



The Son  
of David  
Opens the  
Eyes of  
the Blind

*Mark 10:46-52*

***Pentecost 22***  
***Sunday, October 24, 2021***



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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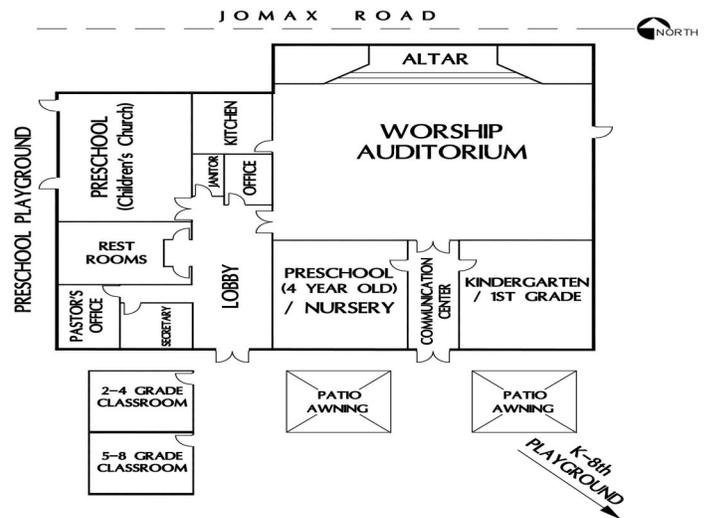
**Jomax Campus**  
10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship**

**Vistancia Meeting in**  
**New River Kiwanis Clubhouse**  
48606 N.17th Ave.  
New River, AZ 85087  
**Sun. 9:30am Worship**

**Welcome to our Worship Center!** God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

### Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) to take part in our "**Children in Church**" program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



## Worship focus

Some suffering comes into our lives as the consequence of our own sins and some as the consequence of the sins of others. But other suffering comes from the hand of God with no immediate or apparent reason. Bartimaeus was blind. There appears no reason for his blindness ... until Jesus passes by.

Then and only then two marvelous and heaven sent reasons become evident. One is so that Jesus may again demonstrate his power and his mercy, even as he approaches Jerusalem on the way to the cross. On the way to the cross he is not too busy or preoccupied with his coming suffering that he cannot give himself to the need of one poor soul at a time. The other reason is so Bartimaeus will have a need to cry out for Jesus' mercy. How many are there who never consider their need of Jesus and his Word until disaster or sickness strike? How many are there who do not appreciate the mercy they have enjoyed day after day until they suffer loss? Jesus sends or allows a need to arise so that he can meet it. Whether he meets the need by removing it or by giving point to it and the strength to endure matters little; what matters is that the need brings us to cry out with Bartimaeus for help that he will give in the best possible way. Notice at the end of the miracle Jesus praises Bartimaeus for his faith. Is that not a wondrous thing? Everything about Bartimaeus' faith had Jesus himself as the cause, the source, the content, the goal. But so delighted is Jesus when he creates the miracle of faith, that he praises the one in whom he has created it!

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## *Service of the Word*

**LES CHOIR**

**Come into God's Presence  
We are Singing**

**GREETING**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

*(Sung by Congregation)*

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Congregation Sings:*

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

“Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, ‘LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’<sup>8</sup> See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.<sup>9</sup> They will come with weeping;

they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

**LES CHOIR**

**Great is the Lord**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SECOND READING**

*Revelation 3:14-22*

<sup>14</sup>“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. <sup>15</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. <sup>19</sup>Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. <sup>20</sup>Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. <sup>21</sup>To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia.

*(Ephesians 2:10a)*

*Congregation Sings:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe  
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

 **SERMON HYMN**

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee | CW402 4 Vs.**

**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day  
Be wholly thine!  
May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!  
While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

SERMON

The Son of David Opens the Eyes of the Blind

Mark 10:46-52

<sup>46</sup>Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” <sup>50</sup>Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” <sup>52</sup>“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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APOSTLES' CREED

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 SONG OF THE SEASON

Let the Nations be Glad | 3 Vs.

