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Minister's Moment—Where Do I Start?

What is one of the biggest obstacles for individuals, organizations, and even church when it comes to accomplishing their goals or mission? I know there are plenty of different obstacles to choose from but I believe at the top of the list is the question, where or how do I start? That is so often the hold up to great gains, powerful success, missions being accomplished, and lives being transformed. We get frozen with fear of starting in the wrong direction or making a mistake at the beginning, so we stand still and do nothing (although we often disguise doing nothing as planning or information gathering). This truth keeps so many stuck when it comes to personal goals or corporate goals alike, and the truth is it often affects the church as well.

Matthew 28:19,20 - Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We know this is our mission. We know as Christian we are supposed to be fulfilling this calling. Yet, we often look at those words, all nations, or those words, teach them to obey all the commands, and we freeze. How in the world can we accomplish that? How is it possible to reach the entire world and get people to follow all of Jesus' command?

To answer that question I want us to look at how Paul interacted with those who knew nothing about God. As we read about what he does it is important to pay close attention to the steps he takes. To set the scene, Paul is in Athens surrounded by a group of philosophers who love nothing more than to get into a powerful debate. Here is how he approaches his mission of sharing the Good News.

Acts 17:22-31 - So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about. "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.

From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone. "God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

I know there is so much in here we can look at but I just want to quickly give you the steps he took and the steps we should take. First, he stepped up and spoke up. He didn't shy away from a hard conversation he embraced the opportunity. Second, he found common ground and started his argument there, I know this "unknown God" and I want to tell you about Him. Third, he boldly and unashamedly proclaims the truth. He isn't dissuaded by the group nor by their beliefs. Fourth, he calls for them to make a decision. He tells them judgment is coming and you are going to have to decide what you believe and where you want to place your security.

The point is this; God has called us to reach the lost, grow the Kingdom, make disciples, and transform eternities (among other things). We don't have time to just sit back, evaluate, assess, and then move. Instead we need to step up, make a connection, declare the truth, call for a decision, and make a difference. There is no time to waste, so let's get started and let's impact our world for the Lord!

March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00am-Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 6pm-Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Groups-various times	2 5pm-Men's Group	3 5am-Men's Group	4 4pm-Ladies Group 5:15pm-Family Meal 6:30pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	5	6	7
8 Time Change - Spring Forward 9:00am-Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 2:30pm-Homeless Meal 6pm-Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Groups-various times	9 5pm-Men's Group	10 5am-Men's Group 10am-Ladies Craft Group	11 4pm-Ladies Group 5:15pm-Family Meal 6:30pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	12	13	14 Opportunity TO SERVE 9am-Meet at the church to spread Mulch
15 10am-Combined Worship (Followed by Carry-In Meal) No Bible Study or Connection Groups	16 5pm-Men's Group	17 5am-Men's Group 6pm- 	18 4pm-Ladies Group 5:15pm-Family Meal 6:30pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	19	20	21  Youth Boys Hiking Youth Girls Event
22 9:00am-Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 6pm-Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Groups-various times Taps & Ruu Pounding Deadline	23 5pm-Men's Group	24 5am-Men's Group	25 4pm-Ladies Group 5:15pm-Family Meal 6:30pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	26	27	28
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| 1-Carolyn Arwood | 12-Jesse Carr |
| 1-Parker Graham | 13-Dante Hays |
| 1-Debby Hunter | 13-Carson Thompson |
| 1-Steven Smith | 13-Donna Ward |
| 3-Alayna Carr | 16-Carolyn Caraway |
| 3-Brad Johnson | 17-Alexis Kelly |
| 3-Charlie McKeehan Hensley | 21-Samuel Kelly |
| 4-Tonya McKinney | 23-Marie Buck |
| 5-Joshua Asche | 25-Allison McClain |
| 6-Paul Dailey | 26-Tim Robey |
| 7-Julia Strazay | 26-Michelle Shelton |
| 8-Brad Brown | 29-Regan Dykes |
| 9-Leslie Luttrell | 30-Bob Hendrix |
| 9-Maple Winningham | 31-Patsy Franklin |
| 10-Hayden Hyden | 31-Grace Smith Wade |



- 1-Darrell & Jane Asche
23-Tim & Michelle Shelton
24-Todd & Susie Wolfe



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Workers' Schedule

Children's Ministries

Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:

- 1: Abigail Kelly, Maddie Kelly
Courtney Dailey / Ashley Whitson
- 8: Theresa King, Mikkayla King
Elias Norman & Lori Whitson
- 15: Sharon Hammons, Julie Yunker
Sarah Turbyfield, & Lori Whitson
- 22: Becky Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly
Sarah Turbyfield & Nancy LeMay
- 29: Sharon Hammons, Lori Whitson
Allison McClain & Kimber W

Nursery 2nd Worship:

- 1: Karen Robey & Summer Hyden
- 8: KC Wolfe & Sharon Hammons
- 15: Combined Worship
- 22: Karen Robey & Lori Whitson
- 29: Jennica Norman/Ashley Whitson

Preschool 2nd Worship:

- 1: Leora Hendrix
- 8: Carolyn Caraway
- 15: Combined Worship
- 22: Connie Wade
- 29: Leora Hendrix

Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

- 1: Connie Wade
- 8: Lori Smith
- 15: Combined Worship
- 22: Lori VanDyke
- 29: Connie Wade

Kid's Worship:

- 1: Janice Greene/Ryan Greene
- 8: Allen & Tasha Dykes
- 15: Family Sunday
- 22: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe
- 29: Jeremiah McClain

Worship Ministries

Communion Meditations:

