

**Message Big Idea:** God created the church for a purpose. He created our church for a purpose. The church is also not primarily a place we go, meaning it isn't primarily a meeting place or programs. The Church is the people of God. We are the church. And God wants to launch his church into the world. That's our mission and purpose as a church - Loving people to Jesus, launching passionate people to make a difference. God wants to launch you into your workplace or school, your neighborhood, to other organizations and churches...to make a difference!

**Main Idea:** Live the 6:10 life!

**Main Text:** Galatians [6:10](#); Hebrews [6:10](#)

**Supporting texts:** Proverbs 11:25

**Links:**

**Reflection/Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you think is the purpose or mission of the church that God established? In God's mind, why did he need a church to exist?
2. The mission of Pantano Christian Church is: *Loving people to Jesus, launching passionate people to make a difference*. Do you think the mission of Pantano meets the purpose that God established for the church? How or in what ways?
3. What about our mission do you like or is attractive to you? Why? How do you find yourself living out this mission in your own life?
4. In what specific ways have you heard or seen Pantano live out this mission?
5. God's plan to save and change the world is through the church. Why is the church the hope of our world? What must the church do to be the vehicle to bring God's influence into our world? Why did God use this strategy?
6. Are you open to serving another healthy life-giving church to help that church reach lost people and impact their community? What makes that opportunity difficult? What excites you about that opportunity?
7. Glen challenged us to **Live the 6:10 life!** 6:10 comes from Galatians 6:10 and Hebrews 6:10. Read those verses and decide how you can live the 6:10 life.

### Screen Information:

Half Screen: Picture of One Word card

Slide: #oneword

Slide: Loving people to Jesus, launching passionate people to make a difference.

Slide: Loving people to Jesus

Slide: To make a difference

Slide: Launching passionate people

Slide: Galatians 6:10 (pg. 798)

Slide: Hebrews 6:10 (pg. 819)

Slide: Live the 6:10 life!

Slide: Dave Drum - 4Tucson

Half Screen: Together 4Tucson Conference (flyer - [link](#))

Slide: [www.4Tucson.com](http://www.4Tucson.com)

Slide: Live the 6:10 life!

Slide: Blessed to be a blessing - Proverbs 11:25 (pg. 439)

Video: Michael and Desi Goodwin - Vineyard City Church

Slide: Jeff Markland - Good News Community Church

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### Message:

Happy New Year everyone! Before we look forward, let's quickly look back at Christmas 2017. Wow, what an amazing Christmas season here at Pantano. Thousands of folks were at our three December night events to celebrate Christmas with their family and friends. 280 of you volunteered over the 3 nights - THANK YOU! We've already had people who visited the event attend church services and several have come over to Starting Point!

Then our Christmas Eve service was the best ever! The opening Dummer Boy song was spectacular. I hope you didn't miss it. About 5500 people attended the four services. That's 1600 more than last year. And together we gave \$\_\_\_\_\_ for our Christmas Eve offering to help others all over the world. Thank you for your amazing generosity given through your offering and service.

Last week, New Year's Eve, to help get the New Year started well, I challenged us to prayerfully select one word to focus on for the year. **[One word card]** Cards are available in the lobby, Guest Services and online. If you missed the message last Sunday, you can watch the message online. Be sure to share your one word - **#oneword**.

I'd like to start 2018 by being clear on who we are as a church. If you've been here for awhile, this is a reminder of what you already know. But if you are new this might be a

bit surprising. Many folks who are new to Pantano will tell us that they've noticed something different about our church. But they aren't quite sure what it is. We have a strong value and commitment as a church. We don't exist to serve ourselves. We exist to serve others. We want to help people come to faith and have a home in heaven for eternity and we want to see our community become a better place to live.

Now before I go any further, let me be clear to those of you who are new here or new to a faith journey. Today we are going to be talking about how we go about moving outside the walls of the church building to serve others through other churches. And you might be saying, "You are asking me to go somewhere else when I just got here?!" I know, weird, right?! But if you are new, please understand that we know you might not be ready to do that yet. That's okay. You may just be trying to figure out if this is a good, safe, healthy church. You might be on the learning edge of what faith means to you. We are so glad you are here and we want to help you get to know God in a personal way. But I want you to know that we are a church that also wants to launch people into our communities to make a difference. That is one of the things I love about our church.

So here is our purpose or mission: **Loving people to Jesus, launching passionate people to make a difference.** This is not just a slogan. This isn't just talk or empty words. This is a way of living.

I want you to notice that our mission has three parts to it. Most of the time we focus on the first part- **Loving people to Jesus**. We talk about that often. We constantly celebrate the **To make a difference** part. As a church we are helping the Department of Child Safety to reunite families and we've served dozens and dozens of families through a ministry we helped start called Care Portal. Well, I could use my whole time celebrating the difference we are making. The point is that as a church we ARE making a difference. But today, our focus is on the middle part: **Launching passionate people.**

I want to connect the "launching passionate people" idea to what I call the 6:10 life. It is a spiritual principle found in Galatians 6:10 and Hebrews 6:10. Both verses are found in 6:10 - nice huh?! Let's start with Galatians 6:10 (pg. 798 - NIV) - ***Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*** It is simple and straightforward. Do good to all, especially those in God's church.

Then there is the second 6:10 verse in Hebrews 6:10 (pg. 819 - NIV) - ***God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*** God is pleased when we put effort and show love helping God's people. So I want to challenge you to: **Live the 6:10 life!** Let us work and love to do good to all people, including God's people! Join with and help other faith communities or churches to make a difference in their neighborhoods. We exist for others, remember!

So that is our calling and purpose as individuals and as a church. But it is so easy for any individual or church, including ours, to lose sight of our real purpose. The church is not to be a holy huddle where we hide from the evil world. The church is also not primarily a place we go, meaning it isn't primarily a meeting place or programs. The

Church is the people of God. We are the church. The church is people, people of faith. And God wants to launch his church, his people, into the world. That's why "launching passionate people" is the middle or core of our mission.

God wants to launch you into your workplace or school...to make a difference. Your place of service might be here on this property with one of our amazing programs. But it might be at work or school where you connect with folks that might never go to any church or find Jesus on their own.

God wants to launch you into your neighborhood. There are folks who need you, who need help, who need Jesus that live right around you. These folks might never come to church or Jesus on their own.

God wants to launch you into some of the amazing organizations that are dealing with real issues which affect the quality of life here in Tucson. I already mentioned Care Portal. You'll be hearing more about Sold No More and the huge opportunity we'll have to help get into our schools to teach the truth about human sexuality and help prevent students from making dangerous life-altering choices. You can go to our website [mypantano](http://mypantano.com) and you'll see the different organizations we partner with.

Another great way we can launch you is to encourage you to join 4Tucson. 4Tucson is more than an organization. It is a movement. It is a movement of people from churches all across Tucson who are joining together to make a difference. Last year, 187 of us here at Pantano joined to be a partner with 4Tucson. Let me introduce to you **Dave Drum - 4Tucson**. I'm so grateful for Dave. Dave is passionate and so skilled in bringing people together to make a difference. Dave, how can we, as individuals of this church, join 4Tucson in making a difference?

*[Dave: Join 4Tucson, get involved in a domain or task. Join us at the Together 4Tucson Conference - Jan. 27 ([link to promo material](#))]* This is one way you can **Live the 6:10 life!** Join or re-up with 4Tucson. All of us can be a part of 4Tucson. Visit Dave at the table in Coop Court after our service to see how you can get involved. Online, check out the 4Tucson website - **[www.4Tucson.com](http://www.4Tucson.com)**.

God has given our church a vision to be a catalyst to make a difference by bringing God's influence into our region. That will only happen as we launch people like you to start and help create other healthy life-giving churches. Real change won't happen without God's power and influence. And it has always been God's plan to bring Jesus to our world through the church. Therefore, the Church is the hope of the world.

