

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches.

Why am I here God?

Born halfway around the world given up for adoption and then adopted a 2nd time. Thank you, God. How did I end up here today at a church called Messiah? You said you knew me before I was even born. That I would be Yours forever. Having read and listened to your Word for so many years, I understand. But how and why am I here in Charlotte. Thank vou. for surrounding me here with so many loving Christians. I can truly see that Your love shines in their hearts. There are so many gifted people here, so many Pastors, musicians, teachers, Bible translators, and missionaries. I have never been in a church with so many gifted Christians living their faith. What did you say? You have great things for them to accomplish here. What are they? To reach out to those who don't know You. Yeah, I know, but aren't we doing that already? I don't get it God. What? You've been sending people to Messiah to help. I know it seems like more visitors are walking through our doors lately with a new member class and more people wanting to join. Oh, you did that!

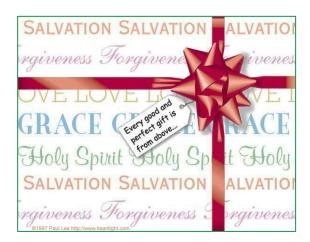
NEWSLETTER 2 Ministry Expansion Campaign

I guess thank you is in order. But You know, the church wants to build a large addition. I don't know how we can afford it...... So, you're telling me you are going to use us to grow our ministries here and just remain faithful. This project is so expensive. How?..... Trust in You? Yes God, I can do that, great is your faithfulness.

Remember you didn't choose me, I chose you, from the beginning, and made you to bear fruit. A branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, and you can't grow your ministry campaign unless you are joined with Me. I am the Vine; you are My branches.

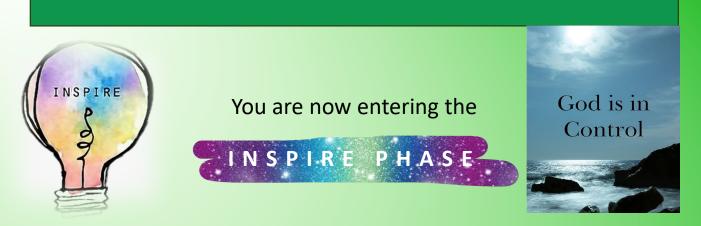
In Jesus name, Amen

From a child of God and a member of a community of believers



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS





The congregation is invited to pray and grow in faith through a series of Bible studies, events, and sermons.

Join the Messiah community in daily prayer from the Prayer Calendar.

Visitation Members will reach out to BASIC groups and other ministry groups with the plan for contributing to the Ministry Expansion.

> Saturday Coffee House held 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10,14 Please signup in the Narthex

Reminder 10/15 Commitment Celebration Sunday when we make our Commitments to the Lord. Bring your Commitment Cards Sunday School at 9 am One service at 10 am A light brunch to follow

LOOK UP

LOOK AROUND

LOOK OUTWARD

Soli Deo Gloria