



July/August 2022

# Grove's First Baptist Church

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."  
Mark 10:14

## Coming Up!

- July 11, 3-7pm - Community Outreach - Great Gas Giveaway at Mister M's
  - Sign up for a shift at the Event Table
- July 23, 10-Noon - Community Outreach - Back to School Event
  - Students will be able to get school supplies in the MPR
- July 24-28, 5:30-8pm - Vacation Bible School
  - Register at our website at [grovefbc.org](http://grovefbc.org)

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## A Word From Our Pastor

June 24, 2022 is a day that I will remember for a long time. I have preached and educated people about the evil of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade that made abortion on demand legal in this country back in 1973. For a long time, it seemed as though we would never have another conversation on Roe. People with mostly anti-Christian views have defended Roe as a constitutional right. As a pro-life pastor, I have sought to teach my congregations that the Bible teaches the sanctity of human life ethic. In the Baptist, Faith and Message of 2000, our statement of faith says in Section 18 on the Family, "Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord." Abortion very simply stops a beating heart. Period. I am reminded of God's Word to David in Psalm 139 that teaches us that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." My beliefs are that the destruction and sin of abortion are grounded in the Word of God. There is no argument. God is for life! He is the author of life and we as believers should embrace His truth.

One of the criticisms by some who support abortion is that pro-lifers are for life until the child is born, and then we drop them and don't support mothers or babies after birth. There may be a smidgin of truth to that statement. But Oklahoma Baptists has ministries that offer unwed mothers a place to have their babies, adoption services to help mothers who feel they need to give their child up for adoption. Our church has supported the Abundant Blessings Center in Grove and the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center in Jay in the past and continue to do so. But we need to do more considering the reversal of Roe.



As Christians, we need to show compassion and empathy to women and girls who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. And we need to look at new ways and ministries that will expand help and support to those in need. I will be encouraging the church and the Budget and Finance Committee to seek ways we can expand ministry here in Grove. It will take money and volunteers. We need possibly a Crisis Pregnancy Team within our church who can offer church resources to help women care for their newborn babies. What if it is God's will that someone provide a house that could be used for a home to unwed mothers or battered moms? Maybe the Lord is going to lead our church to provide an ultrasound for a crisis pregnancy center to show expecting mothers that their child is not a blob of cells but a living human being. The book of James 2:14-17 reminds us of empty words and phrases that don't meet needs. We need to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Will you pray and ask God to show how you can make a difference in the life of an expected mother going through a crisis pregnancy? Let's do ministry together for the glory of God!

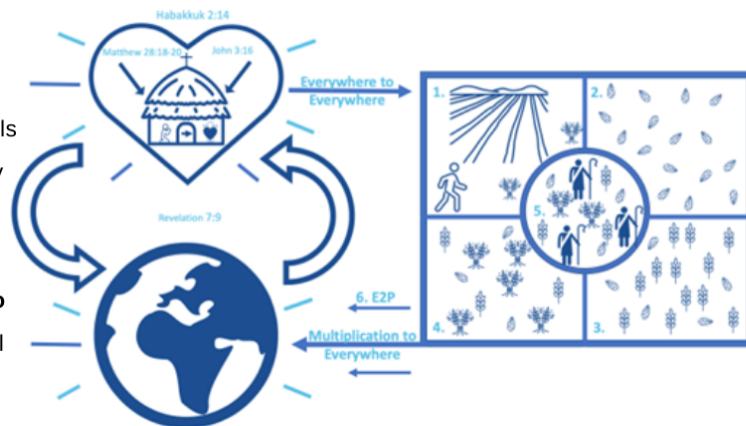
Bro. Jim

## THE MISSIONARY TASK (M-TASK)

Dear Church,

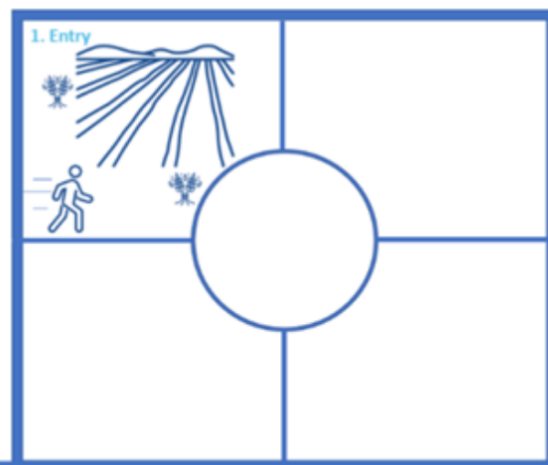
In the last Proclaimer, we continued learning about the Missionary Task (M-task), a task we believe the Bible calls ALL Christians to be a part of. We've looked at the reality in Scripture that **The Father's Heart is for His glory**.

Last time, we focused on the way the **Father spreads his glory across the world through bringing people to Himself through the local church**. In this article, we will now begin to focus on **The Field**.



