

MAY 14, 2017



Happy Mother's Day



SUNDAYS **8:30** | **9:45** | **11:11AM**

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WELCOME

PURPOSE CHURCH



We're so glad you're here and we hope you feel at home! I am usually in the lobby at the Connect Center after each service. Please come by and introduce yourself; I would love to meet you! If you have any questions, our friendly volunteers are here to serve you!

GLENN GUNDERSON

LEAD PASTOR



HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Stop by the CONNECT Center in the lobby where you will find friendly people looking forward to answering your questions and helping you connect.

WE LOVE KIDS

We provide fun places for them to learn about Jesus.

NURSERY - for your children age 30 months and younger.

FAMILY ROOM - a place for parents and children to watch the service together.

PURPOSE KIDS - for kids age 30 months-Grade 4 with interactive Bible lessons.

Ask a volunteer at the Information Center for directions.

STUDENTS, COME HANG OUT WITH US!

If you are a student, Grade 5 through 12, we have three awesome student ministries just for you! We meet on Sunday mornings (9:45AM) and Wednesday nights (7PM)

FSM - Fifth/Sixth

JHM - Junior High

HSM - High School

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER.

God created you to share life with others. No matter what age or stage of life you're in, we have a group for you! We have Sunday morning and midweek, on campus and off campus groups. Stop by the CONNECT Center in the lobby so we can help you find a group that's right for you.

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*Today
we celebrate
all women at
Purpose Church.*

We have a gourmet iced coffee bar for all women out at the Community Terrace. Come out and join us for a free cup of gourmet iced coffee! We also have a photo booth in the south side of the lobby for you to take a picture with that special woman in your life!

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26



OUR GIFT FROM GOD

UNDERSTANDING
HOW GOD LOOKS
AT PARENTHOOD

OUR GIFT TO GOD

May 14, 2017 – Mother's Day

Pastor Glenn and Kimberly Gunderson

GOD SEES YOUR CHILDREN AS HIS GIFT TO YOU

Psalm 127:3-5

- Our reward from Him
- Our source of joy

James 1:17

- God gives only the best gifts.
- God's gifts are not fleeting or frivolous.
- God knows what's best for us.
- Don't let present circumstances determine the value of a child.

Psalm 139:15-17

- God is never surprised by what might be a surprise to you.
- Every day of your life, from beginning to end, is what He has planned.
- Being a part of your family is what God knew was best for your child.
- Everything God does is marvelous! (Psalm 139:14)

SOME IDEAS FOR DOING THIS WELL:

- 1 Thank God daily for each one of your children, by name, and acknowledge that every day of their lives is a gift from God made especially for you.
- 2 Share the principles of Psalm 139 with them, and remind them often that God knew you'd be a family – and how fun it is that He knew that even before any of you were born.
- 3 Describe over and over to your child the positive events surrounding his or her birth. If your child is adopted, share the story of the excitement that accompanied his or her arrival into your family.
- 4 Let your children know (and remind yourself when there are struggles) that they are a joy and an answer to your prayers.
- 5 Initiate conversations with your kids on topics you know are of interest to them. Ask genuine questions; make eye contact; comment on what they have to say.
- 6 Let THEM teach YOU something about which they are passionate (even if it doesn't interest you!)

7 Get into the James 1:19 habit: “be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to get angry.”

RAISING YOUR CHILDREN WELL IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD

Deuteronomy 6:5-8

- God has given us our children as His most precious treasures, on loan to us, to be raised in the context of family.
- We are to raise them according to His principles.
- We are to raise them to love God.

Hebrews 12:1

- It’s hard work to train up children who will live lives that are dedicated to the Lord. Don’t quit!
- Jesus must be our guide for our lives and our parenting.
- One day we will finish the race, and turn them over to God.
- We want them to grow up to live godly lives.

2 Timothy 2:2

- Our most important role as parents is to pass along our faith to the next generation.
- We do this by ingraining in them the sense that they themselves are ultimately responsible to God.
- They will one day be responsible to raise their own children .

