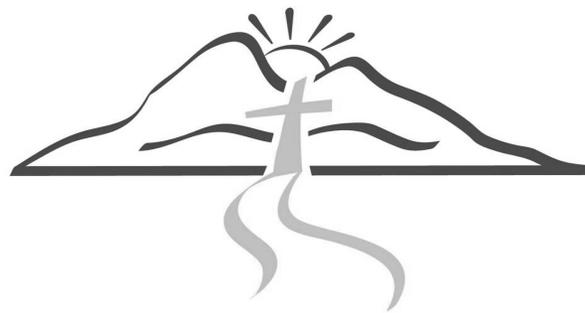




Following Christ Calls for Total Commitment

Pentecost 3

Sunday, June 26, 2022



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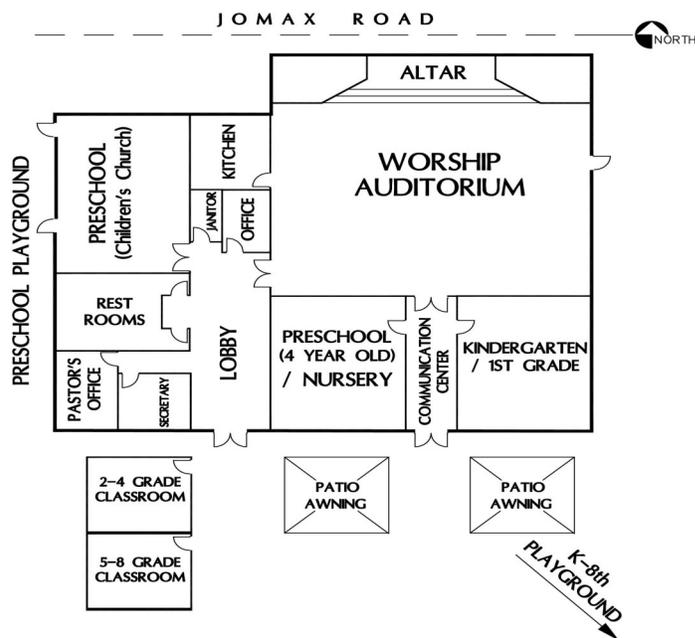
Sun. 9am Worship

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

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!



There's the type of fan who follows his team if they make the playoffs. Then there's the type of fan who, regardless of his team's record, watches every game and knows the stats for every player. There are different types of followers: the half-hearted versus the committed. Jesus is uninterested in half-hearted followers who shoehorn him into their lives only when their other pursuits provide time for the Christ. Jesus wants followers who are all-in... who love him above all things... who would be willing to leave everything else behind if that were what it would take to be with him.

We simply do not have it in us to produce that level of commitment. But Jesus' words have Jesus' power. In his gospel Jesus explains how he went all in for our salvation. He tells us he left the comforts of heaven behind to come rescue us. And through those words Christ creates within us the very commitment that he seeks.

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Opening Hymn: Joyously I'll Praise My Savior

CWH 611



1 Joy - ous - ly I'll praise my Sav - ior; for my God I'll
 2 God, with firm and clear con - vic - tion, gave for me his
 3 God had seen my sad con - di - tion, gave me sight when
 4 Since your love is nev - er - end - ing, far be - yond what



glad - ly sing, as I see his lov - ing fa - vor ev - i -
 pre - cious Son, by whose blood - y cru - ci - fix - ion I from
 I was blind; he will be my great phy - si - cian, heal - ing
 words can say, up to you my hands ex - tend - ing, Fa - ther,



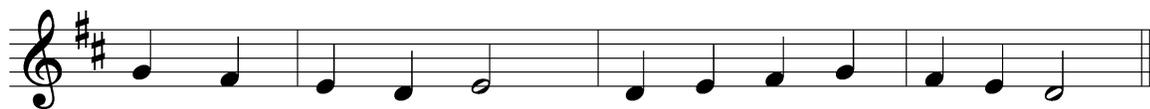
dent in ev - 'ry - thing. In his faith - ful heart is beat - ing
 hell have now been won. O you spring of love pre - vail - ing,
 bod - y, soul, and mind. When it seems it's not worth try - ing—
 as your child, I pray: Let your grace to me be giv - en



love that's pure and wide and long, love that makes his
 depth of which I'll nev - er know, cur - rent which will
 all my skill gets noth - ing done— Je - sus helps me
 that I may with all my might cling to you both



ser - vants strong. All I see on earth is fleet - ing; God's a -
 ev - er flow. All I see on earth is fail - ing; God's a -
 car - ry on. All I see on earth is dy - ing; God's a -
 day and night till I see your face in heav - en where my



maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 praise and love will be yours for all e - ter - ni - ty.

