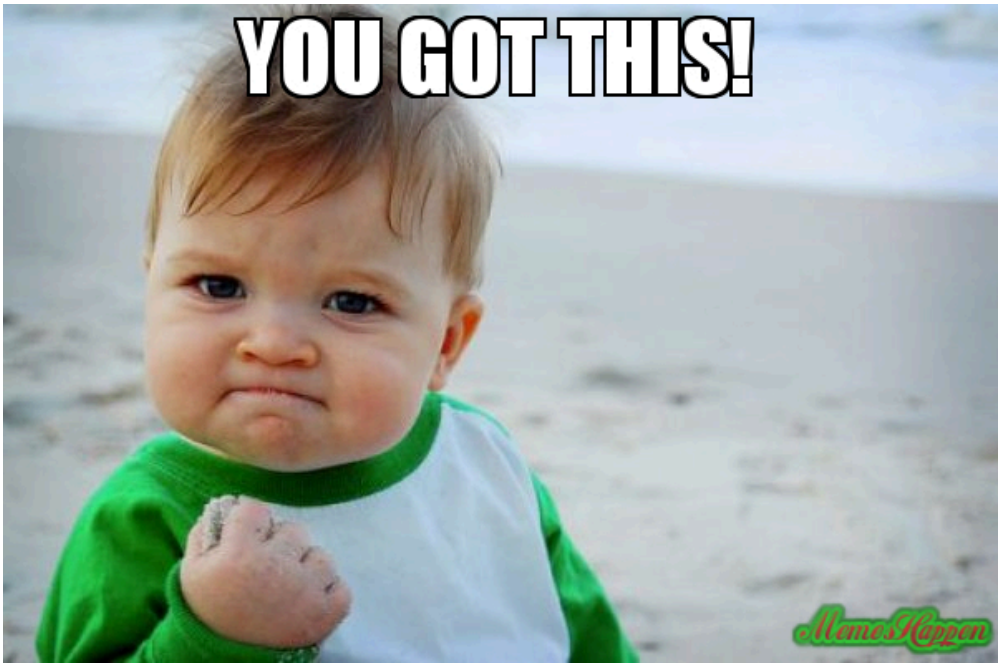


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Welcome

- Thank you for coming
- Outline for the meeting
    - Get to know you
    - Session 1: Discover our story
    - Session 2: Discover our core
        - Values
        - Doctrine
        - Leadership
    - Session 3: Discover our mission
        - Gather
        - Grow
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Session 1: DISCOVER OUR STORY
(Who we are)

GET TO KNOW YOU

What's your name and where do you live? How'd you find out about Reclamation and how long have you been a part?

DISCOVER THE DICK'S FAMILY STORY UP TO CORE TEAM

- Paul's family story
- Friendships over time - 2 min

DISCOVER RECLAMATION'S STORY UP TO LAUNCH

- Core team phone calls (is this crazy?)
- Core team meetings (are we together?)
- Core team momentum (God, what's your timing?)
- Core team launch phase ("Jesus, take the wheel!")
- Reclamation Welch's launch - March 10 2024

FAQ #1: Is Reclamation a part of a specific denomination or network of churches?

- *Yes! SEND Network (of the Southern Baptist Convention) and the Great Commission Collective - two church planting networks and voluntary associations*
  - *wisdom, oversight, training and financial resources*
  - *both local AND global fellowship and mission opportunity*

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Section 2: DISCOVER OUR CORE
(What we believe)

OUR VALUES:

We are ALL ABOUT Making Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20 - 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

- The mission of Reclamation Church is to glorify God by **making disciples** (Matthew 28:18-20).
- *Therefore, at* Reclamation we emphasize a **quality** of discipleship, not a **quantity** of disciples (Colossians 1:28).

Discipleship Values and Practices

We call this "Living Reclaimed Lives for the Glory of Jesus"

VALUES

- Truth
- Worship
- Community
- Mission

Practices

- Gather
- Grow
- Go



TRUTH - WE ARE TRUSTING GOD'S WORD - Expository preaching
(verse by verse, meaning by meaning teaching)
WORSHIP - WE ARE SEEKING GOD'S GLORY - Unashamed worship
COMMUNITY - WE ARE LOVING GOD'S PEOPLE - Intentional relationships
MISSION - WE ARE ENGAGING IN GOD'S WORLD - Kingdom focused outreach

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OUR DOCTRINE:

WE BELIEVE IN THE <u>GODHEAD</u>.
(Matt. 28:18-20; Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:6; 1 John 5:20; Acts 5:3-4)

- We believe in the one true God who lives eternally in three persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER.
(Gen 1:1; Heb. 1:3; Ex. 34:6-7; Rom. 11:36)

- We believe in the love, grace, and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming, and judging the world for His own glory.

