

To *Inspire* people to develop a heart for God. (Psalm 34:8)  
Create a positive first impression.

Warm, Wanted, and Welcome

This is accomplished by training members to be effective greeters, ushers, and parking lot workers.

Use first class printed materials, and effectively utilize technology.

Keeping the facilities well maintained, clean, decorated, and stocked with supplies.

Through Christ-honoring music

Through Biblically-sound preaching

Through the Praise and Testimony of It's members

Ps 107:1-2 Testifying about how good God is!

**You have to Be Proactive!**

Fellowship starts with you.

Everyone who comes is an opportunity for you to be a blessing!

**Look for someone to be friendly to.**

**YOU SHOULD NEVER SIT!**

*Prov 18:24 A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

You be the first to offer everyone the right hand of Christian fellowship!

They are not on familiar ground. YOU ARE!

**Provoke: (Heb 10:24)**

**Modeling Christ to others:** 1 Tim 4:12 BE AN

EXAMPLE! Acts 2:42,46-48

**Smile** – Prov 27:17 Make them feel welcome, like you are happy to see them!

**Shake Hands** – Gal 2:9 *Make them feel WARM!*

**Be Friendly** – Prov 18:24, *Make them Feel WANTED*

**Sit Down Front** – You get more out of the message, distracted less.

**Park in Back:** *Be willing to be patient.*

**Water and Fodder before, between, and after Services.**

**Don't Leave during the Service!** Unless you are on FIRE!

**If you have to come in from the back, sit in the back!**

**Tithe** – Mal 3:10; 1 Cor 16:2 *SIGN OF WORSHIP!*

**Sing Out** - (Psa 9:11) (Psa 30:4) (Ps 47:6-7) (Ps 59:16-17)

(Ps 81:1) *It Prepares the Heart for the Message!*

**Say Amen** – INTERACT WITH the Preacher!

Duet 27: 14-26 Ps 106:48 Ps 107:1-2

**Finish Right!**

**Start to the Altar on the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.**

**Don't be a book end!**

**Someone is waiting for you to step out.**

**The Word was preached, God should have spoken to you.**

**If not, go to the altar and find out why not!** 1 Pet 5:6-7

**Don't leave during the invitation.**

**Distracts attention from the Holy Ghost.**

**Leave Right!** Leave planning to return at the next service. Heb 10:24-25 - 3 to Thrive

To ***Include*** them in a loving church family (Acts 2:41)  
Develop a strategic biblical follow up program.

Visit, build relationships, and connect the visitors to people in the church of like age and station in life through fellowships and activities.

Develop the effective use of technology and tools to equip the church to function, teach, and communicate with its members and visitors.

For example, only people 55 and over read the local news paper, TV, and almost no one uses the Yellow pages anymore.

Teens receive all their information through their phone.  
30-55 year olds get their information from a computer screen.

**We need help with social Media:**

Volunteer to be apart of the Social Media Team.

See something neat, take a pic and email it to me.  
Repost all our Facebook and Twitter posts on your personal Social Media pages.

Reach out through Social Media Groups.  
Wives of Ft. Belvoir.

Google us on every device and left click on us.  
Church in Kingstowne  
Church in Alexandria  
Church near Ft. Belvoir.

It's all about Connection.

**To Include them into a loving church family**

Acts 2:41-47 Added to the church

Paul only mentions 2 Ordinances that he imparted

BAPTISM – 1 Cor 1:13-17

LORD'S SUPPER - 1 Cor 11:23-24

**Nature of the Ordinance**

*“An institution of Divine Authority given for perpetual observance”*

1 Cor 11:2 *“Keep the Ordinances” (Plural)*

1 Cor 11:2 *“As I delivered them unto you”*

**1. A Proper Applicant: Believer, not Babies**

*Illus: Scriptural Baptism is Believer's Baptism*

Matt 28:19 – “Teaching them the Gospel” came 1<sup>st</sup>.

Acts 2:38, 41 Repentance and receiving the Word came 1<sup>st</sup>.

Acts 8:12 After responding to preaching.

Acts 8:35-38 His profession came 1<sup>st</sup> Rom 10:9-10

*Illus: Babies cannot be scripturally be baptized!*

This doctrine is build upon the presupposition that when the bible said an entire household was baptized, assuming there were infants in the household at that time.

