



THE MISSION

GOALS:

The elders have outlined two main goals of our mission. Those are to “introduce people to Jesus,” and to “help believers grow disciples.” In other words, outreach and discipleship. So, how can we help all the ministries in the church draw ever closer to our mission and its goals set forth by the elders?

We need tangible, attainable targets, and yet not an obsessive focus on numbers. We need some way to measure, as best we can, outreach, discipleship, and God's working in our hearts. Something simple. Something that's a stretch, yet tantalizingly possible.



THE VISION

OUR VISION IS A VEHICLE TO
BETTER BECOME WHO WE ARE.

PURSUE | 2030

In 2030 (seven years):

- 20% of SR lives in 75041
- 30% of SR engages in classes, groups, and ministry service

Currently:

- 9.4% lives in 75041
- Roughly 20% engages in classes, groups, and ministry service.





IMAGINE

**RIGHT NOW, 90% OF SR LIVES
OUTSIDE THIS ZIP CODE.**

**God is Recreating Us as a Church of
Garland**

Imagine: When SR is mentioned, not only do our neighbors know who we are but they light up when they hear our church name.

Imagine: When a teenage girl gets pregnant and her parents throw her out, we're the first place she goes for help.

Imagine: When a family in the apartment complex across the street needs a place for a quinceanera, we are their first call.

Imagine: When the city selects a dozen churches to lead a South Garland revitalization effort, they think of us.

Imagine: When a young man is desperate and enslaved by meth, his aunt tells him about our recovery ministry that helped her neighbor.

**RIGHT NOW, 80% OF SR ARE NOT
CONSIDERED "CORE MEMBERS."**

**God is Recreating Us as Passionate
Disciples**

Imagine: We are faced with deciding whether to have multiple class times or add on to our building because we are out of space for classes.

Imagine: We are excited to invite coworkers to our connect groups because that is the first thing we think of when we want to get to know someone.

Imagine: We have to mount cameras above the baptistry because of the crowds flocking to the stage to witness up-close our regular and frequent baptisms.

Imagine: We must decide what to do with the budget surplus because people are so excited to give toward what they see God doing in our church.

Imagine: We don't even know all the ministries of SR, because people are so excited they're starting them in their homes instead of waiting on the institution of church to start them.



ROLES

FINDING A COMMON LANGUAGE FOR SPECIALIZED ROLES

Shepherding Elders

- prayerful
- ordained and called to spiritual leadership
- shepherding the flock
- blessing people and ministries
- teaching
- ensuring the congregation has an effective vision

Admin Elders

- prayerful
- personnel decisions
- financial decisions
- policy decisions
- report to, and are part of larger Shepherding Elders group

Liaison Elders

- minister prayer partner
- pastoral care and encouragement to specific ministers/their families.
- provide minister-specific feedback, minister sounding board, advisor
- evaluate ministers annually
- report to, and are part of larger Shepherding Elders group





Barnabas Ex-Elders

- assist shepherds with:
 - pastoral care
 - counseling
 - prayer

Minister

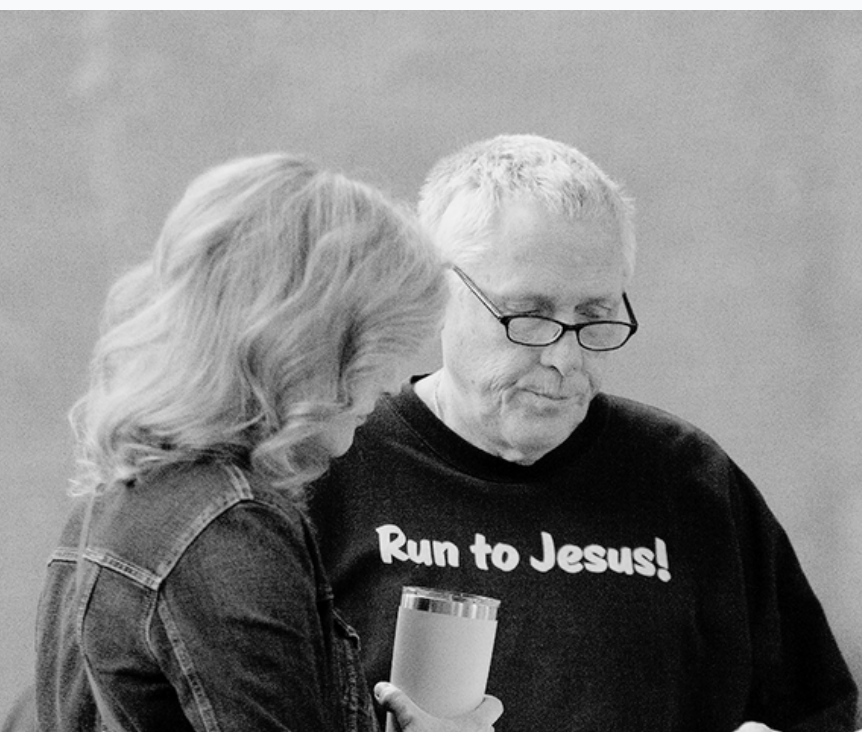
- professional resource and support to church and elders
- equipper, trainer, advocate
- pastoral care and prayer partner
- vision caster for large ministry area
- responsible for managing administration, finance, and policy of a large ministry area
- report to Shepherd Liaisons, Shepherding Elders



