



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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. Click [here](#) to sign up for baptism or contact Rene Snyder at rsnyder@southwinds.org.
- **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.
- **75 Community Engagements – REMINDER:** Do not forget to turn on the light bulb and complete the 3x5 card, once you have completed your community service event.

MY STORY

Knowing that 75 years ago, Southwinds started with only 17 members, what can we do now, personally to reach the next 75 years of people?

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: Matthew 16: 13-17

Point 1: WHO IS Jesus?

“Following Jesus is what we call discipleship. A good definition of discipleship is the process of learning to follow Jesus in all of life. Every time you see someone wearing a Steph Curry jersey, they’re being a disciple. Every time you hear someone’s singing along with Beyoncé or Justin Bieber or The Weekend or Taylor Swift, they’re being a disciple. Students in classes are being disciples. We’re all disciples.” – **Michael Nolen**

Whose disciple are you?

“To say that Jesus is the Christ is to say Jesus is our king. Jesus is our Savior. Jesus is our Lord. It means Jesus is our shield, or he’s our comforter. He’s our Victor. He’s our friend. Jesus is our hope. He’s our peace, our joy, our righteousness, our sanctification. He’s the King of kings and Lord of lords. He’s the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world... the rock who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Simon also says Jesus is the Son of the living God, which means that not only is he human, but he’s divine. Jesus is the eternal Son of God, who became a son of man. It’s hard for us to wrap our minds around the reality that Jesus is fully God and fully man.”

– **Michael Nolen**

Who is Jesus to you?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Matthew 16: 18; 21-23

Point 2: WHY DID Jesus Come?

“Why did Jesus come? He came to make people new, but not just as individuals. Matthew 16:18 says, ‘You are Peter... And on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.’ Jesus didn’t come to merely save individuals, but to adopt us into a family. He says, ‘I will build my church.’ Just think about the meaning and depth of those 5 words. The church belongs to Jesus. That’s true of the church in general. It’s true of every local church. It’s true of Southwinds. This is not my church. It’s not your church. This is Jesus’ church. That means building the church is not dependent on us. He invites us to participate in his work by his grace, but he’s the one who builds his church. History shows us Jesus is keeping his promise in incredible ways.”

– **Michael Nolen**

“The church was being persecuted by the Roman Empire. So even in persecution, the church is growing. Jesus is building his church. Fast forward to today... over 2.5 billion Christians throughout the world.” – **Michael Nolen**

What is your story of grace and how you've served the church to help reach 2.5 billion people today?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Matthew 16: 24-28

Point 3: WHAT DOES IT MEAN for me?

"The Gk word for disciple is mathetes. We get mathematics from it and it literally means learner. We have to learn how to follow. And to learn to follow Jesus, we have to unlearn many things in our lives. Following Jesus ALWAYS involves denying yourself. It ALWAYS involves taking up your cross, which mean dying to yourself." – **Michael Nolen**

What are some things that we need to unlearn in our life to follow Jesus?

What are some things that we need to begin to learn to follow Jesus?

APPLICATION

What is one takeaway from these questions that you can begin to apply in your life, this week?

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS