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## Purpose and Mission

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Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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## Vision:

Serving parents and children by teaching the next generation to know, understand, and apply the Gospel in their lives through a love of God and His Word.

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- Serving –
  - We are here to serve the church by serving parents and their children. Our model is based upon the Biblical example of Christ's personal and humble service.

## ***1 Peter 4:10-11***

***As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.  
To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen***

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- Parents -
  - We believe parents are ultimately responsible for leading and shepherding their children with the support of church.
  - Our goal is to serve parents by coming alongside them as they shepherd their children and to allow them the opportunity to actively participate in the Sunday morning corporate gathering.

***Ephesians 6:4***

***Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.***

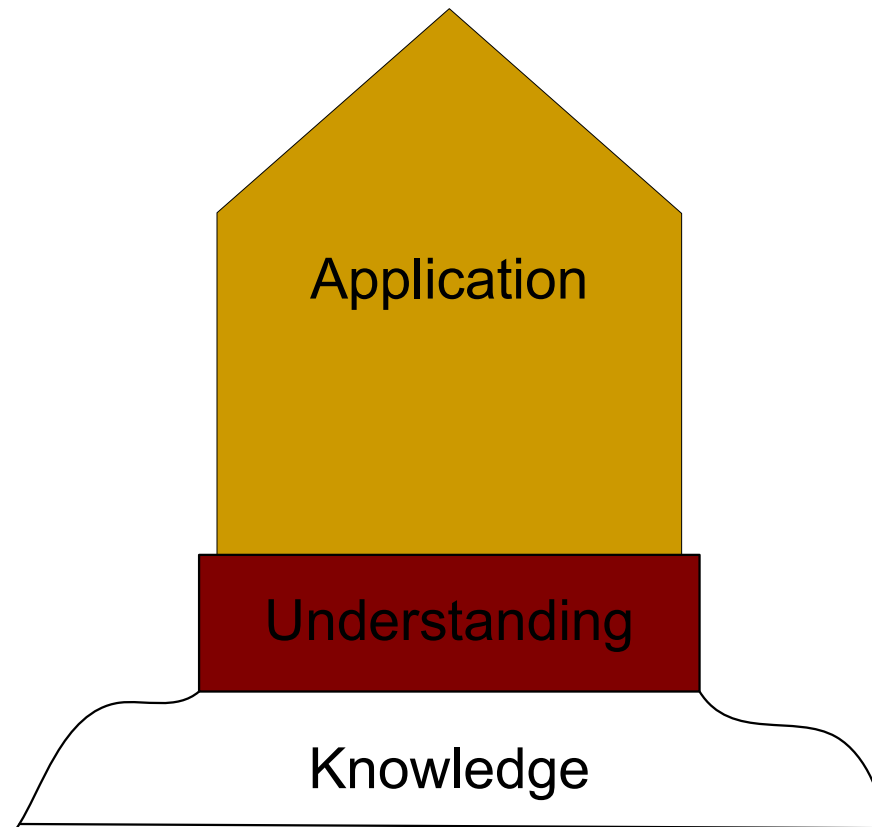
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- Children-
  - We believe children are an integral part of the church community.
  - We serve the children with faith knowing that God will use these children for the furtherance of his kingdom.
  - We are not childcare!

***Philippians 1:6***

***And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.***

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- Know-
  - We believe that knowing the Gospel is the foundation for a child to understand and apply the Gospel in their life.
  - The goal of children's ministry (CM) for younger children is to give them a strong bedrock based upon knowledge of the Gospel.

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- Understand-
  - We believe there is a difference in knowing and understanding the gospel.
  - We believe salvation comes when a child truly understands the gospel.
  - We believe one cannot apply the Gospel without understanding it.

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## **The Gospel**

“Jesus Christ is the gospel. The good news is revealed in his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Christ’s crucifixion is the heart of the gospel, his resurrection is the power of the gospel, and his ascension is the glory of the gospel. Christ’s death is a substitutionary and propitiatory sacrifice to God for our sins. It satisfies the demands of God’s holy justice and appeases his holy wrath. It also demonstrates his mysterious love and reveals his amazing grace. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man. There is no other name by which men must be saved. At the heart of all sound doctrine is the cross of Jesus Christ and the infinite privilege that redeemed sinners have of glorifying God because of what he has accomplished. Therefore, we want all that takes place in our hearts, churches, and ministries to proceed from and be related to the cross.” SG Webpage

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- Gospel-
  - We believe the foundation of knowing, understanding, and applying the gospel includes-
    - A BIG GOD! - The supremacy of God including His attributes.
    - The WORD - That the Bible is God's primary means of communicating who He is, His plan for redemption, the future, and who man is.
    - Understanding who man is and our need for a Savior.