Deacon

(person-focused)

- men identified/appointed by elders for a leadership role in a ministry area
- mentored by elders and ministers towards church leadership
- prayerful men who are already serving as ministry leader
- support and encouragement for ministers and ministry leaders
- report to Ministers, Shepherding Elders



Ministry Leader

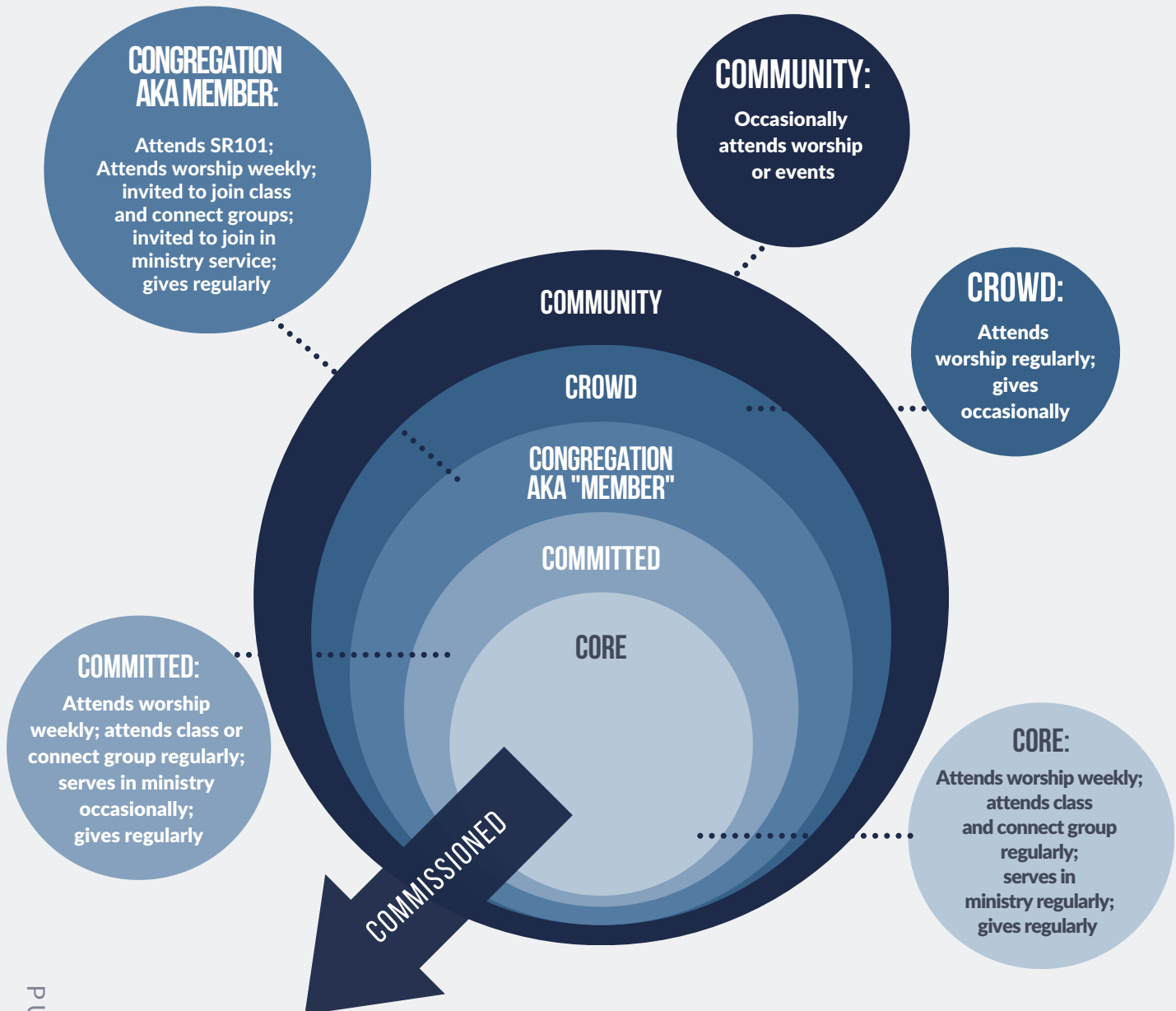
(task-focused)

