



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discovery 101 Today** - Want to learn more about the beliefs, strategy, and vision that serves as the foundation of Southwinds? Join us for our Discovery 101 class today to learn more about our church and how you can become a part of the Southwinds Family. Sign up on the app, website or at the Info Center today!
- **75th Anniversary Life Groups** – Southwinds is celebrating 75 years of serving God, our members, and the community. During our 75th celebration period, we are asking that you invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you in a “sermon based” life group. This will allow you and your group to draw closer together as you grow closer to God through our 75th Anniversary sermon series. To sign your group up click [here](#). For questions contact Chris Martinez at (760) 685-5152 or cmartinez@southwinds.org.
- **75th Anniversary SWAG on Sale** - Our 75th Anniversary SWAG is on sale. We have a limited supply of T-Shirts, Bags and Journals. Once they're gone that's it, so get yours today! For sale in the lobby after each service this week. Sales run thru Sept. 25 or until supplies run out!
- **75th Anniversary BBQ & Baptism** - Join us on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 12:30 for our 75th Anniversary Church BBQ with baptism at 2pm. If you are interested in baptism sign up on the app or on the web.

MY STORY

How is the bible's definition of the good life different from the world's definition?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

Have A Volunteer Read: Titus 3:1-7

Point 1: STAY FOCUSED on the mission.

“Our culture says the good life is all about us getting good things for ourselves. God says the good life is about living life in alignment with the reality he created, which means following his will, obeying his commands, living first for him... and then doing good for others. They were living for themselves, not pursuing the good life of doing good to others. – **Michael Nolen**

“All through Titus, Paul keeps using the word good. 1:8.. One who loves what is good. 2:3.. Teach what is good. 2:7.. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. 2:14.. A people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. 3:1.. To be ready to do whatever is good. 3:8 .. To devote themselves to doing what is good. 3:14.. Learn to devote themselves to doing what is good.” – **Michael Nolen**

Explain a time when you put your desires, before God’s demands.

“To put it another way, he tells us we submit to the authorities in our lives so we can stay focused on the mission God has given us. As followers of Jesus, we have a mission to advance the gospel, the good news about the good life God created us to live, the good life that is made possible only through faith in Jesus. Our attitude toward authority models for others how we want them to respond to God.” – **Michael Nolen**

Why is the world so messed up? Why do we look around and see so much evil, so much pain and suffering and brokenness?

Discuss this quote -

“We become enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We live in a culture that’s all about entertainment and comforts and pleasures. The whole opioid epidemic across our country is more than just this, but this is part of it. The United States comprises 5% of the world’s population, and we use 80% of the world’s painkillers. 80%. Are we in that much more pain than the rest of the world? We become enslaved to our desires in so many ways.” – **Michael Nolen**

Have Another Volunteer Read: Titus 3:8-15

Point 2: AVOID DISTRACTIONS from the mission.

We have different issues today. Currently, many churches are getting distracted by politics. And I say that as someone deeply interested in politics, someone who reads a great deal all the time about the issues of the day. And many of these issues matter. They matter deeply. Our culture has rejected God and his plan to give us the good life.

Our culture has adopted all kinds of destructive ideologies that have already damaged and will continue to damage countless thousands of people in thousands of ways. I have a lot of opinions about these things. I hold my opinions humbly and with great accuracy. But these things are not the gospel. We must never forget the kingdom of God doesn't depend on us or on our nation or on our nation's culture.

- Avoid foolish controversies.
- Avoid genealogies.
- Avoid arguments and quarrels about the law.

Which one of these three areas tend to be more distracting when you are talking to other people either in person or social media?

Why must we keep the gospel the main thing in our communication with others?

APPLICATION

“Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.” – **Michael Nolen**

Create a “do good” list that will allow people see the gospel in our lives more than in our words.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS