

## **WHO ARE WE?**

**OUR MISSION IS HIS MISSION**

**WIN** – a person to Christ (Mark 16:15)

**DISCIPLE** – a person in Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)

**SEND** – a person for Christ (Acts 1:8)

**“Christ’s aim is that we may know Him, that we grow in knowing Him, and that we be witnesses of Him that others may know Him.”**

# HOW DOES HCF WORK?

## A SIMPLE AND POWERFUL CHURCH

Key Scriptures - (Acts 2:46) – (2 Cor 11:1-3) - (Matthew 13:31-32) – (Revelation 3:7-13)

**Simple** = free from guile, vanity, ostentation, display, unmixd, free from secondary complications, pure, uncomplicated, without much decoration or ornamentation.

- **Initiator of a simple church – (Acts 2:1-4) – “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit”**
  - a. “The church that is man managed instead of God governed is doomed to failure; A ministry that is college-trained but not Spirit-Filled works no miracles. The church that multiplies committees and neglects prayer may be fussy, noisy, enterprising, but it labors in vain and spends its strength for naught. It is possible to excel in mechanics and fail in dynamic. There is a super-abundance of machinery; what is wanting is power. To run an organization needs no God. Man can supply the energy, enterprise and enthusiasm for things human. The real work of the church depends upon the power of the Spirit.”
  - b. It’s not our job to get the Spirit moving, but to be in a position to get into the flow of the Spirit that is already moving.
- **Foundation of a simple church – (Acts 2:42)**
  - c. **Apostles’ doctrine** – WORD – chapter by chapter verse by verse, book by book “Simply teaching the Bible simply” (Sunday and Wednesday services)
  - d. **Fellowship** – real, spiritual relationships (Wed night meal, Titus 2, open our homes etc.)
  - e. **Breaking of bread** – communion yes, but also eating together, doing life together like a family. (Wed night meals, Sun night communion at prayer).
  - f. **Prayers** – personally (Matthew 6), but also corporately (Acts 1, 4, 12, 13, James 5). Personal and corporate prayer is where the power for the ministry at HCF is received, and the spiritual battle is really fought. (Sunday night corporate prayer)

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“Calvary Chapel Distinctives” IN THE HCF OFFICE:  
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- This includes four main ministries: worship service, hospitality, children's, set up/cleaning. We also have many other opportunities to get involved such as Lifestyle Evangelism (Mt 5:16), Titus 2 Discipleship leader, 517 addictions ministry, church planting, coffee shop weekly hours, missions (financially, missions' trips, local), benevolence, outreaches, prayer night, and other ministries the Lord may place upon your heart so long as it does not interfere with the simple vision God has given us to walk in at HCF.

- **Overflowing practice, of a simple church – (Acts 2:43-47)**
  - 1) **Fear came upon every soul** – Awe and wonder towards the Lord.
  - 2) **Wonders and signs** – Gifts of the Holy Spirit, supernatural – (Sun night believers/ afterglow meetings for practicing corporate giftings of the Holy Spirit)
  - 3) **All things in common** – Agape love – (1 Cor 13, Jn 13:34-35)
  - 4) **Continuing daily . . . In the temple and . . . from house to house.**
    - a. Large corporate gatherings
    - b. Smaller fellowship gatherings/the home is where church is practiced all week.
  - 5) **Gladness and simplicity** – Gladness is the result of simplicity.
    - a. “Gladness” - (agalliasis) – extreme joy, exceeding joy. At feasts people were anointed with the oil of gladness (Heb 1:9).
    - b. “simplicity” – (aphelotes) - singleness, from a compound word meaning (without = rock) or smooth, plain, also humility associated with simplicity of life.
      - i. note also (Matthew 11:25, Ps 131:2, Matthew 19:14, 2 Cor 11:3).
  - 6) **Praising God** – worship - (1 Cor 14, Eph 5, Col 3, Ja 5)
  - 7) **Having favor** – open doors in community (Rev 3:8)
  - 8) **The Lord added** – evangelism – (Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8)
- **The result of a simple church – (Acts 2:47) – “The Lord added”**
  - a. “If the church is what God wants the church to be, He will add to it”.
  - b. “Healthy sheep, beget healthy sheep. . .”
  - c. Evangelism is the overflow of a healthy church.
- **Simple people God uses in a simple church – (Acts 4:13)**
  - a. (1 Cor 1:27-30) – No special educational qualifications; God qualifies the unqualified. We do not require any degrees or educational background for someone to serve at HCF. The requirement is that they show the mature character of someone who has a relationship with Christ, has been

equipped, and has been called by the Holy Spirit to a particular ministry.