- prayerful volunteer
- leader of a specific ministry
- report to Ministers, Shepherding Elders

Adopted by the elders in May 2022

MEMBER

WHAT DOES BEING A "MEMBER" MEAN AT SATURN ROAD?



"Christian" does not equal "Member." You can still be Christian if you are not considered a SR member.

Concept adapted from "Purpose Driven Church" model of membership.



As Saturn Road members grow in their love for God and others, finding ministries to serve in should and will be a natural outgrowth of that love. More than just an arbitrary expectation, the joy that results from such loving service to each other as well as those outside the body will bring outsiders to the knowledge of Jesus he promised in John 13:35.

This expectation of service will not be Holy Spirit lead if the acts of service are not based in Love as Paul instructed in the opening verses of I Corinthians 13.

Tom Winkler

A relationship with Jesus that is not only doctrinal, but experiential: That is the outcome that we are pursuing in the upcoming year. God calls us, not primarily to moral principles and attending church, but to a relationship with Him through Christ. Commune with the living God, who knows each of us by name and is the author of all that we seek. Do you trust God like that? Take the risk and step out in faith to where God is calling you.

Chris Stewart

PURSUE GOD

ROBBY JOHN



The pursuit of happiness finds its way into the body of words used by people every day, as they strive for the thing/s that would satisfy their labor and energies. Sadly, with the acquisition of more and more, we tend to find happiness, less and less.

As a body dedicated to the recognition and service of Almighty God, this “pursuit” looks different, because we know some things. More specifically, we have received revelation.

The God who put earth and sky in place, took it upon himself to give us evidence (word) and even more evidence (nature) upon evidence (testimony), making sure we know from whence we came and what our presence here was all about.

We have been in hot pursuit! This one and only true God has loved and lavished such favor on us, that even when we mar the painting of excellence he has constructed, an avenue of reconciliation and relief is provided to us. He spares not his own self, to achieve this demonstration of love toward us. 2023 holds blessings and challenges, yet we also know who holds 2023. He is the same God who yesterday, walked with us through the darkness of our world and the doubts of our minds.

Our hope is not to pursue things, but to pursue the person of the Christ, as we are led by the Holy Spirit and ushered into the presence of the mighty Father. We want our public and private ways of being, to demonstrate that we are running to the place where we find water, bread, fellowship and mission. We run together after a God who at the same time is relentlessly making his way toward us. Oh what an explosive encounter we dream and pray for, as the new year unfurls.

PURSUE GOD'S PEOPLE

RYAN MALONEY



We are Saturn Road. We are God's people. As disciples of Christ, we are called to pursue one another just as Christ pursues us. Discipleship is a journey and a cycle. We are constantly in the process of being transformed more into Christlikeness with the help of others and then helping others to transform more into Christ. Who is your Barnabas? Who is encouraging and mentoring you? Who is your Timothy? Who are you encouraging and mentoring? Without authentic spiritual relationships and community, discipleship is stunted and a mere shadow of what it could be with the Spirits' movement through the body of believers. We must fiercely love one another as Christ loves us.

Church, we are God's image-bearers. We are God's beloved bride in a broken world. Sometimes, we are even broken ourselves. However, there is also incredible power to heal and resurrect the spiritually dead among us, and in us, through the power of the Spirit. We have been given an incredible gift. We've been given each other.

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40

PURSUE GOD'S WORLD

KATE HUGHES



Loving our neighbors as we love ourselves is what the Bible says is the second greatest commandment. Here at Saturn Road, we have many organized opportunities to practice this. We are blessed to be a part of a body that actively pursues God's World, but I wanted to use this space to stress the importance of loving and pursuing the world outside of our designated times where we do so.

