



SOVEREIGN JOY BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to glorify God through the Word and Spirit by multiplying mature disciples for the joy of all peoples in Jesus Christ.

Purpose: We exist to glorify God

- The ultimate end of all reality is God's glory, and this is especially true in Christ's church.
- God is the one "for whom and by whom all things exist" (Heb 2:10). "For from him and through him and for him are all things" (Rom 11:36).
- Paul said, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31). "And whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.... Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (Col 3:17, 23).

Means: Through the Word and Spirit

- *We are reborn in Christ through the Word and Spirit:* "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom 10:17). "You have been born again ... through the living and abiding word of God" (1 Pet 1:23). "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:5-6). "Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?" (Gal 3:2).
- *We are sanctified through the Word and Spirit:* "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:17). "He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire" (2 Pet 1:4). "Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" (Gal 3:3). "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).
- *We bear witness to Christ through the Word and Spirit:* "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" (Acts 1:8). "Our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction" (1 Thess 1:5).

Manner: By multiply mature disciples

- "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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” (Matt 28:18–20).

- “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15–16).
- “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me” (Col 1:28–29).

Goal: For the joy of all peoples in Jesus Christ.

- “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matt 13:44).
- “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28).
- “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst” (John 6:35).
- “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ” (Phil 3:8).
- “To live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil 1:21).