

Solo Christo

Christ Alone



Reformation Day
Sunday, October 31, 2021



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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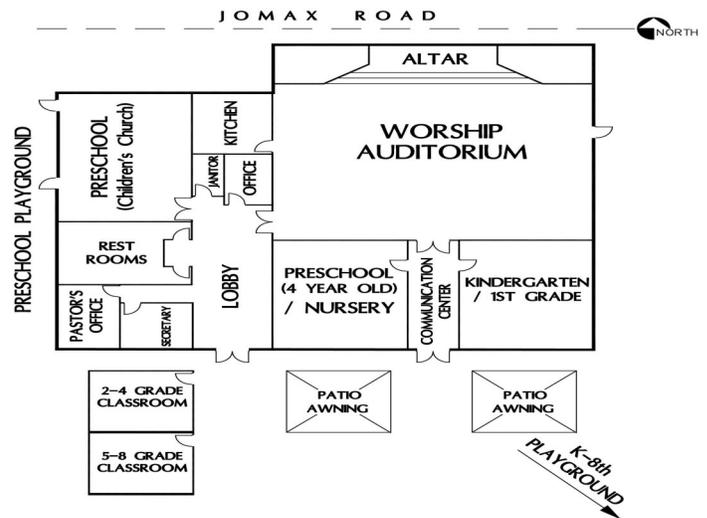
Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

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 4th 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!



On Reformation Sunday we often focus on four important Christian—that is, Lutheran Christian—treasures. Three of them are most familiar: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone. They are the three “Solas”.

You’ll see these on the banners left of the altar. But one more sola captures them all—Christ alone. We hold fast to the truth of God’s grace that has justified us freely in Christ. We receive that grace and make it ours by faith in Christ. We learn of these treasures in Christ through the Scriptures and do not rely on any other authority. So “Christ Alone” is the Rock—the foundation of the church on which rests all our teaching and our witness.

This is the fourth year of four years that we will focus on one of the “Solas”. This year it is “**Christ alone**”. The three “solas” of the Reformation do not fly solo, of course. **Grace** is most emphatically shown us in Christ; saving **faith** is not in faith itself, but in Jesus; **Scripture** is centered on Christ from first to last. Which is why it is important to include “solo Christo” in our Reformation celebrations. That’s the sola underneath the other solas! It is all about Jesus! What a great way to end this church year as we focus on Christ, our Lord and King.

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Reformation Festival Service

GATHERING RITE FOR REFORMATION

Spoken Responsively, Sung Verses of Reformation Hymn

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: We reaffirm on this Reformation Sunday the great principles for which these heroes of the faith lived and died:

M: SOLA SCRIPTURA *(by Scriptures alone)*:

C: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16)

Ensemble: 

*Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build;
In every line the truth is found and every page with glory filled.*

M: SOLA GRATIA *(by Grace alone)*:

C: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23, 24)

Ensemble: 

*By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by your pow'r have been made new.*

**C:  Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;**

M: SOLA FIDE *(by Faith alone)*:

C: We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. (Galatians 2:16)

**C:  Through faith alone we come to you; we have no merit we can claim.
Sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name.**

M: CHRISTO SOLO *(by Christ alone)*

C: For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5, 6)

C:  In Christ alone we're justified; his righteousness is all our plea;
Your law's demands are satisfied; his perfect work has set us free.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;

M: SOLI DEO GLORIA (*to God alone be the glory*):

C: It is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” (*1 Corinthians 1:30-31*)

C:  So on this Reformation day we join with saints of old to sing;
We lift our hearts as one in praise: Glory to Christ our gracious King.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone; (2X)

CONFESSIO

These responses have a confession and absolution woven through statements from the 95 Theses and Scripture

M: When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent,” he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance. (*Thesis 1*)

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (*Psalms 51:1-2*)

M: Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally condemned, together with their teachers. (*Thesis 32*)

C: All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” (*Galatians 3:10*)

M: Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt. (*Thesis 36*)

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. He does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to his iniquities. For as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (*Psalms 103:2,3,10,12*)

M: Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church, given to him by God. (*Thesis 37*)

C: A righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Amen. (*Romans 3:21-24*)

GLORY TO GOD

(Sung by Congregation)

**Glory to the God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3

For about 57 years prior to the reign of King Josiah, Judah had tolerated two kings who promoted paganism. While repairs were being made on the temple during Josiah's reign, the Book of the Covenant was rediscovered.

