a. *"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9*
2. **Believe and Confess** that Jesus died to pay for your sins, that He rose from the dead, and that He is alive today.
 - a. *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved." Romans 10:9-10*
 - b. *"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12*
3. **Receive** God's free gift of salvation; don't try to earn it. Our relationship with God is not restored by anything we do. It's restored by what Jesus has already done for us!
 - a. *"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9*
4. _____ Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (Lord) of it.
 - a. *"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God." John 1:12-13*

- b. *"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." Revelation 3:20*

5. You can start to take these steps by praying this simple prayer of commitment to God:

- a. *"Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your free gift of salvation. Please help me to grow as a Christian."*
- b. *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13*
- c. If you were serious and you prayed this prayer for the first time just now, could you tell us? In fact, tell everybody! You just became a brand new person! Everything about you is new, refreshed, forgiven... reborn! Congratulations and welcome to your new life!

What happens once you are saved?

1. We are set apart for God

- i. As Christians, we realize shortly after we have been saved that there is a new inner battle being waged within us - a battle between our old sin-lead nature and new Spirit-lead nature. Paul in Galatians best describes this inner struggle in [Galatians 5:17](#): "For the flesh desires what is contrary to the **Spirit**, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want."
- ii. Like Paul, our heart's desire is to please and obey God, but our flesh is weak making sin difficult to resist. Yet, it is in our continual struggle with sin and obedience to God that sanctification does its work. Sanctification can be described as an inward spiritual process whereby God brings about holiness and change in the life of a Christian by means of the Holy Spirit.
- iii. The effects of living in a fallen world have harmed everybody differently. We all face different issues, struggle with **sin**, and past hurts of varying degrees, hindering our ability to live the life God desires for us.

Once we accept Jesus Christ into our lives, the Holy Spirit enters our life to start a transformation process. He convicts us on areas that need to be changed, helping us to grow in holiness. We begin to view the world, people, and personal difficulties from a more biblical perspective. Our choices begin to be motivated by love and truth and not selfishness.

2. The Healing Process Begins

God wants to set you free from many things that happened to you in the past and the struggles you currently face. There is a gap between salvation and discipleship and that is the healing process. Healing from your past is a lifelong process, but the Holy Spirit will begin to point out certain things in which He wants to deliver you from. I've compiled a list below but it's not exhaustive. In some cases, deliverance is necessary. Deliverance is not a weird, mysterious act but rather something

that is natural when the Spirit of God moves in.

1. Persistent Sin / _____ Sin

- Sexual immorality
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Lying, stealing, violence
- Pornography

Repeated sin is giving demons a “legal right” to remain.

2. Trauma or Emotional Shock

- Abuse (sexual, physical, emotional)
- Severe fear
- Rejection
- Accidents or traumatic events

3. _____ & Bitterness

- Holding grudges
- Resentment toward others (especially parents)
- Hatred

4. Rebellion

- Rebellion against authority (parents, church, government)
- Stubbornness and pride

5. Idolatry

- Excessive devotion to anything placed above God
- False religions
- Materialism

6. Spoken Curses & Negative Confessions

- Self-cursing statements (“I wish I were dead”)
- Curses spoken by others
- Hexes or spells

7. Soul Ties

- Sexual relationships outside of marriage
- Deep emotional bonds that are not broken after sinful relationships.

8. Childhood Vulnerability

- Fright
- Rejection
- Physical/Emotional/Spiritual Abuse
- Exposure to occult practices

9. Occult Involvement

- Witchcraft, sorcery, fortune-telling, astrology
- Ouija boards, séances
- Eastern religions or meditation practices (as they interpret them)
- Secret societies (e.g., Freemasonry)

That's a heavy list. But now for the good news!

Repent -> Renounce -> Break -> Command -> Fill

First, a person must _____ of sin (Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9), turning fully to God; then **renounce** all involvement with sin, the occult, unforgiveness, etc. (2 Corinthians 4:2). Next, we _____ curses and ungodly soul ties in the name of Jesus (Galatians 3:13; Matthew 18:18), removing any “legal ground.” After doors are closed, believers **command** unclean spirits to depart with Christ’s authority (Mark 16:17; Luke 10:19). Finally, they must be _____ with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and guard their life through obedience, lest the enemy return (Matthew 12:43–45). (Class 301 We’ll talk about how to be filled with the Holy Spirit!)