WE BELIEVE IN THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES.
(2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Heb. 4:12)

- We believe in the divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God — trustworthy for faith & life.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 - 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

WE BELIEVE IN THE PURPOSE & DIGNITY OF HUMANITY.
(Gen 1:27-28; 1 Cor. 10:31; Matt. 22:37-40; Rom. 3:23)

- We believe in the dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to glorify and love Him, love their neighbors, and care for creation. Yet, they are corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgment.
- Gen. 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- And as His created beings, we are to love Him with all our heart, soul and mind, and we are to love our neighbor as yourself.
- Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- And because of sin, we incur wrath and judgment from a just God, who does not tolerate rebellion.

WE BELIEVE IN THE REBELLION & SIN OF HUMANITY.
(Gen. 3:6-8, 13; Rom. 5:12-21; Ps. 51:5; Isaiah 53:6)

- We believe in the representative sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to the immediate and eternal detriment of mankind. All people are born into sin, and by choosing the way of sin, are now broken-hearted by pain, fear, and sorrow as they fumble their way towards death.

WE BELIEVE IN THE INCARNATION OF JESUS.
(John 1:14; Luke 1:27, 31, 42; Phil. 2:6-8; Heb. 4:15, 7:26)

- We believe in the incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He was born of the virgin Mary and was truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
- This is important because we believe in the sacrificial death of Jesus.

WE BELIEVE IN THE SACRIFICIAL DEATH OF JESUS.
(Col. 1:19-22; Rom. 3:23-26; Col. 2:13-15; Heb. 10:10-14)

- We believe in the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross — dying in our place, paying the price of sin, defeating evil, and so reconciling us with God.
- Romans 3:23-26 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

WE BELIEVE IN JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE ALONE.
(Eph. 1:7, 2:8-10; Rom. 5:1; Titus 3:5-7)

- We believe in the mediation of Jesus as the only Savior of the world, and the justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ, as revealed by the gospel.

WE BELIEVE IN THE PHYSICAL RESURRECTION & REIGN OF JESUS.
(1 Cor. 15:1-8; Acts 1:9-11; Eph. 1:20-21; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 John 2:1-2)

- We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ and the fruits of the resurrection. He ascended to the Father, is reigning as the King of the world, and is making mediation as the only Savior of the world.
- Paul says in 1 Cor. 15 - For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive

WE BELIEVE IN THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
(John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13; Gal. 5:22-24; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Titus 3:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

- We believe in the immediacy and practical potency of the work of God the Holy Spirit. The Spirit leads people to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship, enlivens our ministry in the church through manifold gifts, and enables our gospel witness in the world.

WE BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH OF KING JESUS. - (2 Cor. 12:12-13; 1 Peter 2:9; Rom. 12:5)

FAQ #2: What form of church government is utilized to help make important decisions at Reclamation?

We are an "Elder led" church, which we believe is biblical

- Currently Paul and the Elders at Reclamation Monroeville
- Randall and Tate will be, Lord willing, installed as Elders on the 3rd weekend of May, 2025
- **THE KEY: <u>Autonomous</u>**, but **<u>intentionally</u> planted** and **<u>voluntarily</u> networked**

- **Eldership**
  The New Testament highlights the role of elders as faithful, loving, **sacrificial men** who are spiritual leaders and shepherds of the people. Elders are responsible for the teaching, guiding, and protecting of the congregation.(Titus 1:5-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7).
    - *Titus 1:5 (NLT)*: "I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you."
- **Plurality of Elders**
  The New Testament model for church leadership often shows a **plurality** of elders rather than a single leader. This shared leadership provides accountability, diverse perspectives, and balanced decision-making (Acts 14:23, James 5:14).
    - *Acts 14:23 (NLT)*: "Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust."
- **Elders as Shepherds and Overseers**
  Elders are tasked with shepherding the flock, overseeing the spiritual well-being of the church, and **being examples of Christ-like living**. They provide pastoral care, ensure sound teaching, and guard against false doctrines (1 Peter 5:1-3, Acts 20:28).
    - *1 Peter 5:2-3 (NLT)*: "Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God."
- **Elders and Church Accountability**
  Elders are accountable to God and the congregation. They are to lead with humility, integrity, and a servant's heart, **fostering a healthy church culture** where members are encouraged to **grow** in their faith and **contribute** to the life of the church (Hebrews 13:17).