The ultimate plan and purpose of God is that churches on the local level reproduce themselves and on a global level join together to send missionaries to unreached places and peoples to share the gospel and plant new churches. Notice in the picture above how the cycle is reproducible. **The Father's Heart** is for churches to **go from everywhere to everywhere** manifesting the **Father's glory** by **spreading the gospel** and **planting churches**. These churches multiply to everywhere and the cycle continues **until the whole earth has heard**.

However, it is important to understand the detailed process by which these churches are planted and reproduce themselves. We call this process **"The Field."** There are six different steps in the Field, and over the next several months, we will break down this process step by step. The first section or **Field One is Biblical Entry**. In this first section, the sower goes in and sows seed. This is the process where we enter a new mission field, and we begin meeting people in order to share the gospel with them. Our vision is to see new churches planted and it begins with building relationships and sharing the gospel with every lost person we meet. In entry, we know that God goes before us, and he is already there preparing the harvest for us. We must enter the field with gospel conversations



and expect God to work. We look for his handiwork and try to find ways in the new community to overcome barriers to the gospel and to build bridges to reach people. Sometimes preparing the entry field for "gospel seed sowing" requires work ahead of time. Perhaps you will have to learn a new language or learn the culture of the people before you can effectively reach them with the gospel. Perhaps there are certain human needs or problems that your church can solve, which will build trust in the new field and open the minds and hearts of the people to your message. It is a good practice in entry to prayer walk around that new place and see where God is at work and ask him to give you wisdom about what to do and how to do it. Whenever a farmer goes to plant the seed, he must first prepare the field and prepare himself for the work. **Biblical Entry** involves all these aspects of preparation. In the next Proclaimer article, we will look at the two types of people we will meet during **Biblical Entry** and how we can be prepared to interact with each.

For more information on ways you can continue to **pray, give, send, and go** to the nations, **visit <https://www.imb.org>**. We also have our own personal giving page on the IMB website to which you can give directly to our ministry and work in Malawi. You can visit: **<https://www.imb.org/give/project/malawi-team/>**.

For God's glory,

Chris & Jamie Schilt, Your IMB Missionaries in Malawi



Thank you church family for being a part of our Vowel Renewal and for such a lovely night. We enjoyed it. Thank you church for all the help.

Beverly and Michael Doubleddee

Dear Church Family,  
I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to you for the prayers, cards, call, texts, emails, and visits you sent my way during my recent illness. Our Heavenly Father, through you and the hospital staff, healed me. Glory to His name! I also am honored and grateful to be part of this church, who is the Bride of Christ. When He comes through the clouds riding His white horse, He comes for His Bride first. Oh, what a day that will be!!

Love to you all,  
Pat Edmondson



**Vacation Bible  
School**

**July 24-28**

**5:30-8pm**

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*Thank you!*

*August*

- 1 Friday Ferguson
- 1 Rick Flood
- 3 Gary Kees
- 3 Jill McAbee
- 3 Pat Lloyd
- 4 Billye Spencer
- 6 Carmen Mustain
- 6 Jeffrey Morris
- 7 Paula Garrigan
- 9 Bud Ousley
- 11 Joyce Buckner
- 11 Sandra Lemons
- 13 John Fields
- 14 Mike Bass
- 15 Debra Miller
- 15 Jarett Turney
- 15 Larry Shaffer
- 16 Karen Holley
- 18 Crissy Nelson
- 18 Gynna Thompson
- 20 John Bettles
- 21 Dia Everts
- 22 Bennett Eveland
- 22 Paula Miller
- 23 Sherie Henderson
- 24 Dillan Miller
- 25 Angela Kurth
- 26 Aaron Lawson
- 26 Bertha Oryall
- 26 Lesley Macomber
- 26 Sara Chambers
- 26 Terri Hillis
- 27 Danica Wormington
- 27 Gene Grounds
- 27 Randy McAbee

*Happy  
Birthday  
July*

- 1 Jerry Brixey
- 2 Johnny Londigan
- 2 Jurni Holt
- 2 Sue Londigan
- 3 James Tully
- 5 Dee Humphrey
- 5 Jenny Clark
- 5 Minnie Blevins
- 5 Pamela Stamper
- 6 Fred Ross
- 6 Malachi Whitney
- 10 Roger Miller
- 10 Sherry Stoots
- 11 Daniel Barrowman
- 12 Sharon Hoagland
- 12 Sonya Carper
- 13 Noah Brown
- 13 Will Brown
- 15 Cindy Harju
- 15 Martha Hartman
- 15 Randi Moody
- 16 Bill Johnson
- 16 Kensley Henry
- 17 Joel McCorkle
- 17 Michael Bridges
- 17 Paula Knight
- 18 Carl Cunningham
- 19 Cyrus Rowe
- 19 John Hillis
- 21 Kayleigh Henry
- 21 Shilo Roberts
- 24 Ron Crockett
- 26 Joe Nowlin
- 27 Don Henderson
- 27 Westin Fry
- 28 Ann Smith
- 29 Kay Mapson
- 29 Archie Pettit
- 30 Karl Jobst
- 30 Marilee Short
- 30 Rebel Ruddick