

God called us to plant a “life-Giving church” in 2001

The Tale of Two Trees

(Genesis 2:8-9 & 15-17 NLT) Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. 9 The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

- The consequences of “wrong _____” & “wrong _____.”
- It’s called the “_____ & _____” game!

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. (Gen 3:1-13)

1. _____!

- Blame _____!
- Blame _____!
- Blame _____!

2. _____!

- Religious _____!
- Works _____!
- Critical of _____!

The Tree of Life

(Revelation 22:2) “On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”

- The tree of life is for healing and it is designed to bring life not death.

1. _____!
2. _____!
3. _____!

MBC’s Mandate

- **MBC** ____: Real people, living in a real world, serving a real God!
- **Our** ____: to make it hard for people to go to hell from Madison.
- **Our** ____: “We do life together”
- **Our** ____: “Honor God and Serve people.”
- **Our** ____: “City Church” There is only one church in Madison, we just happen to meet in different places.
- **Our** ____: To help plant new life giving churches around the globe. So far over 750 have been planted.
- **Our** ____: Loaves and fishes: Bring what you have and God will multiply it and feed the multitude.
- **Our** ____: Build bridges between Charismatics and evangelicals.

Core Values

1. **We value** *demonstrated devotion* to Jesus Christ and His cause, using spiritual gifts we have been given.
2. **We value** *God’s viable presence*, as a catalyst for changed lives when we meet to honor God and study the Bible.
3. **We value** *“doing life together,”* fostering loving relationships that permeate every level of community.
4. **We value** being *culturally relevant* as a church while remaining doctrinally pure.
5. **We value** *authenticity and the hunger* for continuous spiritual growth in the lives of Christ’s followers.
6. **We value** *people* and therefore honor, serve, and treat them with respect.
7. **We value** *global outreach* and will devote significant time, energy, and finances towards it, providing leadership, materials, and prayer.
8. **We value** the *unity of believers* and will honor and support other life-giving churches and individuals who love God.
9. **We value** *prayer*, both individually and corporately, as vital, effective, and real communication with God.
10. **We value** *“having a blast”* while serving God.