



# Building Blocks THE PICTURE

**AUGUST 20, 2023 • 8:40 AM WORSHIP**

<i>Praise</i>	Lake/Moore/Brown/Carnes/Barrett/Furtick
<i>Reaching For You</i>	Tomlin/Cash/Mooney
<b>What's Going On in the Family?</b>	Karen McAmis
<i>Goodness of God</i>	Cash/Johnson
<b>Sermon</b>	Blake Bengé
	<i>Building Blocks: The Picture</i>
<b>Song of Response:</b> <i>Firm Foundation (He Won't)</i>	Davis/Moore/Carnes
<b>Prayer for the Offering</b>	Russ Davenport
<b>Song for the Offering:</b> <i>Doxology</i>	Bourgeois/Ken
<b>Recognition of Decisions</b>	Blake Bengé
<b>Special Recognition</b>	Blake Bengé
<b>Nominating Committee Report</b>	Landon Bentham & Kathy Allen
<b>Benediction</b>	Giles Blankenship

## INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to [info@snydermbc.com](mailto:info@snydermbc.com)
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

Are you visiting with us today? Just scan the QR code for more info. We'd love to get to know you!



SCAN ME

## BUILDING BLOCKS: THE PICTURE

When we picture our future the vision we see should be clear. It should be intentional. There are a lot of people who choose to live abstract lives. Sort of taking life as it comes. Following the patterns and pressures they encounter. They are many times colorful lives, but they are not necessarily impactful lives. Impact is left to the intentional.

**Intentional People are \_\_\_\_\_ People**

“Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

**Intentional Churches are \_\_\_\_\_ Churches**

## Primer on Discerning God's will:

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## Bedrock on which to Build the Picture:

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20



### Discover (Leading people to discover \_\_\_\_\_)

1. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."
2. These people being baptized have \_\_\_\_\_ God who is revealed in His Son and is now guiding them by His Spirit.

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### Develop (Leading people to develop \_\_\_\_\_)

Faith is not so much a set of beliefs, but a confident trusting \_\_\_\_\_

1. "... teaching them to \_\_\_\_\_ all that I have commanded you..."

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2. "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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### Display (Leading people to display Christlike \_\_\_\_\_ in attitudes and actions)

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Galatians 5:6b

#### Our Intentional Picture

We lead people to \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ faith,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Christlike love in our attitudes and actions.

**Before we can \_\_\_\_\_ our church for growth, we have  
to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for growth.**

#### Next Week

We will look at a plan to make this picture a reality.

## TAKE IT WITH YOU

*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your current culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.* Romans 12:1-2 *The Message*

In studying our church's belief statements, we are reminded of the theology of living a Jesus-Centered life, being in a partnership and becoming a better disciple of Christ. In times of sadness, trials, and blessings, at beginnings and endings, and into eternity, Jesus provides everything we need. This divine promise for us hinges on whether we choose to make Jesus the center of our world or not. Our discipleship must stand in the fray. The world's schemes are full of contradictions and excuses luring us away from an intimate relationship with Jesus.

To become a living and holy sacrifice, an offering to God, one must accept the cost of discipleship. The world's prince, Satan, never reveals the price of disobedience; rather, he charms the mind with unattainable more, teases the heart with fading hope, and leaves the soul with elusive satisfaction. To conform to culture's expectations only fuels futility, but through the Holy Spirit comes a spiritual transformation that is the foundation of discipleship. A Jesus-Centered life merges righteousness and holiness combining spiritual worship and holy living.

God's Grace opens the door to having a Jesus-Centered life. Our response comes next. Peterson's **The Message** describes how to take our everyday, ordinary life and embrace God! To recognize God in a culture that proudly denies Him, to give generously within a culture that takes selfishly, to hold faithfully to God's promises in a culture that persecutes His truth, to value life surrounded by a culture that marginalizes weakness, to love others more boldly than culture hates God - THIS is to be transformed by Jesus. When one truly embraces God, every aspect of living should reflect Christ's Light into the world.