*Illus: I have a dog in my household, does that mean she should be a candidate too?*

**2. A Proper Action- Immersion**

*“Baptidzo” Immerse, Plunge, Dip, Cover”*

*“In Jordan” – Matt 3:6; Mark 1:5*

*“Into the Water” Acts 8:38*

*“Out of the Water” Matt 3:6; Acts 8:39*

*“Because there was Much Water” Jn 3:23*

Baptism is a Burial – Rom 6:4; Col 2:12

### **3. A Proper Aim- Symbol Only**

*Baptism does not wash away original Sin.*

*It is not a part of Salvation.*

*It is the Gospel in Picture Form: Death, Burial, Resurrection*

*Rom 6:4,5,17; 1 Pet 3:21*

***Proper Motive** is OBEY Christ Command, IDENTIFY with Christ Publically, and PROCLAIM the Gospel in Symbolic form.*

### **4. A Proper Administrator – Who has the right to Baptize? Churches or Christians?**

*Ilus: If it didn't matter, why did Jesus walk 60 miles to John?*

*Matt 21:23-27; Mark 11:28-33; Lk 20:1-6 By what authority doest... John 1:6 John was sent by God*

*Vs 29-31 “therefore am I come baptizing with water”*

Who did Jesus give the great Commission to?

Matt 28:19 The Apostles

Acts 1:4,6,8 The Apostles

John 20:19,21 “So Send I You”

*1 Cor 12:28 – The Apostles were the 1<sup>st</sup> church!*

*Act 13:1-3 sent out*

*Acts 2:41, 1 Cor 12:13 Baptizes you unto the Church!*

**The Necessity of the Ordinance** – *So why get Baptized if it causes so much of a fuss?*

**To the Individual-** Baptism is not Optional

It's a Command – Matt 28:19 *Ilus: If Christ commanded the church to Baptize, then every Christian is to be Baptized!*

Acts 2:38 “*Be Baptized everyone of you*”

John 14:15 Obedience is an act of Love!

It Follows Christ's Example – Matt 3:16 Jesus' was baptized  
Lk 3:21b God said He was “*Well Pleased*”

It places the believer into the Church- Acts 2:41, 1 Cor 12:13

It Associates the believer publicly with the Death and Resurrection of Christ – Identification

Rom 6:3-5; Gal 3:27, Col 2:12

Are you ashamed to be identified with Christ? Lk 9:26;  
Matt 10:32-33 Baptism is confessing Christ Publically.

**To the Church-**Baptism is the Door to the Church-Acts 2:41  
**Protects the church-**

From unregenerate Membership

From Heretical teachers; Identify with Church

Doctrine

From Ungodly living- Rom 6:1-3 Seeing it practiced by new believers reminds others to Live Godly.

**Are You Saved? Have you been baptized like this?**

**ALL 4 Must be Accomplished to be Valid.**

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

**Baptism-Adds them to the church, but they are long way from feeling included!**

Heb 10: 24-25

**Consider:**

**You have to think about it!**

*Church is not a place where you only Get.*

***This Isn't About You!***

*It is a place where you give of yourself!*

**Heb 10:25a - Show up!** *Illus: Who is it that doesn't want you to go to church? Is that feeling from God? **NO!***

- I. *Who wins if you don't! Whose kingdom is benefited?*
- II. **Show UP! Jn 20:24-25** Thomas missed Jesus and the Blessing **Vs 22** *He breathed on them!*
- III. Eph 2:20-22 *The building of God is incomplete with out you there! – You discourage everyone when you miss!*
- IV. **Ps 63:1** *Come hungry-excited, and expecting!*
- V. **Arrive Early: Pr 8:17**, Jesus Showed up early Jn 8:1-2 The Apostles showed up early Acts 5:19-21,

**Mentoring Others:** 2 Tim 2:2

Take time to lead others to a closer walk with the Lord.

To **Instruct** them in Bible doctrines (II Tim 2:2)

Connect God's Word personally and practically too every age group.

This is done through age specific teaching methods.

Utilizing home bible studies, a Sunday School program that is organized by age and stage of life, sermon series, special services, and conferences, as well as a whole host of other methods.

- Through Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
- Through the Discipleship Program

Through preaching, teaching, and personal discipleship, we will compel people to take the next step of spiritual growth.

All of these create opportunities for spiritual milestones in a person's spiritual walk.

When they take steps with God, they stick to it, rather than conforming to a pastor's or teacher's preferences.

To **Involve** them in ministry (1 Peter 4:10)

Develop a defined process of personal discipleship that rises up successive generations of self growing, serving Christians.

This encourages a believer to grow not only to a place of involvement, but to have ownership of their walk with the Lord and their service to Him by serving others.

Through weekly ministry opportunities

To **Impact** the DC Metroplex and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18-20)

Develop a multifaceted outreach that generates a regular stream of guests from all ages and backgrounds.

Through weekly soulwinning

Through a worldwide missions program

Through training and equipping Christians to share Christ in the course of their daily lives.