

THE PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Why does the Church exist and what is it supposed to be doing?

a. The church was established and built by Jesus.

Matthew 16:18 (ESV) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

b. His words shape our existence.

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 16:14 (ESV) Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.

Luke 24:46-47 (ESV) ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

John 20:21 (ESV) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Acts 1:8 (ESV) ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Owasso First Assembly exist to worship God as we are transformed by His grace and grow in obedience to His Word. We endeavor to unite our efforts and resources to impact everyone we can with the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus acting as representatives of Jesus Christ to bring hope and healing to those in need.

- 1. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A **MEMBER** OF HIS FAMILY
- 2. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A **MODEL** OF HIS CHARACTER
- 3. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A **MINISTER** OF HIS GRACE
- 4. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A **MESSENGER** OF HIS LOVE
- 5. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A **MAGNIFIER** OF HIS NAME

Our Plan:

- 1. To support missionaries around the world helping everyone hear about Jesus
- 2. To support ministry projects that resource missionaries to do their jobs effectively
- a. Fire Bibles. b. Nicaragua health clinic c. Global University d. Asia Pacific ministries
- e. Calcutta Mercy Ministries f. Convoy of Hope g. Project Rescue h. Water wells
- i. many other projects and ministries
- 3. To engage in our community representing Jesus to everyone we encounter and to partner with those who are making a difference in peoples' lives.

There are two goals we have for every member of Owasso First Assembly:

- That you are <u>fully devoted</u> to <u>obediently</u> following Jesus.
- 2. That you are **<u>fully engaged</u>** in the **<u>ministry</u>** of the Church.

Matthew 22:36-40 (ESV) ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."