**Mission: We exist to help people embrace God & His values in all of life.**

 For every church that God forms, He has a mission in mind. As a church, we have both a \_\_**GENERAL**\_\_ mission of glorifying God and building up each other; and a \_\_**SPECIFIC**\_\_ mission God has for us as it relates to this community and the people He brings to us.

**The mission of Gateway Church is simply stated through the following…**

 **… Our Ministry Strategy: *“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving His World”***

 **We base this purpose on three key scriptures:**

**The Great Commandment**: Jesus said, *“****Love the Lord*** *your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and with all your strength. The second (command) is this:* ***Love your neighbor*** *as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”* Mark 12:30-31

*“10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*  Galatians 6:16

**The Great Commission**: “*Jesus said,* ***Go and make disciples*** *of all nations,* ***baptizing them*** *in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and* ***teaching them to obey*** *everything I have commanded you.”* Matthew 28:19-20

**... Our Motto/Vision: *“Ordinary People being transformed by an Extra-ordinary God!”***

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.*” *(Romans 12:2)*

**… Our Lens/Filter: “Kingdom-minded; Generationally Focused”!**

*“33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* Matthew 6:33

*“4 One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. 5 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works. 6 They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds. 7 They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.”* Psalm 145:4-7

We believe we are uniquely called to “expand’ God’s kingdom locally, regionally and globally by intentionally reaching, building up and sending multiple generations.

* *We work to make God’s priorities present in our world.*
* *We seek to make citizens of His Kingdom, teaching them to live in the ways of His Kingdom’s citizens – which impacts our choices of what we choose to teach in each of our departments; intentionally Kingdom-World-View choices, countering much of what we “catch” in rest of the world.*
* *We think about Gateway but also far beyond Gateway… fully cooperating with community ministries (and world-wide missions) that have the same purpose and goals – seeking justice (w/o politics), cooperative benevolence work, and missions – as we lovingly advocate & counsel for His values.*
* *We partner with other churches with our departments (e.g. children, youth, et.al.)…rather than being in competition with them.*
* *We work to become “educated”/aware of the world so we can build bridges, be “all things to all people” to help some toward Christ.*
* *Knowing Jesus is in charge (not us) results in a “non-worried” life.*
* *The glory/fame goes to King Jesus!*