



Sermon Summary

August 21, 2022

OBBC – Who We Are – Multigenerational Psalm 145:4 and Psalm 71:18

OBBC – Our Mission and Purpose

We are a church – so our mission and purpose are really the same as any church. Jesus commanded His disciples to make more disciples (Matt 28:18-20). Disciples are followers of Christ - someone who follows Christ in salvation, then follows Him in continued obedience growing in Christlikeness. The early church gives us an example of a church who made disciples by worshiping God, learning what the apostle's taught, caring for each other, and reaching out to bring others into the church (Acts 2:42-47). Since the church is the bride of Christ (Eph 5:25-27; Rev 19:7-9). I like to use the word **WIFE** to remember the four things the early church did. **W**orship. **I**nstruct. **F**ellowship. **E**vangelize. When I don't use "churchy" words I like these four, *worship, learn, belong, and serve*

OBBC – Our Core Values

You see our core values every week on the bulletin: Multigenerational, Excellence, Prescence. The next three weeks I want to address: Why this is a core value? What are we doing well? What's new? What needs improvement?

Why Multigenerational

Logically speaking, Christianity is always one generation away from ceasing to exist. Of course, God has something to say about it and He is working and saving people and building His church. But He has also called us to partner with Him in that work. Therefore, it must be a priority for us to minister to all generations. The words of the psalmists in Psalm 145:4, "One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts" and in Psalm 71:18, "Even while I am old and gray, God, do not abandon me, while I proclaim your power to another generation your strength to all who are to come" challenge us to make sure we pass the faith to the next generation. Also, we can't ignore those closer to the end of their lives who have worked for decades to do that very thing.

Good – We have two worship services with different music styles. We have a youth pastor, and youth and children's ministry. We also have METS.

New – We already have three combined services every year (Christmas, Easter, and Lake Service). We will add a fourth in the fall. This year it will be our revival from October 16-19. (Consider these ways to get to know all the people in the church – come to the combined services and meals, occasionally attend the other service, introduce yourself to people you don't know, serve). To communicate better to generations that continue to be more digitally connected, we are launching a church app. We plan to renovate the sanctuary to make better for both services.

Improve – We have no ministries specifically for young single adults, young married couples, or adults 30-55. While we have youth and children's ministries, they are reaching less children and youth than they were several years ago.