- *Hebrews 13:17 (NLT)*: "Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit."

FAQ #3 Baptism: What form of baptism do you practice here at Reclamation and why?

Baptism –

- 1) BAPTISM is a visual & symbolic demonstration of a person's union with Christ.
- 2) BAPTISM is Commanded by Jesus (Matthew 28)
- 3) BAPTISM Proclaims a person's allegiance to King Jesus. (1 Cor. 12:12-14)
- 4) Reclamation Church practices baptism by IMMERSION
  - The Greek word βαπτίζω (baptizo) literally means to plunge, submerge
- Baptism info is on our Connect Card, there's a digital form and then a meeting

FAQ #4 Communion: What is your typical practice at Reclamation for taking the Lord's supper?

Communion –

- Commanded by Christ.
- Remembrance.
- Clean conscience before God.
- We *don't* believe in transubstantiation (the bread and wine transforming into Christ's body and blood)

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Step 3: DISCOVER OUR MISSION
(Where we're going)

Our mission here at Reclamation is to make Disciples, so what is a disciple?

- A disciple is someone who lives out a full life marked by four practices as demonstrated by the life of Jesus
- These values are **Truth**, **Worship**, **Community** and **Mission**.
- **So, the question in this section is how do we as a church invest in our people to help them grow in these four areas?**

→ This is where a **Discipleship Path** comes in

In our Discipleship Path there are three distinct components to how we make disciples.

The 3 components of our Discipleship Path are:

1. Gather
2. Grow
3. Go



- Together these practices make a path (think a loop, or a road) reminding us that we are always making progress and on a journey with God.

- By participating in these practices, we believe by God's power, you will
    - grow in your love and affection for Christ and for others
    - grow in your value of Truth, Worship, Community and Mission in such a way that you can lead others to Christ and disciple them yourself

→ *Let's take a few minutes to look deeper into these three components.*

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1. **Gather**
    - Discipleship happens in the consistent **<u>coming</u> <u>together</u>** of God's people.

    1. The **Sunday Morning Service** is a coming together of God's people**.**
        - **How does this help us grow as disciples?**
        - On Sunday mornings we are walking in **truth** and **worship** each and every Sunday
        - Part of the growth we see in the early church in the book of Acts is them coming together, serving one another, and celebrating Jesus.
        - We also gather in our kid's ministries RC Kids and aim for a healthy schedule so everyone can be in a full Sunday gathering on most weeks.

    2. We also gather in **Community Groups**
        - **How does this help us grow as disciples?**
        - Community groups put **fingers** in the Bible
        - Community groups put **prayers** into action
        - Community groups put **friends** in homes and phones
        - Community groups are a chance to **reach out** to neighbors
        - Community groups **mature us** into followers who make a difference

        The Purpose of Community Groups:
        1. To **<u>encourage</u>** one another in Gospel **hope** (or the Gospel story).
        2. To **<u>stir</u>** one another in Gospel **mission**.
        3. To **<u>care</u>** for one another in Gospel **love**.

        Some questions that Community Groups help answer…
        - **Q?**: If I were to walk away from Reclamation Church gradually over the next months, who would come after me in love to check in?
        - **Q?**: Am I consistently accountable to anyone about my walk w/ God?
        - **Q?**: Who am I caring for and encouraging?

2. Grow

- Discipleship happens in **<u>intentional maturation</u>** of God's people
- Colossians 3:1-4:6, Ephesians 4-6, Matthew 7:24-27

How do we intentionally grow?

- We participate in Worship – In worship we are Pursuing God's Glory.
- We pursue God's glory in 4 ways:
    1) We intentionally mature through **Singing**

    2) We intentionally mature through **Prayer**
        - Community Groups & Fresh Encounters.

    3) We intentionally mature through **Serving**
        - Serving is such an important part of the church. God has given us all abilities and giftings to serve the church. If you come to be a part of this church then we hope that all would want to serve and be a part of what God is doing here.
        - Our RC Kids volunteer teams all work off a 3-week schedule.