Worship #1 & 2

- 1: Paul Dailey
- 8: Bob Judge
- 15: Keith Carr
- 22: Brad McKeenan
- 29: David McKinney

Sound Room:

- 1: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe
- 8: Daniel Hill, Josh Carter
& Ian Wolfe
- 15: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Wayne Turbyfield
- 22: Matt Wolfe, Ian Wolfe
& Henry Turbyfield
- 29: Josh Carter, Wesley Price
& Matt Wolfe

Brew Crew:

- 1: Jessica Greene
- 8: Bonnie Hoover
- 15: Combined Worship
- 22: Larry & Sharon Hammons
- 29: Billy Murphy

Medical Attendant:

- 1: Jill Hughes
- 8: Bonnie Hoover
- 15: Julia Strazay
- 22: Terry Turbyfield
- 29: Allen Dykes

Worship #1 Greeters:

- 1: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
- 8: Russell & Megan Vines
- 15: Steve & Julia Strazay
- 22: Bob & Fetty Judge
- 29: David & Theresa King

Worship #2 Greeters:

- 1: Bryan & Jill Hughes
- 8: Everett & Lori Smith
- 15: Larry & Sharon Hammons
- 22: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes
- 29: Kemp & Marcia Haley

Welcome Team

- 1: Betty Fernandes & Susie Wolfe
- 8: Bryan & Jill Hughes
- 15: Jeremiah & Allison
- 22: Paul & Courtney Daily
- 29: Dan & Nancy LeMay

Van Drivers Schedule

- 1: David & Becky Hays
- 8: Allen & Tasha Dykes
- 15: Bruce & Karla Hennequinn
- 22: Nathan & Delanie Winningham
- 29: Hallie Butts

Service Attendants:

- 1: Blue Team
- 8: Orange Team
- 15: Red Team
- 22: White Team
- 29: Green Team

Family Ministry Moments

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Let's take the time to look at some stats. I know... I know... You're like *WHY?!?! My Answer is, because they are important to the Faith of our kids and youth. "According to multiple studies, 40 to 50 percent of youth group seniors—like the young people in your church—drift from God and the faith community after they graduate from high school"*¹. This stat is not great. As a Youth Minister this terrifies me. More importantly, as a follower of Jesus, I am crushed by this stat. The GREAT news is a trend has been noticed by the people who make this research. The students that stick to their faith after high school are the ones that have relationships with 5 or more adults (other than their parents and ministers) in their congregations.

We have people in our congregation who know this and who are making it their goal for students to develop relationships with other adults in the congregation. There is a guys group and a separate ladies group that are starting to have events. We will start quarterly with the potential of increasing as we continue to develop these intergenerational relationships in the church. The first event is on **March 21st**. Be looking for specific times and additional info for each group VIA the group messaging system and in the Bulletin.

¹ Quote From: <https://karapowell.com/2018/08/preventing-teenage-faith-drift/#:~:text=Recent%20research%20on%20the%20faith,a%20difference%20in%20young%20people.>

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March Sunday School Lesson Schedule

(These have been corrected to account for the two missed Sundays because of weather. The plan is for all lessons to be taught, none skipped.)

Adults/Youth:

March 1:	Unit 8 Session 3	—	God Strengthens His People (Judges 6-7)
March 8:	Unit 8 Session 4	—	God intervenes for His People (Judges 16)
March 15:	Combined Worship		
March 22:	Unit 9 Session 1	—	
March 29:	Unit 9 Session 2	—	

Children:

March 1:	Unit 8 Session 3	—	Gideon Led Israel (Judges 6-8)
March 8:	Unit 8 Session 4	—	Samson and the Philistines (Judges 13-16)
March 15:	Combined Worship		
March 22:	Unit 9 Session 1	—	
March 29:	Unit 9 Session 2	—	





Sunday, March 15th

10:00am

Fellowship Carry-In Meal



On Sunday, March 8th, we will feed the homeless in Johnson City. Meet at the pavilion at 2:00pm to prepare a hot meal, deliver it and serve. See Billy Murphy to volunteer!



On Sunday, March 15, following Combined Worship, we will have a Carry-in Fellowship meal! The church will provide hamburgers and fixins, please bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks for your family and to share with visitors! Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!



Each Wednesday at 6:30pm the adults meet in the auditorium, youth meet in the youth room and the children meet in the upper room. Nursery is also provided.

(Dinner is served at 5:15) Come and join us!

April 24-25th



Think of us when you are working on your Spring cleaning efforts! We will be having a donation sale at the pavilion on April 24-25.

The pavilion will be opened the week prior to collect any donations.

Ready to use your talents to extend God's Kingdom? Join our Next Steps class on March 15th in the Fellowship Hall (following worship and lunch). Please sign-up in the foyer next week so we can get an accurate head count!



Opportunity
TO SERVE

On Saturday, March 14th, at 9am we will meet at the church to spread mulch on the property. Come on out and lend a hand!



Tapiwa Dehwe and his bride to be, Rutendo will be getting married at the end of the month. To help celebrate we would like to have a pounding for the happy couple. Please bring pantry staple non-perishable items by March 21! They are also registered at Target if you would like to go that route.

We will have a REACH Team meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. We are excited to love God and His people in 2026. Join us as we plan our service events for the year. If you cannot attend, but wish to be involved, please contact Billy Murphy (423) 306-6021.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

June 7-11, 2026



Work Days April 18 & May 16th

Wednesday
Family Meal

Come join us at our Family Meals from 5:15-6:00 each Wednesday at the pavilion! (And then stay for Bible Study at 6:30)

- 4: Breakfast for Dinner
- 11: Soup & Grilled Cheese
- 18: Mexican
- 25: Meatball Sub & Chips