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy;  
May redemption be the theme of our song.  
For by grace we have been saved and by grace we shall proclaim  
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

*Refrain:*

Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice;  
For salvation belongs to our God. Let the whole earth be filled  
With the praises of the Lord; For salvation belongs to our God.  
Let the nations be glad!

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,  
Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.

Still we, holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,  
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *[Refrain]*

As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,  
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim; now we pray  
"Your Kingdom come", And we pray "Your will be done",  
For the honor and the glory of Your name. *[Refrain]*

## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*  
*(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*(Spoken by All)*

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*(Prayed by Minister)*

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

By Faith | 3 Vs.

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts,  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.

*Refrain:*

We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name. *[Refrain]*

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## Golden Agers

Seventeen members and friends of Cross of Glory attended the Golden Agers breakfast and time of fellowship at Brothers Family Restaurant last Thursday. The group will continue to meet the second Thursday of each month. Please email Judy Sasse ([sasseja43@aol.com](mailto:sasseja43@aol.com)) several days in advance of the event if you plan to attend the next get-together on November 11.

Brothers Family Restaurant  
8466 W Peoria Ave, Ste 1, Peoria

## Ushers Needed

We are looking for a few more ushers to be on rotation. Men and women are welcome to usher. It's also a great way for families to serve together! Please let Verl Naber know if you are willing to serve in this way. You may email him at [nabersplace@cox.net](mailto:nabersplace@cox.net) or speak to him at church.

## New Hymnals are Here!

The new hymnals have arrived. If you ordered one in advance, you may pick it up at the office. The hymnals are labeled with the purchaser's name. The cost for each hymnal is \$24. Please place the payment in the provided envelope and cross off your name on the envelope.

Extra hymnals were ordered. If you are interested in receiving one, you may also pick one up from the office at this time. Please sign up [here](#) to let Liz know, and she will place your name on a hymnal in the office. Pastors are encouraging members to have their copy for home devotional use, as there is a lot of content in the hymnal for personal spiritual growth.

## Appreciation/ Kick-Off Dinner

Summary of Appreciation/Kick-Off Dinner:

We enjoyed the fellowship of 58 members and friends at the catered dinner on October 9. Seventeen children enjoyed their own meal while supervised by four teens. We expressed our appreciation to six service groups and welcomed eight new families into membership.

We also kicked off our capital-fund drive to construct three new classrooms and expand our ministry in Vistancia. Presentations were made, an informational booklet was passed out, and two videos were shown. All those who attended are reminded to return their commitment forms to the box at the back of the church or mail them to the church office. The deadline for returning the commitments is Sunday, October 31.

On that Sunday, October 31,, along with our joint Reformation service, we will present the "Finish the Race" program along with the two videos after the service for those who were not in attendance at the dinner. Please plan to attend and join your fellow members in growing the ministry here at Cross of Glory.

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

October 27, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
October 27, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 28, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 29, 6:00 p.m.	Hallowscream (Vistancia)
October 30, 3:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (Jomax)
October 30, 5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (New River)
October 31, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Joint Service Jomax)
October 31, 10:00 a.m.	Finish the Race Presentation
October 31, 10:30 a.m.	Voters Meeting
October 31, 11:30 a.m.	Reformation Meal
October 31, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 31, 4:00 p.m.	West Side Joint Reformation (Grace Glendale)
November 1, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 1, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 2, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
November 3, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
November 3, 3:45 p.m.	Youth Group, 5th-8th Grade
November 3, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 4, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
November 4, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
November 7, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
November 7, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
November 7, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
November 7, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
November 7, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
November 8, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 8, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

## Reformation Services

**Cross of Glory** will be having a joint Jomax/Vistancia/New River Reformation service at the Jomax campus on October 31 at 9:00 a.m. There will be a "Finish the Race" presentation at 10:00, a voters' meeting at 10:30, and lunch to follow.

**The westside joint Reformation** service will be held at Grace, Glendale, on October 31 at 4:00 p.m. The celebration will focus on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diet of Worms and Luther's infamous "Here I stand!"