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M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Refrain

Change my heart, O God, Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

Verse

You are the Pot - ter. I am the clay; Mold me and

make me. This is what I pray. (To Refrain)

M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, "He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord." God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from hea - ven to earth to show the
way; from the earth to the cross my debt to
pay From the cross to the grave; From the grave to the
sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:19–21

Elisha commits himself completely to the work to which the LORD had called him, leaving family and wealth behind.

¹⁹So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

²¹So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

Psalm 62

(Spoken Responsively)

M: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: My salvation comes from him.

M: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

M: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: My hope comes from him.

M: Though your riches increase,

C: Do not set your heart on them.

M: My salvation and honor de-pend on God;

C: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

M: Trust in him at all times, O people;

C: Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus teaches that following him means leaving this world behind.

⁵¹As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

⁵²And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him;

⁵³but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

⁶²Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Sermon Hymn: Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CWH 867

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2 ; Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4

*Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior's gracious promise hear;
his faithful Word you can believe, that as your days your strength shall be.*

*Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the conflict should be long,
the Lord will make the tempter flee, that as your days your strength shall be.*

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Refrain:

So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle's fierce, but the vict'ry's won!

God shall supply all that you need; yes, as your days your strength shall be.

Congregation Sings:

Should persecution rage and flame, still trust in your Redeemer's name.

In fiery trials you shall see that as your days your strength shall be. (Refrain)

**When called to bear your weighty cross, or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
or deep distress, or poverty, still as your days your strength shall be. (Refrain)**

Sermon

Sin 202—An Advanced Course

2 Samuel 11 & 12

¹⁹David noticed that his attendants were whispering among themselves, and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked.

"Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

²⁰Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate. (2 Samuel 12:19–20)

Sermon notes:

"When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your _____ was heavy upon me; my strength was _____ as in the heat of summer" (Psalm 32:3,4).

Principle #5: The chief God-implanted enemy of sin is _____.

Two ways to rid oneself of an accusing conscience.

1. To commit the sin so often that the voice is no longer _____—that is called a "_____ " or "_____ " conscience.

"They rebelled and grieved his _____ . So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them" (Isaiah 63:10).

2. To _____ to Christ Jesus in repentance and faith—that is called a "_____ " or "_____ " conscience

“Then I _____ my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will _____ my transgressions to the Lord and you _____ the guilt of my sin’” (Psalm 32:5).

Principle #6: God’s forgiveness frees us from sin’s punishment, but not necessarily from its --
_____.

Newton’s Third Law of Motion: For every action there is an equal and opposite _____.

“Because by doing this you have made the enemies of the Lord show utter _____” (2 Samuel 12:14).

“Those who stray from paths of righteousness find God’s forgiveness, but only eternity heals the _____.” (anonymous)

Principle #7: For the Christian, God can turn even the consequences of repentant sin for our
_____.

The whole topic of sin can be summed up in just one word: _____.

The 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed (Sanctification)

(Spoken Responsively)

M: 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.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

M: In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Song of the Season: God’s Holy Spirit Came

CWH 479

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2-4

*God’s Holy Spirit came with rushing wind and fire,
Christ’s presence here to comfort, bless, and to inspire.
The Spirit thus began God’s holy work on earth
at Pentecost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.*

Congregation Sings:



2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,
3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.
In man - y tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer
"Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.
and thou - sands came be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's pow'r.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

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Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer of the Church

(Prayed by Minister)

The Lord's Prayer

(Sung by Congregation)



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your



name, your king - dom come, your will be done on

earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Blessing

M: 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.

