

# Crosspoints

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy 2019!

As this New Year begins, I'm grateful for the ongoing privilege of serving alongside you during this season of transition, exploration, and visioning. A lot of good things have happened among us over the last year. Among those good things is the addition to our ministry staff of Butch Stillwell as Minister of Pastoral Care and of Steve Mills as our Operations Manager. We continue to be blessed by Jim Burnette's ministry through music. These friends are serving us well. I look forward to where the Spirit will lead us in the days ahead.

While our church as a whole has found greater stability and strength, some of our members have faced—and still face—hard circumstances: dealing with the deaths of loved ones, struggling with illness, injury and limitation, and seeking wisdom for hard decisions. I've been impressed by, and thankful, the ways you care for one another.

In the first month of this year, we'll ponder together some statements which the Leadership Team and I have framed in response to the conversations we had this past fall about our church's life and ministry.

One of those statements is a brief (six words, three verbs and three nouns) expression of our vision:

*Worship God. Follow Jesus. Share Love.*

Notice that *Jesus* is in the center of the statement, just as he is central to our church. Worship comes first; because, in a sense, everything about the church has its origins and destiny in praise, prayer, and proclamation. Sharing love, in word and deed, flows from following and worshipping. We are committed to following Jesus—learning from him how to be like him. We worship God in the name and Spirit of Jesus, and we share love as he did.

A second statement elaborates that vision with words that characterize the kind of Jesus-followers we hope to be: joyful, faithful, and unconditionally loving:

*Our mission is to worship God joyfully, to follow Jesus faithfully, and to share love unconditionally.*

Then, there is a set of values which serve as compass points to keep us oriented as we navigate challenges and opportunities of being and doing church in times like these:

We seek God's wisdom through the study of Scripture, prayer, and the ongoing guidance of the Spirit.

We share the good news of God's love.

We commit ourselves to transformation into the image of Jesus.

We work in partnership with others to make a healing and reconciling difference in our community and world.

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# Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Church office is closed

Sunday, January 6

Guy Sayles

Tuesday, January 8

12:00 The Broken Way

6:30 Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

6:00 Bible Study & Snack Dinner

Sunday, January 13

Guy Sayles

Monday, January 14

6:00 Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 15

12:00 The Broken Way

Saturday, January 19

10:00 Women's Breakfast @

Happy Hill Restaurant

Sunday, January 20

Guy Sayles

Tuesday, January 22

12:00 The Broken Way

Sunday, January 27

Guy Sayles

Communion

Tuesday, January 29

12:00 The Broken Way

**Wednesdays at 7:15:**

**Choir Rehearsal**

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We'll focus on these statements in worship, have further conversation with each other about them, and make them part of our dreaming and planning for our life together. I encourage you to be engaged and involved as we continue to discern the shape of our mission and ministry.

Grace and peace,  
Guy

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.  
1 Chronicles 16:34**

## THE BROKEN WAY STUDY

If you have ever thought that you will never be good enough, that your faith isn't big enough, that your faults are too many, or realize that you, like most of us, have a broken life in some way; you will learn from Christian writer Ann Voskamp that you most certainly are not alone in these doubts. In her book *The Broken Way: A Daring Path into the Abundant Life*, Voskamp shows how her brokenness has led her to discover a greater intimacy in her relationship with God, and she invites her readers to discover how to move forward in the abundant life embracing all their weaknesses.

Beginning Tuesday, January 8, at noon in the Candler Center Conference Room, several of us will gather to read and discuss this book. We invite all who are interested to join us. Please see Melody Bell or call her at 828 699-1202 if you have questions.

ANN VOSKAMP  
New York Times bestselling author

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BROKEN  
WAY

a daring path into the abundant life



## LEADERSHIP TEAM NOVEMBER MINUTES

The meeting was opened by Dan Bradshaw with a devotional on "Merry Christmas: What Does it Mean to Us." We had prayers for the sick: Tom & Michelle Mattox, Camden Green (doing well), Mary Beth Atkinson (Hospice), Bill Duyck, Charlotte McDowell (In the hospital), Kathy Rhodes and Bert Hunter. Bruce Farlow led us in prayer.

The minutes were approved. Lennie had no financial report available yet. Steve Mills reported that the SO-MA area heating & air conditioning needs repairing. A motion was made by Lennie and Frank seconded. Steve will move forward with the repairs.

Waldorf School did not communicate about the chicken pox outbreak. There were 36 children total with 6 of those being on the Calvary campus. They do not have a vaccination policy. They have some questions on possible modifications in their space to make some larger class space expansions. They will give us estimate on projected changes.

There is a utility pole next to the street that needs to be moved back from the edge of the street. They need a resolution from us allowing them to move the pole back.

The Deacons elect their own chair person. Leadership Team Chair Person should be separate from the Moderator. A motion was made to separate them (for Church Business Meetings) and the motion was approved.

We are seeing more street people in the area.

Butch Stillwell has made 41 contacts and 163 miles for the month. Missing faces let him know of people who use to come. He is retiring from Hospice.

Melody Bell will be starting a program called "The Broken Way" in January on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the conference room.

We will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully, Jennie Dalton, Church Clerk