Loving our neighbors who continue to live in sin after we have done everything in our power to try and get them to stop. Loving our neighbors who may never step foot in our doors. Loving our neighbors with whom we do not agree. We are called to love all people, and here at Saturn Road, are asking that we actively pursue all people, even those who fit into the categories listed above. Pursuing God's world requires being tuned into the Holy Spirit and being ready to be used in a way that shows Christ everywhere we go. When we are tuned into Him, it can make it easier to see the world in a unique way and allow us to be more gracious with people. Pursuing God's world doesn't always look like a Bible study with a stranger. Sometimes it looks like buying someone's coffee on your way to work or talking to someone in the line at the grocery store. We may not always know how God uses us to take care of His world, but that doesn't matter, we just must be ready to act.

CONNECT TO GROW GROUPS

SR SMALL GROUPS

What is a SR Connect Group?

Who:

Some groups are based on geolocation. Some are based on life stage. Some are intergenerational. Some groups change over time.

What:

Groups meet for prayer, accountability, Bible study, service, meals, fellowship (or any combination of these).

When:

Groups meet for Sunday lunches or dinners, weeknights, Saturdays, whenever it's convenient for you!

Where:

Groups meet in homes, in parks or playgrounds, at restaurants, at the church building, anywhere you live your life.

Why:

Groups help us to become transformed disciples through genuine community.

How Often:

Some groups meet weekly. Some groups meet twice a month. Some groups meet for six weeks and some meet for decades.

Characteristics of a Healthy Connect Group

Commitment to God and to each other
Build relationships
Build community
Serve together
Encourage and build each other up
Authenticity
Accountability to God and to each other
Grow spiritually, in grace and in love
Make disciples

Get More Out of Your Church Experience

Don't settle for just being anonymous in worship. Be a part of something more. Be a part of authentic community and lasting, genuine relationships. Consider joining a SR small group and "connect to grow."

Join a Connect Group



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

EZER KENEGDO	Meredith Grotti	Room 102
GOSPEL OF MATTHEW	Norm Clothier	Room 142N
THE GOSPELS	Bryan/Pine/Small	Room 142S
CHURCH HISTORY	Ron Thrift	Room 145
COLLEGE/YOUNG PROFESSIONALS	Jack Kelly	Room 203
TOUGH BIBLICAL DOCTRINES	Lance Caughfield	Room 204
CORNERSTONE	Ty Belt/Andy Hounsel	Room 207
DISCIPLESHIP 201	Hackler/John	Room 205
GOSPEL OF JOHN	Gary Bingham	Auditorium
FOLLOWING CHRIST	M. Maynard/C. Welch	Conference Room

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA	Tara Sanders	Room 203
ALL THINGS NEW: 2 CORINTHIANS	Meredith Grotti	Room 142S
BAND OF BROTHERS	Bob Hackler	Room 205
CAREER LINKS/NETWORKING	Lefan/Logue/Maynard	Room 204
FOSTER CLOSET	K. Barnes/T. Crisp	Room 206/208
SINGING CLASS	John Bragg	Room 209
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES	Larry Marshall	Auditorium
BETTERMAN (MEETS ONCE MONTHLY)	Gregg Grubbs	142 N/S





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4/3, 5/8



1/8, 1/22, 2/12, 2/26,
3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/23



SATURN ROAD HIGH SCHOOL
SATURN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL



SRCC_YOUTH



MS/HS Spring Retreat
March 24-26, 2023
\$70pp
Camp Copass/Denton



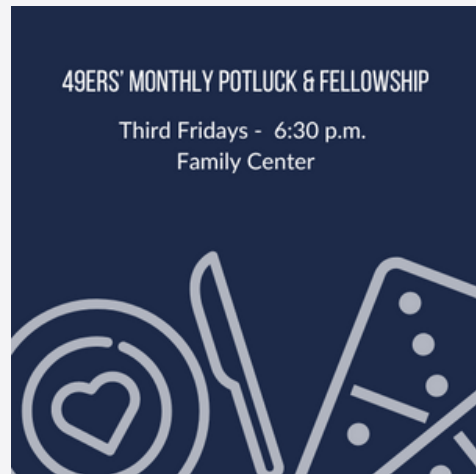
FEBRUARY 24-25
\$25 PP
HOTEL, DINNER FRIDAY, &
LUNCH SATURDAY INCLUDED
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS



SRYG Spring Break Mystery Day Trip
March 11
\$35 pp
Limit 25 Students







“THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT IS THIS: ‘LISTEN, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS THE ONE AND ONLY LORD. AND YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, ALL YOUR MIND, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ THE SECOND IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT: ‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ NO OTHER COMMANDMENT IS GREATER THAN THESE.”

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