So our church has been committed to planting healthy life-giving churches that care about their community and make a difference. We've started 5 churches. Each church is serving their neighborhoods and schools. They are providing food and help for under resourced families and kids.

God has blessed our church with amazing people, a huge vision and the resources to truly make a difference. And for the last two decades we've followed a biblical principle. We say it this way: We are blessed to be a blessing. God provides so we can provide

for others. **Blessed to be a blessing - Proverbs 11:25 (pg. 439 - NIV)** - The principle is stated all over the Bible. But Proverbs 11:25 is one of the best. Let me read it to you - ***A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*** This is true for individuals. It is also true for a church. We are a generous church and God keeps providing so we can continue to be generous. And the most important resource any church has is its people. So we want to launch people to make a difference. Some of you here today may be the very person that God wants to use help start or re-launch a church.

I want you to listen to a couple that we recently had the honor of launching. **Michael and Desi Goodwin** are still a part of Pantano. They have a small group here. Their kids are involved here. But they also help at Vineyard City Church in midtown. Watch the screens. [Video] The Goodwins are living the 6:10 life!

So we want to make it as clear as we can today. We want to launch you to help serve others. It might be here at our church. But it might also be by helping a church that is just starting, re-starting or beginning a renewal to impact their community. Here's the cool thing about being launched from our church to serve another church. You can commit for 6 months or a year. It doesn't mean you can never come back to Pantano. It doesn't have to be forever. But it might mean that you also stay connected. Some of our church partners have services other than Sunday that allow you to still attend here. Some need help during other times than just Sunday morning. No matter your abilities, skills and time - there's something for you to do here or with one of our partner churches.

The point is you don't have to completely leave Pantano. Your kids and students can stay involved here. You can stay connected in your life group. And you have access to and can utilize our help and resources.

And Pastor Becki Kern will help you in this. Becki's responsibility on our staff is to help connect us to serve our community. She has connected us with several churches that are starting, re-starting or going through renewal that I want to introduce to you today.

Let's start with a church that we have been working with for a few years now. Let me introduce to you **Jeff Markland - Good News Community Church**. Welcome Jeff. A few years ago we were approached by a man named Steve Troust to help him start a church in a deeply impoverished part of Tucson. He started the church in an old drug house. But Steve ended up having to leave Tucson and that is when three churches came together to help continue the ministry. Those churches were Catalina Foothills Presbyterian, St. Andrews Presbyterian and Pantano. Jeff then took over as the pastor and we've had the honor of continuing to partner with Jeff and the church.

Jeff, describe for us the community your church is serving.

How has Pantano and the other churches helped Good News Community Church?

How can folks here join you to help?

God has opened the door for us to help more churches. Folks, don't miss this. I believe we are at the beginning edge of a revival in Tucson. God is doing something! God is moving here in Tucson - one of the least churched and least spiritually healthy cities in America! That's not just my opinion, it is based on good research.

In addition to Good News Community Church, let me introduce to you five more. I've asked each to share just a bit of where they are at and some concrete ways you could join them to help at this critical time in their growth and influence:

- Hope City Church - Jeff Logsdon
- Grace Fellowship (Vail) - Mike Blevins
- Corona Worship Center - Josh Lindsey
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Each of these churches will have a table, along with 4Tucson, in Coop court. Go visit them to find out more and to let them know you are interested in joining them. You don't have to commit today. But find out more. Investigate! Prayerfully allow God to lead you.

I'm going to ask Becki Kern to come up and pray for these churches. [Becki prays]

Folks, I'm going to ask you to stay just a minute longer while I dismiss these leaders to go to Coop Court. Let's allow them get out first please.

If you are new or this is your first time, may I encourage you to go to Starting Point. We want to help you begin or continue to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Starting Point will help you figure out your next best step toward God or help you take a deeper look at who we are as a church.

Some of you are ready for the **Live the 6:10 life!** challenge. Remember Galatians 6:10 - ***Therefore, as we have opportunity, (and we have opportunities today) let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.***

Our prayer partners will be down front if you need prayer. The One Word cards are in lobby, Guest services and digitally online. Have a great week! **Dismiss**