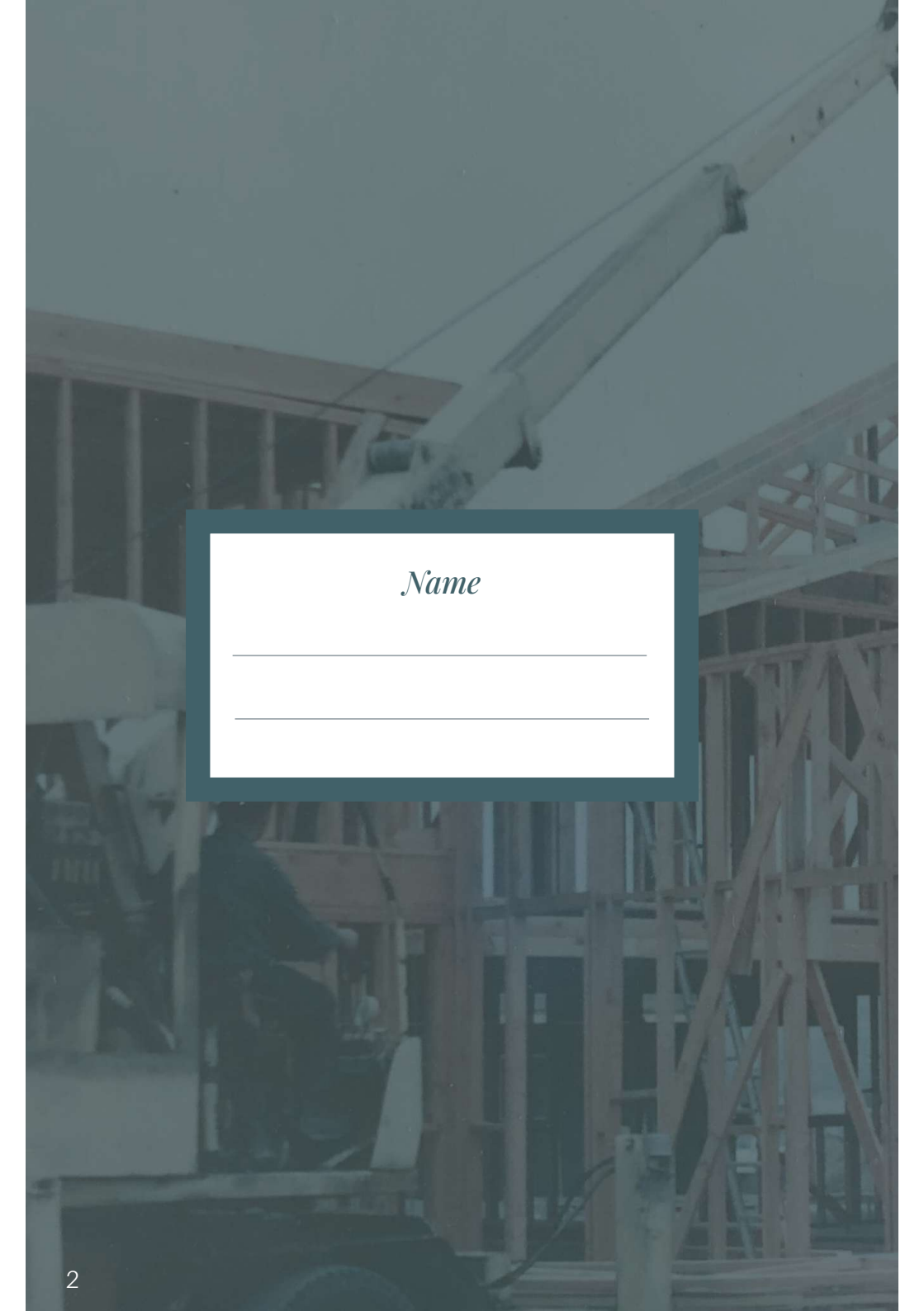


A FIELD GUIDE *to the*
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BAPTIST CHURCH