The Importance of Being Baptized

Here at Liberty Worship Center, we believe in, and practice, baptism by immersion and we expect every partner to have followed Jesus' example, and His command, to be baptized, too.

I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by _____.
 - i. *"One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River." Mark 1:9*
2. Because Christ commanded it.
 - i. *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20*
3. It demonstrates that I really am a Christian.
 - i. *"Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and everyone in his household believed in the Lord. Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized." Acts 18:8*
 - ii. *It takes what happens in your heart, and makes it public!*

II. What Is The Meaning of Baptism?

1. It illustrates Christ's _____ and resurrection.
 - a. *"I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*
 - b. *"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." Colossians 2:12*
2. It illustrates my new life as a Christian.
 - a. *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*
 - b. *"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." Romans 6:4*
3. Baptism doesn't make you a believer; it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not save you; only your faith in Christ can do that. Baptism is like a wedding ring; it is an outward symbol of the commitment that you have made in your heart.
 - a. *"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9*

4. Baptism is an outward and _____ sign of something that happened inside.
5. Baptism gives you the opportunity to show others that you have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
6. Baptism is your opportunity to testify to the world that you are now in Christ Jesus.
 - a. *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*Matthew 28:19-20

III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

1. Because **Christ** was baptized this way.

a. *"After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him."* Matthew 3:16

2. Every baptism recorded in the _____ was by immersion.

b. *"As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?' He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing."* Acts 8:36-39

3. The word "baptize" means "to **dip under** water".
4. Baptism symbolizes burial and resurrection!

IV. Who Should Be Baptized?

1. Every person who has _____ in Christ.

- a. *"Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all."* Acts 2:41
- b. *"But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself believed and was baptized."* Acts 8:12-13

2. At Liberty Worship Center, we wait until children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism, and the commitment it symbolizes, before we baptize them.
3. Some churches practice a "Baptism of Confirmation" for **children**. The practice is sometimes (incorrectly) referred to as "infant baptism". This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise the child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his or her own personal profession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed.

4. This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible, which is only for those old enough to believe.

At Liberty Worship Center, baptism by immersion is a requirement for partnership, even though many of us were “confirmed” as children.

Liberty Worship Center practices the “_____” of children.

This is to avoid any confusion with baptism. Your child/children may be dedicated to God at any age, from birth up. The Pastors and congregation agree to support you in training your child up in the teachings of God. As parent(s), you promise to bring your child up in the teachings of the Lord until they are old enough to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

V. When Should I Be Baptized?

1. As soon as you have _____!
 - a. *“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” Acts 2:41*
 - b. *“So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.” Acts 8:35-38*
2. There is no reason to delay! As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, as your Lord and Savior, you **can and should** be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect”, you will never be “good enough”!

VI. Baptism FAQs?

1. Can my family be baptized together?
 - a. **Yes! If** each family member fully understands the **meaning** of baptism and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we can encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment.
 - b. However, it is important that you realize that baptism is a personal statement, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting for other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them and delays *your* obedience.
2. What should I wear when being baptized?
 - a. Women should wear shorts and a top rather than a swimsuit. Men may wear a swimsuit and may want to wear a shirt as well. Remember, water changes everything!
 - b. You may want to wear dark, thicker/heavier clothes, that won’t cling or become immodest when they get wet.
 - c. Bring a change of clothes, a **towel** (we do have towels if you need one), and a plastic bag for your wet clothes. (We also provide towels and clothes, if you need them!)
1. What will happen when I’m baptized?

- a. Before the baptism, Pastor Jeff, our teaching pastor will briefly explain the meaning of baptism. You will wait in line for your turn to be baptized.
- b. When it is your turn, you will be introduced and you will enter the baptism tank.
- c. Take a seat and the pastor will ask you a few simple questions regarding your experience with Jesus.

