

“A church culture of _____ and consistency:

- Encourages members to habitually gather for corporate _____
- Maintains _____ and healthy interdependence, while creating space for flexibility and transience
- Encourages all to make a _____ and practice of worship, prayer, learning, devotional time, service and more
- Anticipates that church attenders who commit to a community will _____ long-term relationships and engage in regular activities and services.”

How may this be done?

- Build a community of faith where people feel _____, get a sense of value from participating and where Jesus is exalted.
 - Define core _____ as stated in our five words (Believe, Grow, Commit, Connect, Serve).
 - Trust and enable believers to serve well by utilizing their gifts. “Responsibility is important because it provides sense of _____, in addition to building _____ amidst adversity on an individual and societal level.” – Steve Rose
 - Develop _____ disciplines. Spiritual disciplines, when developed in a faith community, build a connectivity that not even hell itself may _____. People who center their lives around God’s Word, while praying and serving together, will weather the most terrible _____ and become stronger together.
 - _____ people well.
- Adapted from an article entitled, *How to Build a Culture of Commitment & Consistency at Your Church*.

What does God say?

Commit:

1. Your _____ to God (Romans 12:1-2).
 - a. _____ = God’s mercies
 - b. _____ = Your body
 - c. _____ = Your lifestyle
2. Your _____ to serve the body (I Peter 4:10-11)
 - a. Don’t forget _____ gave you the gifts.
 - b. Don’t forget how you are supposed to _____ the gifts.
 - c. Don’t forget you are a _____ who is accountable.
 - d. Don’t forget to _____ on God.
3. Your _____ to God so that you treasure the Church like God does (Heb. 10:19-25). We do this:
 - a. Because Jesus _____ so that there may be a Church (v. 19)
 - b. To corporately access _____ (v. 20)
 - c. To embrace the position of _____ over the Church (v. 21)
 - d. With _____ hearts (v. 22)

- e. With firm resolve and _____ in the truth (v. 23)
 - f. While looking out for one another through _____, good works and encouragement (vv. 24-25)
4. Your _____ to God for the advancement of the Gospel and the making of disciples.
Give:
- a. _____ and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 - b. To those in _____ (Matthew 5:42; James 1:27)
 - c. _____ (Proverbs 11:25)
 - d. To support those who _____ the flock (Galatians 6:6)
 - e. To honor _____ (Proverbs 3:9-10)
 - f. _____ (I Corinthians 16:2)
 - g. Even when it _____ (2 Corinthians 8:1-10)

Announcements

Guests –Text “Hi” to 616-457-3770 to let us know you’re here, and stop by the front, right side of the worship center after today’s service. Our pastors would like the chance to meet you!

Missionary Update Report – today at 5:30 PM Stephen & Ginger Jordan will give an update on their ministry in the Philippines. Stephen will also share from God’s Word.

Sarah Puett and David Burkey Open-House-Style Wedding Shower -- JBC women and men, are invited to greet & support Sarah Puett and David Burkey on Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. They are registered at Walmart. Please use: [Bit.ly/DavidSarahRegistry](https://bit.ly/DavidSarahRegistry)

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – Around the world Christians are in prison and persecuted for their faith. They ask that we pray for them. On Sunday, Nov. 7 in both morning services we will share prayer requests for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ and spend time praying for them.

Bethlehem / Live Nativity of Christ Outreach is back this year!

Friday, Dec. 10 – 6-8

Saturday, Dec. 11 – 5-8

Sunday, Dec. 12 – 5-7

We are so grateful for all who have pulled together to put on this great event for our community in the past, and we are eager to work on it together again this year. **We now have** our first opportunity to get started in the preparation, as well as a chance to learn more about how this event functions!

- **Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:00-Noon -- First all-church work day** to prepare for this event. Please sign up in the worship center, or email office@jenisonbible.org, if you can help. But if you don't get a chance to do so, come anyway!
- **Sunday, Oct. 31 - beginning of Sunday School hour - Brief Informational walk-through** Come and meet outside the youth center to learn more about how this event functions.
- **Craft Supplies** – We are in need of popsicle sticks and yarn in white, brown, blue and yellow. Donations can be left in the bin near the nativity sign up table.

Please visit the volunteer sign-up table in the sanctuary and start signing up today!

Giving Report as of 10/18/2021	General	Missions	Mortgage	Benevolent
YTD actual giving	\$519,995	\$156,221	\$70,172	\$22,606
YTD budgeted income	\$481,136	\$144,256	\$71,855	
YTD actual spending	\$455,100	\$132,265	\$67,500	\$5,992
YTD budgeted expense	\$510,440	\$135,599	\$71,855	
Mortgage Balance			\$197,901	