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# The Story of *The* Church and The Story of *This* Church...

Jesus Makes a Prediction

...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades (death) will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:18 NIV

#### The Edict of Milan

The Holy Roman Empire

The Fall of Constantinople

# William Tyndale

"If God spares my life, before many years pass I will make it possible for a boy behind the plow to know more Scripture than you do."

William Tyndale

#### 1600's A.D.

# The Church Arrives in The New World

# Hawk Creek Missionary Baptist Church Founded

# A Group of People Started Praying for God to do Something BIG

## A Whatever It Takes Mentality:

If it meant changing - we changed
If it meant giving - we gave
If it meant serving - we served
If it meant risking - we risked

## In the Last Six Years:

1050 - Baptized 2,050 - Kids 1400 - Students The Church, and This Church, is at its best when it is willing to do whatever it takes to reach whoever will come.

# It is easier to focus on keeping insiders than it is reaching outsiders.

# What is the church & who is it for?

We are the church and we exist to reach those far from God.

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

**Acts 15:19 NIV** 

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

1 Corinthians 9:19 NIV

To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

1 Corinthians 9:20 NIV

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law),

1 Corinthians 9:21 NIV

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.

1 Corinthians 9:21 NIV

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22 NIV

I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:23 NIV

# Our Mission:

Love God
Love People
Make Disciples

We are not commanded to change anyone, but we are commanded to love everyone.

## Our Vision:

To create a church where people who don't like church love to attend.

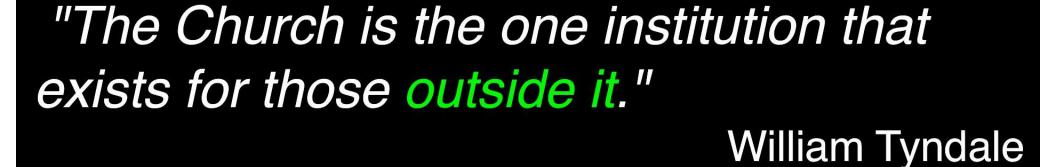
## Our Values:

- 1. Bridges Are Better Than Barriers
- 2. "We" is Greater Than "Me"
- 3. Generosity Changes Lives
- 4. It's Better to Serve Than Be Served
- 5. Everyone Can Reach Someone
- 6. We Can't Stay Here

There are people just like you who need a church just like this.

# Things To Guard Against:

- 1. Being a church designed for insiders rather than outsiders.
- 2. Being a church focused on keeping rather than reaching.
- 3. Being a church that protects our status rather than advancing the cause.



When we are willing to do whatever it takes to reach whoever will come...it's worth it.

The church is at its best when the church does whatever it takes to reach whoever will come.