The Meaning of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion)

Jesus never asked his followers to remember His birth, but He did instruct them to remember His death and His resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called ordinances) as reminders of His death. These two are called: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

I. What Is the Lord's Supper?

1. It is an object lesson.

a. "...On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread..." 1 Corinthians 11:23

2. It is a symbol.

a. "...and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." 1 Corinthians 11:24

3. It is a _____

a. "In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it." 1 Corinthians 11:25

4. It is a announcement.

a. "For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again." 1 Corinthians 11:26

II. Who Should Take The Lord's Supper?

1. Only those who are already _____.
 - a. *"For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without **honoring the body of Christ**, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself."* 1 Corinthians 11:29

III. How Do I Prepare Myself For The Lord's Supper?

1. Know what the Bible says about The Lord's Supper/ Communion
 - a. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:26-28
 - b. Also see Luke 22:19-20, Mark 14:22-25, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
 2. Prepare yourself by recognizing the seriousness of taking _____.
 - a. *"So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. **That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.**"* 1 Corinthians 11:27-30
 3. Prepare yourself by:
 - a. Self-examination – 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 27 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.
 - b. Confessing my sin – 1 John 1:9 9 But **if** we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.
1. Recommitment
 - a. Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable.
 2. Restoring Relationships –
 - a. Matthew 5:23-24 23 "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, 24 leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.
 3. Understand the Sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us –
 - a. Philippians 2:6-8 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him

IV. When and How Often Should We Observe The Lord's Supper?

- Here at Liberty Worship Center, we have chosen to observe communion on the fourth Sunday of every month.
- We encourage you to dive in and study The Lord's Supper and see how powerful it is!

Challenge:

Examine your personal need for Salvation, for Water Baptism and for participation in The Lord's Supper.

- Have you repented of your sin and accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Have you been obedient in being baptized?
- Do you participate in Communion regularly?
- Do you properly prepare yourself to receive Communion?

Our Mission & Vision

Mission: Be a church where every person can encounter Jesus and bear the fruit of a transformed life.

Vision: Be a house of prayer, power, and presence that equips and sends out disciples of Jesus Christ

The Importance of Vision

1. *"When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild..." Proverbs 29:18.* The same verse in another translation of the Bible says, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)*
2. God's Word encourages us to be people of _____.
3. As individuals, and as churches, we can fulfill God's plans and be fulfilled if we have a clear picture of who we are, what we are to do, and where we are headed...if we have vision. Vision gives meaning and purpose to our lives, allowing us to focus our energies on the specific task God has placed before us.

The Importance of Diversity With The Broader Body of Christ

1. *"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16*
2. We are blessed with many different churches in the Fairfield/Adams County area, each called to a specific purpose. As believers, each of us must be connected to a local church that we can identify with, and actively support that church's vision. LWC plays a specific role within the broader church in our area. We see ourselves as one piece of the puzzle.
3. God is not redundant. Each individual snowflake is unique; as is each individual leaf of every tree. In a similar way, churches are all unique and have a unique contribution to make to the Body of Christ, and the plan of God, worldwide.
4. We are NOT trying to be like all the other churches. Rather, we want to compliment other churches with our unique gifts and calling as a church. To do that, we often try to do things a little **differently** on purpose!
5. Liberty Worship Center is _____ like any other church. So, you have to decide whether you, your unique gifts, even your family, are compatible with the vision that God has called Liberty Worship Center to.

4. In 2026, Liberty Worship Center is believing God to do these 7 powerful things:

- i. Finish the roof and immersion room and turn it into a multipurpose room. Begin work on the unfinished wing.
- ii. Grow our Prayer team to at least 40 prayer warriors by the end of 2026.
- iii. Have Serve Week double in numbers of volunteers and impact on the community.
- iv. Strengthen each ministry by equipping and involving more volunteers
- v. Major upgrades to sound, worship, and media
- vi. Have Easter be our biggest service yet!
- vii. Launch a yearly conference this fall.

Our Leadership

1. Within Liberty Worship Center

- i. Pastor Christian is the lead Pastor of the church.
- ii. Within the church, there is an elder team who provides _____ for the Pastor. The Elder Team members assist and advise the Lead Pastor, providing Godly counsel, in overseeing the facilitation of the vision and mission of the local church, making certain that it is being carried out with integrity in every area of the church.
- iii. Our ministry leaders make up our leadership team.
- iv. Pastor Christian works with and oversees the church staff. Administrative decisions are made at a variety of meetings during the week. We currently have a staff meeting, each week. The staff is responsible for serving the body and taking care of the day-to-day tasks.
Pastor Jeff is the teaching Pastor.
Carrie is the worship director and women's ministry director.
Chelsea is the Church Administrator responsible for the admin and finance roles.
- v. Liberty Worship Center's phone number is (717) 642-9876

2. Of course, you are always free and encouraged to contact Christian:

1. (717) 642-9876 Liberty Worship Center's phone
2. (717) 476-4529 Christian cell phone.
3. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christianmcole1010>
4. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/christiancolelwc/>

What this church believes...

1. WE BELIEVE... The Scriptures are Inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.
2. WE BELIEVE... There is only One True God - revealed in three persons... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
3. WE BELIEVE... In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. As God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
4. WE BELIEVE... though originally good, Man Willingly Fell to Sin - ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
5. WE BELIEVE... Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through 'Salvation' (trusting Christ, through faith and repentance, to be our personal Savior).
6. WE BELIEVE... and practice two ordinances -
 - Water Baptism by Immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and
 - Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
7. WE BELIEVE... The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a Special Experience Following Salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.
8. WE BELIEVE... Sanctification Initially Occurs at Salvation and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christlike.
9. WE BELIEVE... The Church has a Mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption through the sacrificial death of His son Jesus Christ.
10. WE BELIEVE... A Divinely Called and Scripturally Ordained Leadership Ministry Serves the Church. The Bible teaches that each of us under leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship Him with other believers, to build up or edify the body of believers—the Church and to meet human need with ministries of love and compassion.
11. WE BELIEVE... Divine Healing of the Sick is a Privilege for Christians Today and is provided for in Christ's atonement (His sacrificial death on the cross for our sins).
12. WE BELIEVE... in The Millennial Reign of Christ when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace.
13. WE BELIEVE... A Final Judgment Will Take Place for those who have rejected Christ. They will be judged for their sin and consigned to eternal punishment in a punishing lake of fire.
14. WE BELIEVE... and look forward to the perfect New Heavens and a New Earth that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him. We will live and dwell with Him there forever following His millennial reign on Earth. 'And so shall we forever be with the Lord!' 2 Peter 3:13 Revelation 21 - 22

ANSWER SHEET

WE BELIEVE
THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY
THE PROCESS OF EVERY BELIEVER
253 TIMES

SAVED -> HEALED -> DISCIPLED -> SENT

You were called to produce LASTING fruit.

What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?

Who Am I? Deals with Identity.

Why Am I Here? Deals with Purpose

However, real joy comes from understanding my purpose.

I. Why Am I Here?

2. God made me to love me!

4. We were created for eternal life with Him.

II. So, What Is The Problem?

Well, man has a natural tendency towards selfishness

The Bible calls these tendencies sin and they only

Physical Death is a violent and unnatural thing (it was not part of God's original design). The separation of man's spirit and soul from his body.

The **Second Death** is an eternal separation of man from God

III. What Is The Solution?

1. The only way to build a relationship with God is by establishing a relationship with Jesus Christ!

2. God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

1. Admit that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

4. Ask Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (Lord) of it.

The Healing Process Begins

1. Persistent Sin / Habitual Sin

3. Unforgiveness & Bitterness

First, a person must repent of sin

Next, we break curses and ungodly soul ties in the name of Jesus

Finally, they must be filled with the Holy Spirit

I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by Jesus.

II. What Is The Meaning of Baptism?

1. It illustrates Christ's death and resurrection.

4. Baptism is an outward and visible sign of something that happened inside.

III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

Every baptism recorded in the New Testament was by immersion.

IV. Who Should Be Baptized?

1. Every person who has faith in Christ.

Liberty Worship Center practices the "dedication" of children.

V. When Should I Be Baptized?

1. As soon as you have believed!

I. What Is the Lord's Supper?

3. It is a memorial to remember

II. Who Should Take The Lord's Supper?

1. Only those who are already saved.

2. Prepare yourself by recognizing the seriousness of taking communion.

The Importance of Vision

2. God's Word encourages us to be people of vision.

The Importance of Diversity With The Broader Body of Christ

5. Liberty Worship Center is unique like any other church.

Our Leadership

ii. Within the church, there is an elder team who provides accountability for the Pastor.