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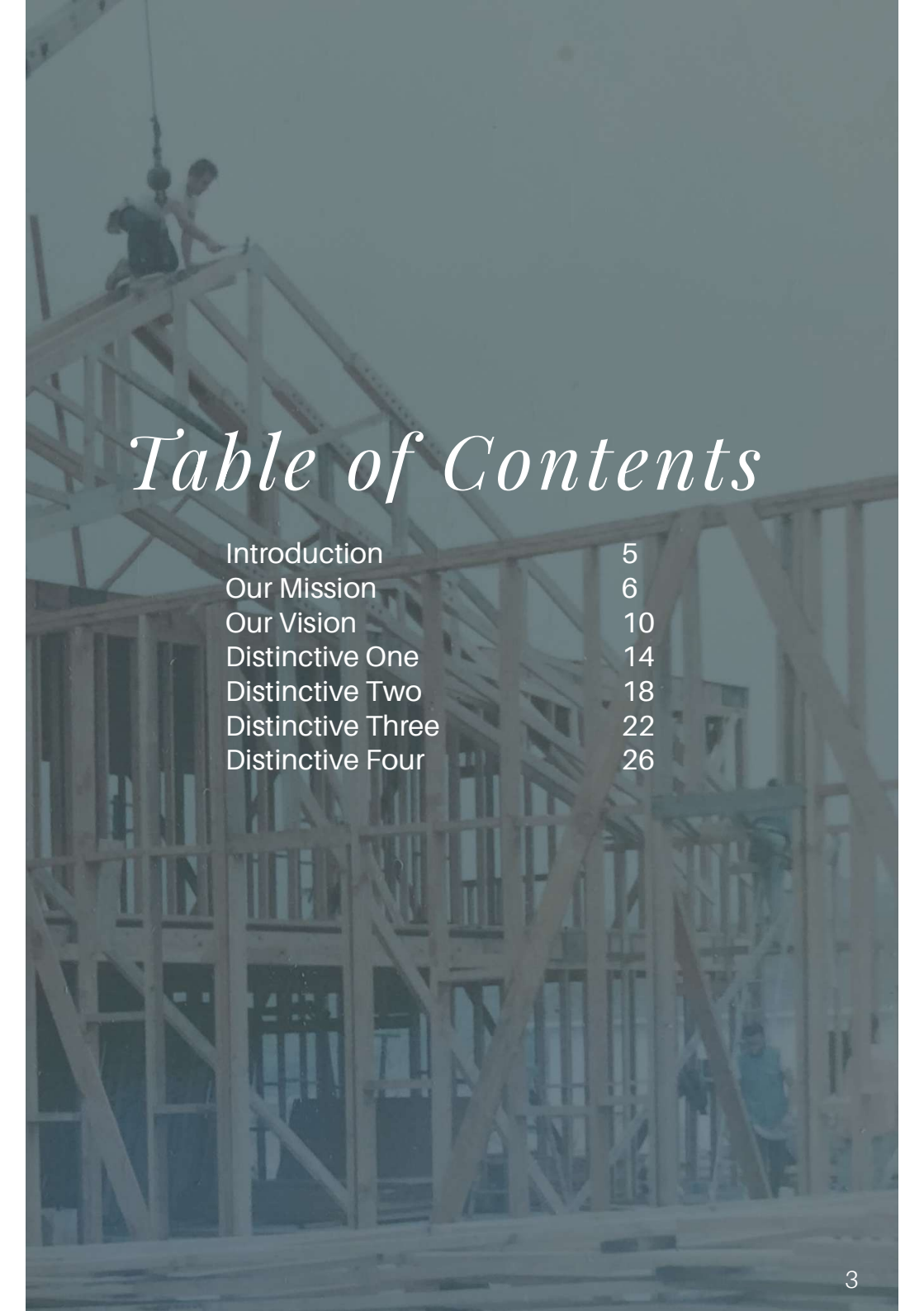


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Introduction

Merging from two small churches in 1981, Santa Clarita Baptist Church has endeavored to faithfully proclaim Christ. Through the decades, the mission of this church has never changed. Now in 2025, we are excited to share with our congregation, the valley of Santa Clarita, and the world, a clarified mission and vision that put words to what we have always done: love God, love others, and make disciples. The elders of SCBC labored to define the following details of this philosophy of ministry in order to further equip and strengthen you in your walk with Christ. It is our goal to give you the tools to be able to express what we believe SCBC is called to do, to the glory of God and for the good of His people.

In Christ,

Pastor David Caldwell

Senior Pastor of Santa Clarita Baptist Church

HOW TO USE THIS FIELD GUIDE

This book has been thoughtfully designed for two purposes: to guide you through the introduction of our mission and vision series, and to serve as a continued reference tool in the future.

During our introduction series, we encourage you to **take notes** during each message and **prayerfully consider** how the Lord is calling you to participate in this mission and vision.

At the conclusion of this series, **keep this book handy** and occasionally **refer back to it** as you interact with guests, other church members, consider new opportunities to serve, and explore how the Lord would have you draw closer to Him in each new season.

Our Mission

In accordance with the Great
Commands of Matthew 22:37-39 and
the Great Commission of Matthew
28:18-20, Santa Clarita Baptist Church
exists to ***love God, love others,*** and
make disciples.



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Our Vision

The vision of SCBC is clearly expressed in Colossians 1:28- “We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ” as we desire to ***exalt*** the Lord Jesus Christ, ***establish*** believers in the faith, ***equip*** the church for the work of service, and ***evangelize*** the lost.



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DISTINCTIVE ONE

EXALT
GOD



Viewing Scripture highly in its authority and sufficiency

*(Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119; John 17:17;
2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 Pet 1:3)*

Praying dependently on God's Spirit to work through His Word

(Eph 6:18; 1 Thess 5:17; Heb 4:16)

Honoring Christ in our worship through expository preaching and theologically-rich music

*(Psalm 145:1-3; Isa 25:1; 2 Cor 3:18; Phil 2:9-11;
Col 1:15-20)*

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DISTINCTIVE TWO

ESTABLISH BELIEVERS IN THE FAITH



Striving for holiness

*(Phil 2:12-13; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet 1:15-16; 2:9-10;
1 John 1:7)*

Conforming into Christlikeness

(2 Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29; Col 3:12-17; Eph 4:1-3)

Growing in maturity

(Rom 12:1-2; Eph 4:12-16; Col 1:28; 2:6-7)

Preserving unity

(Eph 4:3; Phil 2:1-4)

Practicing love

(Matt 22:37-39; 1 John 4:7-12)



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DISTINCTIVE THREE

EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE

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Shepherding to make disciples and disciple makers

(Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 5:1-4)

Training to raise up servants and leaders

(1 Tim 3:1-13; 2 Tim 2:2; Titus 1:5-9)

Encouraging to serve by using spiritual giftedness for the good of others and the glory of God

(Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:12-27; 1 Pet 4:10-11)







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DISTINCTIVE FOUR

EVANGELIZE THE LOST



**Focusing on missions to reach the lost in
our neighborhoods and around the world
with the gospel of Jesus Christ**

(Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:14-15)











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