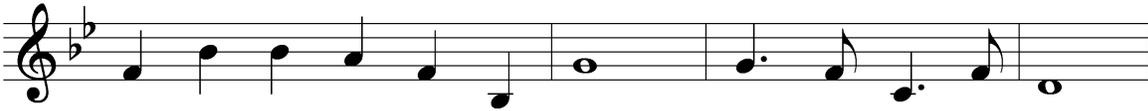
Closing Hymn: He Will Hold Me Fast

CWH 813

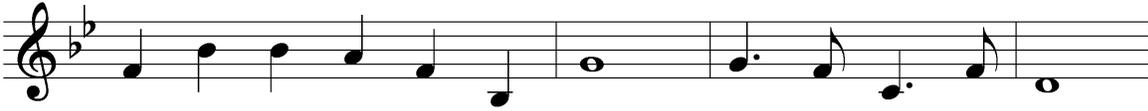
Ensemble sings Vs. 1; Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

*When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail,
he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
thro' life's fearful path,
for my love is often cold— he must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Congregation sings



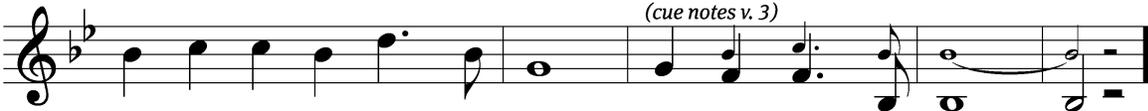
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



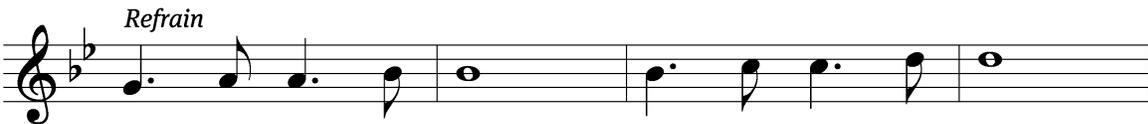
pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



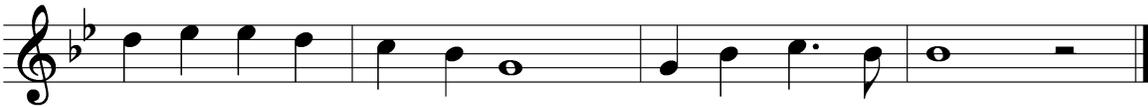
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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Jomax Worship Volunteers	June 26th	July 3rd	July 10th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Nick Nicholai Stacey Cornell
Communion Setup	-	Dawn Ellis	-
Ushers	Cody Hall Joel Ditter	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Leslie Contreras Angela Hall	Naber	Paula Considine
A/V	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson	Titus Patterson Pedro Contreras

Positions Available

Full-time Kindergarten Aid
 Two part-time to Full-time Preschool Aids
 Part-time Music Teacher
 Part-time School Marketing Coordinator - job description available

Please contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org for the application and job description.

Volunteers Needed

We need more counters in to rotation to count offerings on Sunday mornings right after church.
 Please contact John Kull at (858) 395-5666 or financialsecretary@crossofglory.org

Meditations

We have extra Meditations located on the table in the back of church. Please help yourself. These are leftover from Vistancia.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Ehlers will be on vacation from June 16-July 6. Pastor Piepenbrink and Pastor Sprain will handle any emergencies. Please call the office if you need anything.

Life Coaching Group

Topic: Cornerstone
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Mountain Vista Club

1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Cave Creek

Course description: There are an enormous number of challenges that can occur in life from seemingly tiny to soul-crushingly overwhelming. The CORNERSTONE resilience system is designed to provide a specific set of steps to follow to put into perspective those things that seem unmanageable. Through six one-hour sessions, participants will learn and practice skills and benefit from the ideas of others in their quest to be more resilient and “bounce back” in difficulty.

Golden Agers Breakfast

The next Golden Agers breakfast will be held on Thursday, July 14, at 9:30. The location is Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345. Please email Judy Sasse if you plan to attend. sasseja43aol.com.

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.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

July 3, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
July 3, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
July 3, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

LOOKING AHEAD

July 10, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
July 10, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
July 10, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
July 14, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast

Rental Opportunities

Please keep an eye out for affordable rentals (apartments, casitas, condos, extra rooms, etc.). We have two young men searching for options for housing. One of them is our new teacher, Michael Radue, and the other is for Pastor Ehlers' nephew, Tim Hampson.



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**Good Shepherd Bible Camp
July 10-16, 2022**

**Come spend a week in the
mountains with us!**

To register, visit
www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com



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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.

***Karen Jurado**, as she recovers from her recent hospitalization from low sodium levels.*

***Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments. The cancer is spreading, and he is beginning intense treatments on May 10 for three months.*

***Pat Powell**, as she recovers from back issues.*

***For the family of Gus Koutia in Lebanon**, as they face a food shortage due to the interruption of imports from Ukraine.*

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.*



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.