

- I. Why Do We Exist?**
 - A. To love God and people (Matt. 22:37-39).**
 - B. To make disciples of Jesus ((Matt. 28:19,20).**
 - 1. Invite others to accept Jesus.**
 - 2. Baptize those who accept Jesus.**
 - 3. Teach them what Jesus taught.**
 - 4. Exhort them to obey Jesus.**
 - C. Jesus wants us to model the Great Commandment and fulfill the Great Commission.**
- II. God's Plan to Fulfill Our Purpose (Acts 2:42-47).**
 - A. The Early Church did six basic things.**
 - 1. Disciples learned from the Apostles (v.42).**
 - 2. Disciples spent time together (v.42,44,46).**
 - 3. Disciples prayed (v.42).**
 - 4. Disciples met needs (v.45).**
 - 5. Disciples worshiped God (v.46,47).**
 - 6. Disciples shared the gospel (v.47).**
 - B. To be blessed by God we must focus on the same things the Early Church focused on: education, fellowship, prayer, ministry, worship, and evangelism.**
- III. What's New for 2008?**
 - A. Education: In September of 2008 we plan to start at least four new discipleship quads.**
 - B. Fellowship: In late winter we plan to start new small groups based on your personal interests and/or hobbies.**
 - C. Prayer: Early in 2008 one of the rooms in the current building will be designated as a prayer room. Everyone in our church family will also be asked to sign up and pray for Salem's "top ten needs" every day during a specified ten minute period.**
 - D. Ministry: In late winter or early spring I'm planning a series of messages on spiritual gifts. You will be given a "spiritual gifts inventory" to help you determine how you are gifted and where you can be used by God in the ministry of Salem Church.**
 - E. Worship: In 2008 we will continue to video the Sunday morning message. This video will appear on our website.**
 - F. Evangelism: We will continue and hopefully complete our building project. This project is about evangelism.**