~ Donna Oswalt

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY:** The Nominating Committee will be presenting their recommendations for our church leadership in both services at a Congregational Meeting. Their report was printed in this week's *The Bell*.

**YOUTH CHOIR KICKOFF TODAY:** Youth Choir students in 6th - 12th grades will start back at 4:45pm in the Choir Room. 6th & 7th graders are invited to an early preview at 4pm!

**GROUNDS WORK DAY:** Saturday, August 26, 8:30am - 12:30pm Trimming and replacing/replanting decorative plants will be the focus. Bring pickup trucks, trailers, chain saws, pruners/loppers, shovels and work gloves. Lunch will be served to our volunteers.

**6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL BASH:** Saturday, August 26, at Camp Dixie \$25 per person Register at [www.snyderstudents.com/events](http://www.snyderstudents.com/events).

**SNYDER KIDS LAUNCH PARTY:** We are inviting you to a fun time on Sunday, August 27, from 4:45 - 6pm on our Front Lawn. There will be water slides, games and sweet treats!

**YOU ARE INVITED:** We are in the planning stages of a generosity initiative for our church. We are looking for your input! There are four meeting times that you can choose from to participate in a group discussion regarding the vision, direction and purpose of the proposed generosity initiative for SMBC. An email was sent with a link to sign up or you can contact the Church Office. Contact person - Geron Gambill.

**"WHAT IS MY TEENAGER THINKING?" WORKSHOP:** Open to all parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers and leaders: Our Youth Ministry is hosting a workshop with Mark Oestreicher who will be discussing the nature and nurture of our teens. It will be from 9 - 11:30am on Saturday, September 9. \$10 per couple or individual. Register at [www.snyderstudents.com](http://www.snyderstudents.com). Limited childcare spaces available.

### SAVE THE DATES:

Mission Action Group will meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 11am at Golden Corral Restaurant.

WMU Eloise Jenkins Roundtable will resume meeting on Monday, September 11, at 11am.

Sanctuary Choir Fall Retreat will be on September 15 and 16.

## HOW TO GIVE TO SNYDER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

### Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

### Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to [www.snydermbc.com](http://www.snydermbc.com); select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

*or*

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions



"HEARTS UNITED IN LOVING GOD,  
SHARING CHRIST, AND SERVING OTHERS."

**Day 1:** Take some time by this Tuesday to begin this exercise. You might want to clear the table top of some clutter before you write. You will certainly want to clear your heart.

Praying - God forgive me, cleanse my soul and clear my mind.

Set a timer for 7 minutes and write only about your answer to #1.



**Day 1 - # 1: How am I leading people to discover God?**

Who is a person in my life whose life would change if they discovered God? What am I doing to lead them toward their discovering Him?

When the 1st timer ends, reset it for 7 more minutes and write your answer to #2.



**Day 1 - #2: How am I leading people to develop faith?**

Who is walking closer to Jesus today because they walked closely with me yesterday?

When that timer ends, reset it for 7 minutes and write out your answer to #3.



**Day 1 - #3: How am I displaying Christlike love in my attitude and actions?**

Most recently I did something for someone that really helped them when I...

That is 21 minutes. Set it down, walk away, then pick it up the next day, or the day after the next.

**Day 2:** Cut down another half hour. Pick up your notes from your previous time and hold it where you can see it. Pray that God will give insight into Him, yourself and those around you. Look at the questions again. Read through each. Then write these prayers in your own words...

Set a timer for 7 minutes and write this prayer.



**Day 2 - # 1: Write a prayer for your leadership of others to Discover God.**

Pray that God will give you insight into the people He is placing around you.

When the 1st timer ends, reset it for 7 more minutes and write this prayer.



**Day 2 - #2: Write a prayer for your leadership in Developing the Faith of others.**

Pray that God will use you to develop others' confident relationship in Him.

One last time, set the timer for 7 minutes and write this prayer.



**Day 2 - #3: Write a prayer asking God to continue to fill you with His Spirit so you display attitudes and actions of Christlike love.**