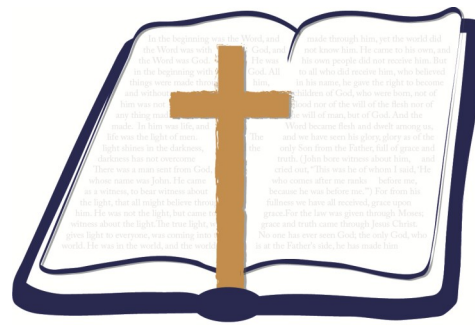


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Sun, Oct 5th

8:30 am - WMU Breakfast

3:30 pm - Deacons Meeting

Wed, Oct 8th

6:00 pm - Business Meeting

Thurs, Oct 16th

Sonshiners

Sun, Oct 19th

12:00 pm - Potluck Lunch

Fri, Oct 24th

6:00 pm - 4th Friday Fun & Fellowship

Sun, Oct 26th

11:00 am - Lord's Supper

Fri, Oct 31st

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Trunk or Treat



12 John Nix
13 James McCowan
16 Josiah Brown
Jeff Malone
17 Izzy Aldarghme



Budget Report (through September 28, 2025)

Receipts Month - \$11,759.00
YTD - \$142,550.06

Budget Month - \$18,670.35
YTD - \$168,033.15

Principles from Romans 15.14-33 for being a Missions-Minded Church
Consider the following principles from this blueprint in scripture:

1. Embracing the biblical ambition (15.20-21). Paul demonstrates that the ambition to preach the gospel where Christ hasn't been named isn't a unique personal goal, but God's plan as revealed in Scripture. He trusts the church will see this and embrace the ambition as something they should desire and work towards.
2. Knowing about gospel work around the world – One of the things Paul is doing in this passage is informing the church at Rome about the work he had been doing (15.19), telling them about the current endeavor (15.25-27) and then explaining where he plans to labor next (15.24, 28). Knowing the details of missionary work allows us to celebrate, pray, meet specific needs and more.
3. Building on the foundation in our setting, so others can go lay the foundation elsewhere (15.20). Paul sees his work as a foundation layer (1 Cor 3.10). Missionaries go to lay foundations where they don't exist. That means that those who stay and send have to be committed to building the church here. We shouldn't be a church that assumes gospel work only needs to happen elsewhere. We must be faithful to evangelize and make disciples where we are, while simultaneously supporting missionaries laboring at the ends of the earth.
4. Supporting missionaries should involve giving, but also more. If we believe in the biblical ambition to proclaim Christ to those who have never been told, our budget/giving should reflect that. But giving alone is not the biblical picture of partnerships with missionaries. It involves meaningful relationships (15.24, 32) intense prayer (15.30) and more.
5. Dependence on the Lord and Glory to the Lord. Paul knew that the outcome of his plans ultimately were subject to God's will (15.32). The church at Rome needed to pray that God would meet Paul's needs (15.30). The ministry of the missionary and the sending church alike must be constantly dependent on God for the provision and accomplishment of the task. And because God is the one who brings about the outcome of the work, God deserves the glory (15.18).

Spend sometime this month reflecting on how to put these principles into action? Do you need to pray more regularly for missionaries? Do you need to sign up to receive email updates from our missionary partners? Do you need to seek out knowing more about what specific missionaries are doing around the world? Do you need to begin setting aside funds to give toward the ambition of making Christ known where people have never heard of him? Or do you need to just spend time praying that God would give you a greater ambition in your own life to see the gospel advance to the ends of the earth?

In Christ,
Pastor Landon

