

## The Believer's Purpose

Ephesians two is a well-known chapter in the Bible because it assures us in verses 8–9 that we're saved by God's grace, not by works. Once assured of God's grace, many people don't go on to read verse 10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." We're not saved by works, but we're saved to do good works.

A church I attended several years ago printed its purpose statement on their stationery and bulletins so that everyone in contact with the church would be aware of its mission: "To honor God and make Jesus known by bringing people into harmony with Him and one another through evangelism, discipleship and fellowship."

As Peter explained in Acts 10:38, Jesus "went about doing good," and this church took seriously Jesus' great commission in Matthew 28:19–20—making disciples through evangelism and edification. They resolved to:

Preach, teach and seek to have each member live the gospel in order to bring the unsaved to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Provide for worshipping God, preaching and teaching the Word of God, and administering the ordinances of baptism and communion as taught in the New Testament.

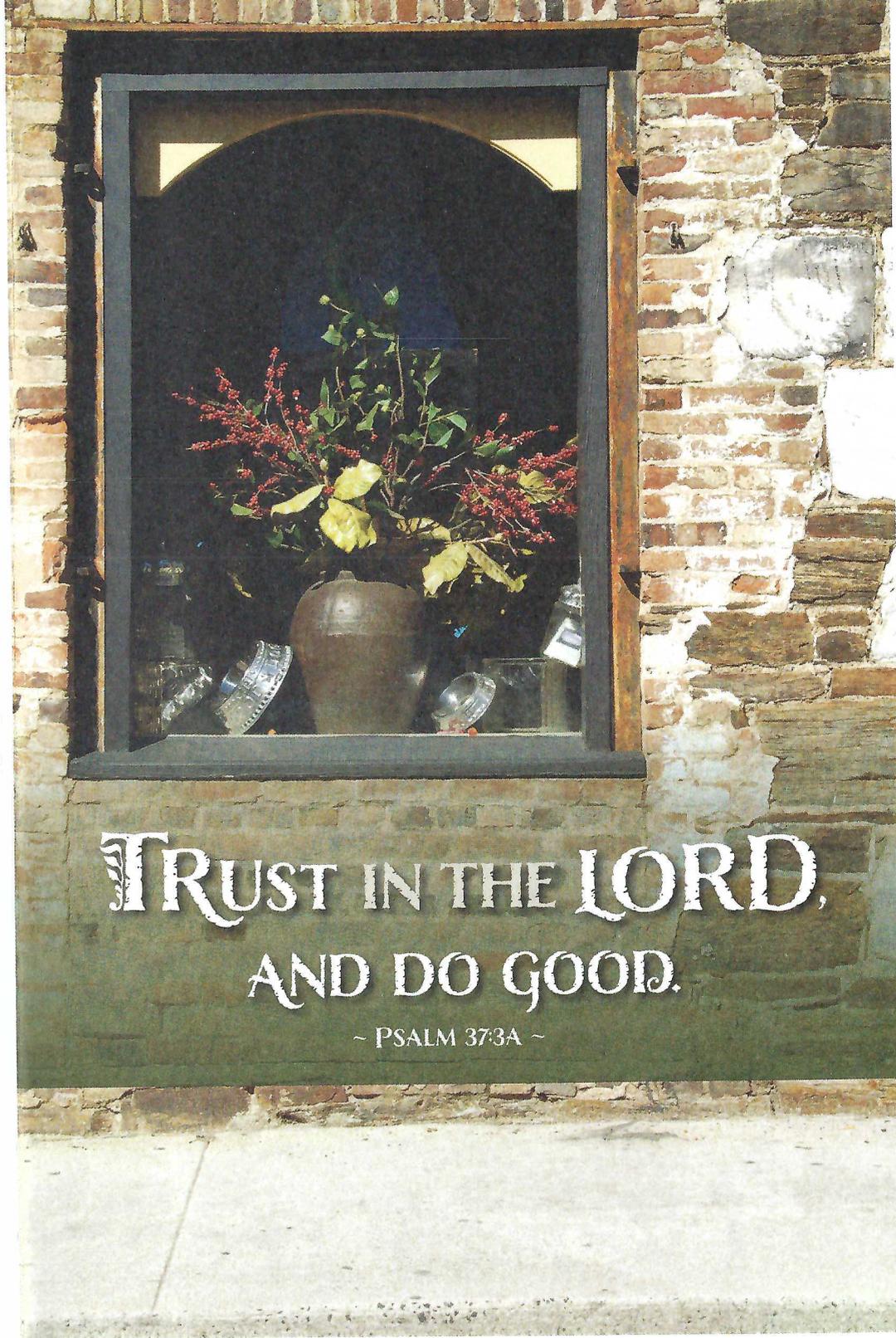
Minister to their community and participate in the extension of the gospel to all the earth by every scriptural means possible.

Train Christians for the work of the ministry by enabling them to discover and develop their spiritual gifts, and provide ample opportunities for their spiritual growth and ministry.

Every believer ought to do all they can to "honor God and make Jesus known" by whatever means possible.

*K.E. Horsley*

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## **Covenant Church**

3115 N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

March 30, 2025

**Call to Worship**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Invocation**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Sing Unto the Lord**

Hymn 575 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Ron Marks*

**Recognition of Guests**

**Mission Moment**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Worship in Song**

Hymn #581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**Offertory Prayer**

*Craig Alexander*

**Offertory**

*Rose Morgan*

**Special Music**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Sermon:**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Communion**

**Hymn of Benediction**

Hymn #580 Through It All

***Shine, Shine, Shine!***

## **Covenant Ministries**

This month has 5 Sundays so we will be collecting toiletries and paper products for Pine Grove and personal hygiene items for Newberry High School. **They have also requested we provide funds or snacks for them to share with the kids during testing.**

Our ministry for March is the St. Francis House

### **ADAM'S RIB**

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' 'Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.

Never trust your tongue when your heart is bitter.  
Hush until you heal.

### **Just Sayin'**

Most worries are reruns.

Don's phone number is 352-262-5349 if you need him.