SOME IDEAS FOR DOING THIS WELL:

1 Accept the fact that your children are

on loan from God and that, in truth, you are raising them for Him and His purpose.

2 Explain this perspective of responsibility to your children and how it relates to your relationship with them. Your job is to be their parent, (and that might not always be popular with them).

3 Be sure that they understand that you have been given the obligation FROM GOD to train them well. You are accountable TO HIM for your children’s upbringing.

4 Dedicate yourself to putting in the hard work, energy, and time it will take to raise godly children.

5 Determine that God’s Word will be the guideline by which you will raise your children. Despite what the world says, you and your family will follow the Lord (Joshua 24:15).

6 Emphasize the development of Christian character over the development of skills, talents, gifts, or abilities.

7 Make a list of the character qualities that you would like to see developed in your children. Begin praying and seeking out ways to encourage them accordingly.

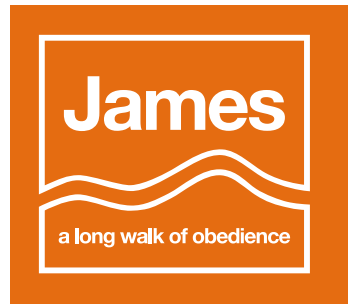
8 Pray for God to give you insight and wisdom when your own abilities run out and you feel insecurities rising up within you.

God has given us the best of His gifts — our children. Let us give the best of ourselves to raising them well for Him.

For further study: *“How to Keep Your Kids on Your Team”* by Charles Stanley

JAMES

This morning, we take a break from the James preaching series for Mother's Day. We are off to a great start and we are so excited to see that many of you have already signed up for a James group. If you are not in a group, we have lists at the tables in the lobby to help you find one that is right for you. Pick up your James workbook for your sermon notes and personal Bible reading, regardless of whether or not you are going to be in a LifeGroup. ChanelD@PurposeChurch.com, x3031



SEPARATION & DIVORCE CARE

If you, or someone you know, is facing separation or divorce we have a group for you. Each week you will watch an encouraging and information-packed video featuring top separation and divorce experts followed by a group discussion led by people who have been through it themselves and understand what you are going through. The group meets on **Tuesday nights at 6:30pm** here on campus but is open to anyone inside or outside the church. If you would like more information, or to join in this week, contact Chanel for more information. ChanelD@PurposeChurch.com, x3031



ESTHER-ORDINARY FAITH MUSICAL

On **Sunday, May 21 at 6:30pm** there will be a wonderful musical performance by our Kingdom Kids Choir. They've worked hard practicing singing, drama, and dancing as they tell the story of Esther in "Esther-Ordinary Faith." This musical will be full of the truth of Scripture and loads of 80s fun so plan to come and bring some friends along with you! DebbiL@PurposeChurch.com, x3036



PURPOSE KIDS CAMP

The most outrageously fun week of the year for kids is coming **July 10-14**. Make plans now to attend. Our theme this year is **Maker Fun Factory**. Kids will discover that they were created by God and they were built for a purpose! Kids will enjoy live music with Jana Alayra plus an action-packed week of fun-filled games, snacks, imagination stations, and more. This year, we are offering an early bird rate for the first time. Register your kids **before June 4** and receive a **discounted price!** Register now online at purposechurch.com/vbs DebbiL@PurposeChurch.com, x3036



MILLION MOTHERS MARCH

The Million Mothers March is an event put on by the Kennedy Austin Foundation to reach families in crisis who are suffering from the loss of a loved one. The march will begin here **Saturday, May 20** and participants will meet in the north parking lot outside the B Building from **9:30-1pm**. Lunch will be provided. KennedyAustinFoundation.org

FINANCIAL | PLANNING ADVICE AND ANSWERS

When is the last time you have looked at your estate plans and financial future? Purpose Church has an expert in this area available every month to meet. This is an opportunity for a complimentary consultation for people who want to look at the best way to plan their estate and financial future. Ron Blomberg, will be here **Wednesday, May 24** and we have several appointment times still open. DavidB@PurposeChurch.com, x3062

