



# GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.
2. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SOMA!!** — Sunday we turn 4 years old!! Who doesn't love a good picnic? Come out Sunday August 25th for worship, food, and fellowship. We begin by worshipping together at 11a. After worship we flow downstairs and outside for food, fellowship, and fun. Basically, we hang out and play, or watch others play, spend time catching up, eat great food, and of course we love inviting friends and family. Afterwards we will have a short Covenant Members meeting in preparation for the Fall.  
- **Sunday August 25th at 11 AM BRING A SUBSTANTIAL SIDE DISH AND A FRIEND!**
3. **Welcome BACK!** - Moreau Heights Elementary is looking for adults to welcome kids the first day of school from 7 - 7:40 am on August 29th. Please let us know if you would like to help. We are simply saying, "Hi!" and greeting the kids coming in.
4. **Planning Center** — **PLEASE** setup your Planning Center account ASAP so we can best communicate with and honor you as our volunteers. Go to [planningcenteronline.com](http://planningcenteronline.com), connect to our church, and sign up for text alerts.  
***We will be deleting the GroupMe Sunday September 1st.***
5. **Baptism** - Baptism is a clear command of the Lord Jesus Christ for all believers. This is why it is one of the ordinances of the Christian Church (the Lord's Supper being the other). Believer baptism in water reflects a prior inward cleansing (1 Pet. 3:21) when the person was born again (Jn. 3:3, 5), made a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), and offers an opportunity for this new believer to profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ publicly. If you want to be baptized please go to [somajc.org/membership/baptism/](http://somajc.org/membership/baptism/)  
- **Sunday August 18th during the Sunday gathering**

# QUESTIONS

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As a church, God has made us stewards of two very important resources: The Gospel, which is the power of God for Salvation (Romans 1:16 - 17) and His people. Keeping that in mind, we want to focus resources toward making sure we faithful and consistently instill the gospel in everyone that is apart of Soma. Everything we do as a church we do under the premise that it is the gospel that truly changes people at their core; only then are these changes people God's agents to change a dying world. We aim to create a culture of people who are: **Gospel-Center Believers, Intentional Living, Intentional Disciple Makers and Generous Givers.**

## **Gospel-Center Believer**

The Gospel reshapes our identity. We think, speak and live as people who've been made new.

### **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14 - 21**

1. What does the passage says that "We are **in Christ!**" (vs. 17)
2. What does the text say?
3. What does the text mean?
4. How does this apply to us?
5. How do I make this happen in my life?

## **Intentional Living**

We are family, and as a family we actively take responsibility for one another.

### **Look at 2 Corinthians 5:14 - 21**

1. The passage says that "We are **in Christ!**" (vs. 17)
2. The passage also says "We are **made new!**" (vs. 17)

The church is not like family. It is a functional family.

- A. God is our **Father**
  - B. Jesus is our **elder brother**
  - C. We are **brothers and sisters in Christ**
3. What [in our church] are you responsible for?
  4. Who [in our church] is responsible for you?

## **Intentional Disciple-Makers**

We Intentionally seek to make disciples where we live, work, and play.

### **Read 1 Peter 4:10**

1. The passage says that "We are **in Christ!**" (vs. 17)

2. The passage also says “We are **made new!**” (vs. 17)
3. The passage also says “We are **ambassadors.**” (vs. 20)

### **Read Matthew 28:18 - 20**

1. Name a Neighbor, Co-worker, and Family member that are non believers in your life.
2. Name a person (or two) you could train to share their faith and disciple others.

### **Generous Givers**

We agree to faithfully manage my time, talent, treasure, testimony, and temple as resources for God's purposes.

### **Read 1 Peter 4:10**

### **Read Matthew 6:19 - 21**

1. Christianity is not about **relationship**; It is about **relationships**. Relationships with **God**, **Believers**, and **our Neighbors**.

### **Look at 2 Corinthians 5:14 - 21**

2. The passage says that “We are **in Christ!**” (vs. 17)
3. The passage also says “We are **made new!**” (vs. 17)
4. The passage also says “We are **ambassadors.**” (vs. 20)

How can you **intentionally invest** your time, talent, and treasure to cultivate greater relationships with God, our family, and your neighbors?

- A. Think specifically about your time investment in “Family”: Gospel Community, DNA group, and Larger church.
- B. What gifts do you have that our family needs?
- C. How can you creatively use them to invest in these relationships?