- **Growth of a simple church – (Acts 6:1-7)**
  - a. Ministries arise out of “needs” that the Holy Spirit makes known to the Body of Christ, and God raises up men and women to delegate the ministries to without taking away from the core focus of those already serving.
  - b. As the ministry outgrows the current laborers, we pray that God would raise up more laborers that ministries can be delegated to. This is so that current laborers do not burn out or neglect current ministries, and that people we serve can be served well. (i.e. - Exodus 18).
- **Missions in a simple church – (Acts 13:1-4).**
  - a. As we focus on the Lord (not missions necessarily) we hear the heart of Jesus saying, “Go into all the world”. Missions is the overflow of a church focusing on the Lord, and the Spirit directs the sending.

**The danger of forgetting this first and simple Spirit-led vision is the rebuke given by Jesus to the first-generation church in (Revelation 2:1-7). The warning was that they would burn out.**

## Win – (Mark 16:15)

It is our desire that everyone would have an opportunity to come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, in which they will have eternal life (John 17:3). We offer this in a simple way. . .

- Lifestyle evangelism (Matthew 5:16). We all have a circle of people who we influence, like our workplaces, school, neighbors, family, friends etc. It is our mission to show them Christ and invite them along on the journey of the Great Commission.
- Worship services are aimed at equipping the saints. We are inevitably sharing the gospel as we teach through the Word, and consistently offer the invitation for anyone to confess Jesus Christ as their Lord.
- Outreach ministries, as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

## Disciple - (Matthew 28:19-20)

**1. Teaching through the Bible.** It is our aim at HCF to teach through the entirety of Scripture (Acts 20:27). We teach the Old Testament on Wednesday nights, and the New Testament on Sunday mornings; chapter by chapter, verse by verse, book by book. We believe that **all** Scripture is necessary (Mt 4:4), and that the Scripture itself is able to make a believer mature and equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16). We believe that “the whole Bible makes a whole Christian.” Sunday and Wednesday studies are foundational to everything we do at HCF, and to miss out on this is to miss the vision.

**2. Titus 2 (families, men’s, women’s & couples).** Titus 2 is foundational to God’s design of deeper discipleship. Older women in the faith are called to disciple younger women in the faith, and men are called to do likewise. This can be done one-on-one, in small groups among men or women, with a small group for couples, and among families. This involves the simple process of doing life with other believers; focusing on encouraging each other in the Lord. Believers should have a Paul (someone pouring into our lives) and a Timothy (someone we are pouring our lives into). This can be done with application questions following our Sunday or Wednesday Bible studies, encouragement in reading through the Bible, prayer, and prayerfully serving together in the Body of Christ. This also includes encouraging one another to attend the regular men’s or women’s Bible studies.

## Send – (Acts 1:8) – *Complete and fill out a volunteer application*

*online or in the office: <https://horizonlacrosse.org/volunteer-info>.*

- **Serve in Body with your God-given giftings (1 Cor 12, Rom 12, Eph 4, 1 Peter 4).** The Bible indicates that every true believer in Christ has a gift necessary for the Body of Christ to rightly reflect Jesus. We do not believe God needs you, but we do believe that the Body of Christ does. 1 Corinthians 12 seems to indicate that if a member of the Body does not use their gift, either because they don’t think their gift is significant, or because they are a lone soldier without the need of the others, the Body greatly suffers. We believe it would be inconsistent for a believer in the Body of Christ to know Jesus, grow in knowing Him, and not overflow into their family, church family, and the world.
- There are many options at HCF for being sent. If you are being equipped through Titus 2 and/or School of Ministry, we believe you should be prayerfully overflowing with service in the Sunday or Wednesday worship services.