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent the secretary, Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the temple of the LORD. He said: "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the LORD—the carpenters, the builders and the masons. Also have them purchase timber and dressed stone to repair the temple. But they need not account for the money entrusted to them, because they are honest in their dealings." Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

(Sung by Congregation)

**Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom wonders belong;
Rejoice in His triumph and tell of His pow'r, O sing to the Lord a new song!
Now to the ends of the earth See His salvation is shown;
And still He remembers His mercy and truth, Unchanging in love to His own.
Sing a new song and rejoice, Publish His praises abroad;
Let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn, Resound for the joy of the Lord!
Join with the hills and the sea Thunders of praise to prolong;
In judgment and justice He comes to the earth, O sing to the Lord a new song!**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going away and that he will come back and take them to his Father's house.

He makes it very clear that he is the only way to heaven.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

 **SERMON HYMN**

My Hope Rests Firm | 4 Vs.

**My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, He is my only plea.
Though all the world should point and scorn,
His ransom leaves me free; His ransom leaves me free.**

**My hope sustains me as I strive and strain towards the goal;
Though still I stumble into sin,
His death paid for it all; His death paid for it all.**

**My hope provides me with a spur to help me run this race:
I know my tears will turn to joy
The day I see his face; the day I see his face.**

**My hope is to be with my Lord, To know as I am known;
To serve Him gladly all my days
In praise before His throne; In praise before His throne.**

SERMON

By Christ Alone

Acts 4:1-12

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, 11/26/2017: Christ which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

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.

CHOIR

In Christ Alone with Cornerstone

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Let us pray to the Lord for the Christian church on earth and for all people everywhere. For all who gather here today and for our entire congregation, that through the gospel the Lord would give us growth in faith and increase our love:

C: We ask you to bless us, O Lord.

M: For the spreading of the gospel throughout the world; for all pastors, missionaries, and their families, that they may boldly proclaim Christ to the nations:

C: We ask you to hear us, O Lord.

M: For the comforting, absolute truth of the gospel, that salvation is found in Christ alone, in his work, and not in anything we might have to produce or provide:

C: We magnify your name, O Lord.

M: For the people of our country; for the Lord's blessings on our work; for those seeking employment; for good health; and for good weather:

C: We beg for your mercy, O Lord.

M: For all who are sick in body or mind; for the hungry and the homeless; for those who are in prison; for those who are dying and those who are mourning:

C: We ask you to help them according to your will, O Lord.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

~Silent prayer~

M: All this we ask, O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:

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.

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *(Hebrews 13:20,21)*

C: Amen.

ENSEMBLE

God is our Refuge and Strength

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, after our joint Reformation service, we will present the "Finish the Race" program along with the two videos 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.

Prayer Circle

The Cross of Glory Prayer Circle will be starting soon. Please send an email to prayercircle@crossofglory.org if you are interested in being a part of the prayer circle or have a prayer request. Prayer circle emails will be sent out on a weekly basis.

Meditations

If you are interested in getting *Meditations* quarterly, consider ordering through Cross of Glory. We can order them in bulk to save you money on shipping costs. Please let Liz know. Please also give her the payment for the subscription.

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	November 7th	November 14th	November 21st
Counters	Wempner/ Cornell	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Plitzuweit
Cleaners	Foxen/ Pappenfuss	Coates/ Simkauskas	Martins/ Ehlers
Communion Setup	Sharon Kull	-	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Joel Ditter	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline
Sunday Refreshments	Wilson & Gullerud	Plitzuweit & Contreras	Paula Considine
A/V	Stacy Cornell/ Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia/ Isaac Patterson	Levi Foxen/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson

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 500th 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!

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 or speak to him at church.

Church Directory

I am working on updating the Church Directory. Please view what I have attached and email me at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org with any corrections or an updated picture.

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. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Please join us for worship at Lake Pleasant Elementary School on November 7 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	November 7th	November 14th	November 21st
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.

Margaret Walker, for swift and full recovery after surgery.

Pat Powell, as she recovers from back issues.

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.

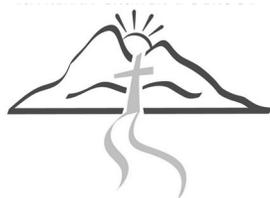
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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 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.

Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 10:30am (Vistancia)
Family Bible Study 9:30am (Vistancia) Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)