KIDS | FATHER'S DAY CHILD DEDICATION

The next Child Dedication will be on Father's Day Sunday, **June 18, with a Parent Information meeting with Pastor Glenn on Wednesday, June 7 at 7pm**. If you plan to attend the meeting, or would like more information, please contact Debbi in the Purpose Kids office. DebbiL@PurposeChurch.com, x3036

KIDS | SUMMER MOVIE SPECTACULAR

Purpose Kids, come on down to "Summer Movie Spectacular" for a Free Fun Movie and Popcorn. **Every Wednesday evening** (May 31-July 5) at 7-8:30pm in F105. DebbiL@PurposeChurch.com, x3036

KIDS | KIDS CAMP DONATIONS

Purpose Kids Camp (VBS) is gathering gear we need. Please visit the donation board at the Community Terrace and grab a few cards with donations needed. We are accepting donations **every week through June 25**. DebbiL@PurposeChurch.com, x3036

JUSTICE | FOR LIFE MINISTRY MEETING

Join the For Life Ministry team **next Sunday at 12:30pm in H107**. For Life Ministries is focused on raising awareness about the pro-life movement and offering guidance, help, and healing to those with unexpected pregnancies and for anyone affected by abortion. At our gathering, you will meet team members, learn more about our ministry, and discover ways to get involved in the pro-life movement. LashaH@PurposeChurch.com, x3059

GLOBAL IMPACT | HOMELESS OUTREACH

Global Impact Ministries is looking for a few people who can commit to serving dinner at the armory **every third Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30pm**. This is a great opportunity for groups or individuals with a heart for the homeless. Meet at the Purpose Church gym around 4:30pm to pickup, deliver and serve meals to those staying in the shelter. NancyM@PurposeChurch.com, x3014

WOMEN | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — 1 JOHN

Join Melisa Berry for a great summer Bible study of the love book: 1 John. Come each **Saturday to H104 from 9:30-11am** from June 17 through September 2. The study books are to be purchased and are available from Amazon.com: 1, 2 & 3 John of the Life Change series by The Navigators. DeniseD@PurposeChurch.com, x3019

WOMEN | PAINT PARTIES FOR JUNE AND OCTOBER

We will bring out your inner artist with an instructor leading the way. We take the intimidation out of painting. Women of all ages are invited **Saturdays, June 10 and October 7** at 9:30am in H100. Parties for young women are available on **Fridays, June 9 and October 6** at 6:30pm in H104. All supplies are provided and no experience is necessary. Cost is \$15 for each party. There is free childcare for ages 5 and under only by reservation with Denise by the Sunday prior. DeniseD@PurposeChurch.com, x3019

WOMEN | DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD WORKSHOP

Yes, you can be a blessing and show God's love to a young girl who may never have worn a new dress of her own. The Dress a Girl sewing ministry (which meets on Tuesday afternoons) is holding a special sewing time **Saturday on June 3**.

All skill levels are welcome. We provide the fabric and have a few sewing machines if you don't have one. The ministry began almost five years ago, and we have completed over 1,500 dresses! Our dresses have blessed girls in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Zambia, Uganda and Mexico. We want to provide hope and protection, showing the girls that they are valued and loved by God. Please contact Jan Van Alstine at janvan8374@aol.com to reserve your place.

STARTING POINT

Starting Point is a time to meet with Pastor Glenn in a small-group setting to learn more about Purpose Church. Come **Sunday, June 4 at 12:30pm** in C101 where a light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with Tina Tong or mark "Starting Point" on your Connect card.

TinaT@PurposeChurch.com, x3021

THE CHURCH EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO:

• Debbie, John, and Jennifer Scavarda, family, and friends in the passing of Louie Gatto on May 6. Louie is Debbie's father and John's grandfather.

If you would like someone to contact you regarding events in this program, please write the article title on a Connect card with your contact information. Place it in the offering plate or one of the offering boxes in the lobby. If you need to contact a pastor after hours, call 909-629-5277 x8004 and leave a message with a phone number.

PURPOSE CHURCH



If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list this morning, you can find one at the Information Center or Adult Ministry bookcase in the lobby.

To receive it weekly through email, please send your information to TinaT@PurposeChurch.com.