## Cross of Glory VTO Review

On Saturday, November 6, from 8:30-11:30 in the morning, Cross of Glory leaders will be reviewing our long range planning document, the VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer). Anyone else who is interested in providing input into this promise is encouraged to attend as well. All are welcome to take part in this important planning process!

## Trunk or Treat Sign-Up

Put your creative skills to work and come join the fun at our annual "trunk or treat" event. This year the event will be held both at the Jomax campus and in New River on October 30. It is really easy to do. Come up with your theme, and decorate your trunk. Do you have a hobby or favorite sports team? Make that your trunk! We request no violent, scary, ghostly, witch, or horror themes. (Holy Spirit would be allowed.) If no ideas come to mind, just Google "trunk theme for trunk or treat." If you come up with a theme that requires electrical hookup, please indicate in the sign-up.

## Men's Conference in Phoenix

*Men of His Word* is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The first conference for *Men of His Word-Arizona* will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022, in Phoenix, AZ**. The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually, be inspired by God's Word, and fellowship with Christian brothers from the Southwest. For more information, visit [MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/](http://MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/) and click on the Early Bird Registration button. Registering will give you regular updates about the conference, but does not obligate you to attend.

## Church Directory

I am working on updating the Church Directory. Please view it at the entry of church and make correction or email me at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org) with any corrections or an updated picture.

## Council Positions Available

We are looking for a head trustee and an evangelism chairman. Those interested can talk with one of the pastors or church president.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	October 31st	November 7th	November 14th
Counters	Wempner/ Voigt	Wempner/ Cornell	Wempner/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Patterson/ Pappenfuss	Foxens	Coates/ Simkauskas
Communion Setup	-	Sharon Kull	-
Ushers	Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Tanner Plitzuweit	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Joel Ditter	Cody Hall Levi Foxen
Sunday Refreshments	Ally & Liz	Wilson & Gullerud	Plitzuweit/ Contreras
A/V	Titus Patterson/ Rene Koutia	Stacy Cornell/ Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia/ Isaac Patterson

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## Vistancia News

We give thanks to God that we are able to once again worship at Lake Pleasant Elementary School. We were able to get all the information to the Peoria School District, making it possible for us to use the facility. We worshiped there last Sunday and will be there again this Sunday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Reminder: We are worshipping jointly at the Jomax campus on October 31 for the Reformation service.

**Please join us on November 7 for worship as we celebrate the relaunch in our mission field. We will also have children's church for the children.**

Communion will be at 9:00 a.m. on Communion Sundays in Vistancia.

## Worship at New River

We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. We will be asking the mission board to discuss making New River a mission start-up. If you are interested in joining us, the address is 48606 N 17th Ave, New River, Az. When using navigation, Google maps is the best choice, Apple may get you lost. Our service time is 9:30 a.m.

### New River Growth Group

Chosen

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

Contact Pastor John Ehlers

Vistancia Worship Volunteers	October 31st	November 7th	November 14th
Setup	Taylor	Taylor	Taylor
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player/Music	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	-	-

# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.

**Jerry Stern**, the Brother of Grant Stern, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoing treatment

**Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoes treatments.

**Chris Hansen**, for the loss of his Father

**Keri Patterson**, for the loss of her Aunt

**Margaret Walker**, for swift and full recovery after surgery.

## MILITARY

**E4 Specialist Alice Henderson**, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**Major JD Larson**, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

**Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen**, son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.

## Offerings

We have now returned to collecting offerings during the service. Offerings can also be made online by visiting [crossofglory.org](http://crossofglory.org) in your browser, clicking on the menu on the upper right corner (3 horizontal lines) and selecting “**Giving**” from the menu. You can also scan the QR code with your phone’s camera. This will take you directly to the offering page. In addition, you may also mail your offerings to Cross of Glory at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied “Lamb of God” who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible’s claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus’ saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible’s primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we’re all sinners equally saved by Jesus’ substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus’ love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church’s plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.