

## Serve through Missions

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### Mark 10:43b-45

whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,<sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- With the help of the mercy of God LifeChurch is a humble servant minded church.
- Every Christian is a witness.
- Every Christian either goes to accomplish missions or sends to accomplish missions.
- It requires financial sacrifice.
- It is worth it!!!

Let's celebrate what LifeChurch was able to do.

### In 2024 we distributed

- 151,000 pounds of food.
- 126,000 meals.
- You did all this for \$3,900
- **Cost of 3 cent per meal**

### We supported

- 26 missionaries
- Alabama Teen Challenge
- Church planting in Alabama
- Paraclete Ministries

### Children and Youth

- Speed the Light - \$5,262.25
- BGMC - \$1,638

### Special Missions Projects

- Global Servants - \$15,000
- World Prayer Center - \$2,500
- Light for the Lost - \$1,700
- Tanzania - \$10,000

### Community Compassion

- Convoy of Hope - \$1,500
- Angel Tree - \$1,350
- Serving You Ministries - \$1,200
- Benevolence - \$5,423
- Compassion One-27 - \$325

### **Local Outreaches**

- Kidsplasion
- Palm Sunday and Easter Outreach
- First Priority Clubs

### **2024 Total Giving** **Missions, Compassion and Local Outreach**

- **\$83,446.64**

LifeChurch Birmingham is a missions minded church.

We were birthed because about 55 years ago someone discerned a call of God to plant a church.

And someone paid for it.

- Why do we do what we do in the area of missions and outreach?
- Why not just say well everyone who wants our help is here.
- I mean there is a sign out by the road, we have a website, they can find us on Google maps.
- They know we are here so why waste your time and money on people who haven't shown any interest in what you have to say or do.
- Shouldn't you focus on those who have at least shown some kind of interest in God by showing up.

### **3 Reasons to Serve through missions**

#### **I. The chief servant commands us**

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

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**John 13**

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (NIV)

**II. Heaven and hell are real**

- A. Saved people go to heaven.
- B. Lost people parish
- C. You need to grapple with that truth.

Heaven -

**John 14:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Hell-

**Matthew 13:47-50**

<sup>47</sup> “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**III. The Lamb is due the reward for his suffering****Psalms 2:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>...He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.

**Revelation 5:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”