        Areas where you can volunteer at Reclamation include:
        - RCKids
        - Welcome Teams
        - Sound Booth
        - Life Safety
        - Music Ministry
        - and more

    4) We intentionally mature through **Giving**
        - Giving is worship because we are saying, "God, you are in charge of my money. You are the treasure of my heart, not my money."
        - We hope that if you call Reclamation your church home that you would want to give and invest in what God is doing here.
        - The Elders handle the budget
            - Randall, Jeremiah, + Equipt leaders (our HR company)
            - Paul does not see individual donations or amounts
        - The budget is an open book. We don't hide anything.
        - You can give Online (makes it so easy!) or at church



3. Go

- Discipleship happens in the **<u>missional living</u>** of God's people
    - This is NOT a prescriptive church program
    - This IS a way of life
        - Love God, love others

    - However, we do have some ministry that we organize, and more ideas

        - Serve in a Community Group, and lead one someday…
        - Serve a neighbor with friends…
        - Bless our VFD, City Workers, BOE offices, SAFE home, etc…
        - Prayer walk with friends…
        - Serve in Young Life or similar Gospel outreach ministry…
        - Set up a table at Goodsons to invite and bless others…
        - Do fundraisers for church planting or local needs…
        - and more…

Those are our 3 components of the Discipleship Path → GATHER. GROW. GO.

- There are many, many creative ways churches make disciples. But, I bet you'd see that they all involve Gathering, Growing, and Going in some form or fashion so that disciples are found, formed and sent!

- If you want to make Reclamation your church home then we hope that you ***<u>want</u>*** to jump into the circle (or do a cannonball!)

Membership Quote from TheLoop:

(You don't need to read this, necessarily - but it's in the Loop for you always!)

As you walk with Jesus we believe it's important to be committed to a specific local body of believers. Church membership serves as a way to publicly commit yourself to a church body in mutual submission, trusting that God is at work in all members (1 Corinthians 12) to see His church be built into a healthy, unified, Christ-glorifying body.

Unity and Accountability:

- Church membership fosters unity and accountability by providing a committed community. Regular gatherings enable believers to grow spiritually together and fulfill the biblical mandate to encourage one another.
- "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)

Spiritual Leadership and Oversight:

- Church membership involves submitting to the spiritual leadership and oversight of elders appointed by God to shepherd the flock. By voluntarily aligning with a local body of believers, members entrust their spiritual care to qualified leaders who watch over their souls and provide guidance, support, and accountability in their Christian walk.
- "Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit." (Hebrews 13:17)

Stewardship and Service:

- Church membership encourages us to actively participate in the life and ministry of the church by stewarding our spiritual gifts and talents for the healthy growth of the body. Through membership, we are equipped and empowered to serve one another and contribute to the work of the church.
- "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." (1 Peter 4:10)

Membership Practicals

"Why be a Member at Reclamation when I can simply attend?"

- ✔ **CARE**
  - *Greater priority for Benevolence and Counseling*
    - *Biblically we see a pattern to prioritize the spiritual body (our church family) in regards to receiving counseling and care. We are committed to our community, yes, but first we are committed to each other in love*

- ✔ **COMMUNICATION**
  - *Elder Vision Meetings, Leadership meetings (in time to come as we mature)*

- ✔ **COMMITMENT**
  - *Shepherding & Leadership*
    - *Commitment is a game changer. We want to do all we can to support you and be committed to you as you're committed to the body at Reclamation. We want to see you grow in leadership opportunities within the church.* ***The church isn't made up of Pastors and Elders. It''s you, the Saints.*** *This ministry is yours too so we want to see you growing, leading, and it is our Members who get that opportunity as God is leading*

Next Steps:

Any questions at all that you have?

1. *Step 1: Come to Discover Rec (Good job… you did this today*
   - *Listen, consider, ask good questions, we are here for that.*

2. *Step 2: Fill out the membership form in the Loop (Action Steps > Membership)*
   - *or ask for a printed copy*
   - **NOTE… WE DON'T HAVE THIS READY YET BUT WE WILL SOON!**

3. *Step 3: Get together to hear your story, your giftings, your hopes, any questions, etc.*

4. *Step 4: Sunday Morning member installation!*

Thanks for making today a priority!

We don't take it for granted that you're here and it's been fun to connect and learn together.

Let's close in ***prayer*** *– YOU ARE LOVED!*

Notes: