

Equipping Plans for Our Church Family

Equipping so that...we Root TWCA

Family Updates

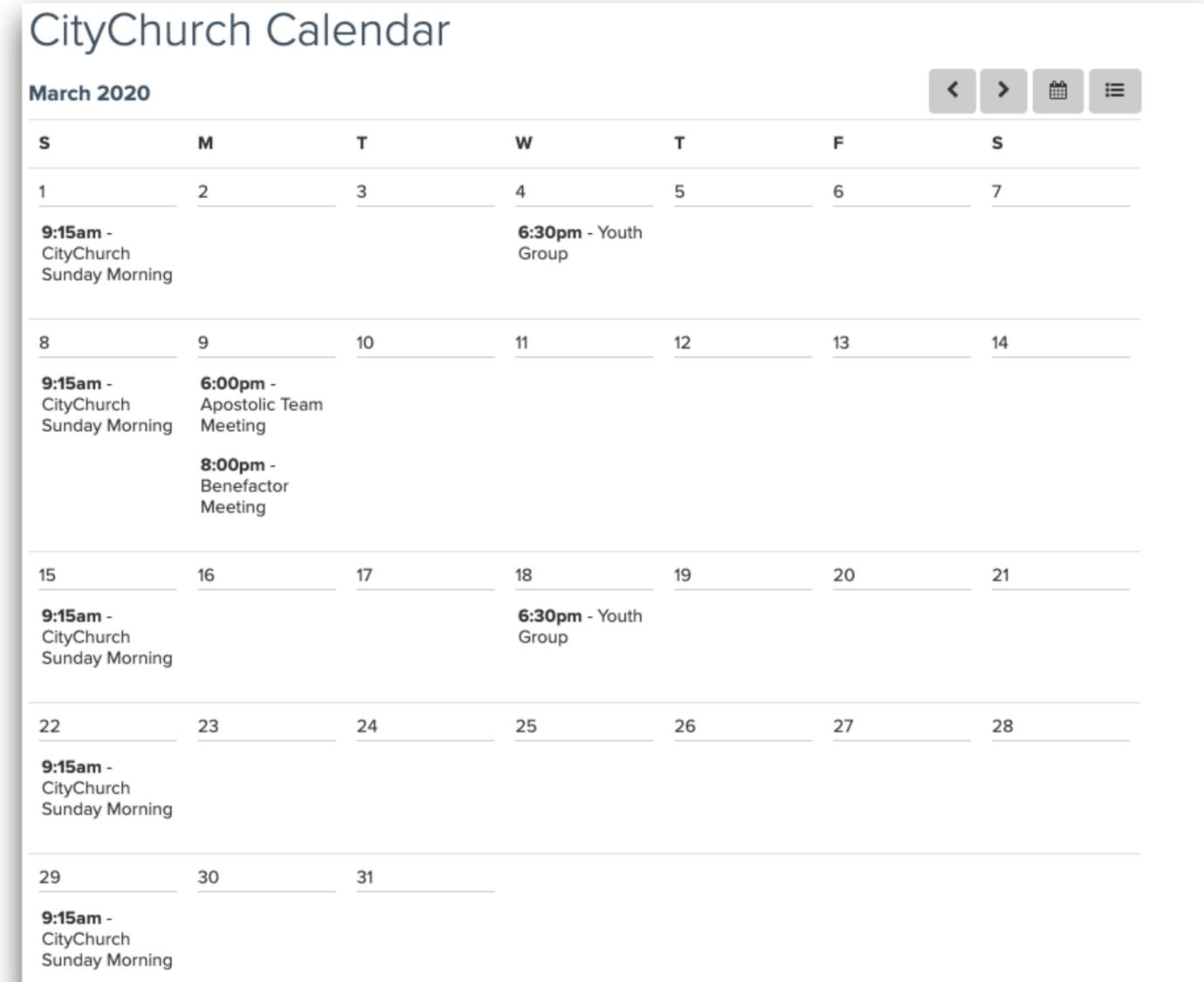
3/5 Accreditation Visit: We are busily preparing for a visit from the accreditation commission. Prayers are appreciated!

3/9 Monday

- **6pm Apostolic CoWorkers Meeting** - David's home
- **8pm Benefactor Meeting** - David's home

Budget

- Week 8 Budget - \$76.9k
- Received - \$67.5k



CityChurch Calendar

March 2020

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|----------------------|----|----|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 9:15am - CityChurch Sunday Morning | | | 6:30pm - Youth Group | | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 9:15am - CityChurch Sunday Morning | 6:00pm - Apostolic Team Meeting | | | | | |
| | 8:00pm - Benefactor Meeting | | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| 9:15am - CityChurch Sunday Morning | | | | | | |

1950

1990

2010

2030

2050

...ends of the earth...

1st Generation - **Recovering** The Way of Christ and His Apostles paradigm

2nd Generation - **Rooting** The Way of Christ and His Apostles paradigm

Col 2:7 **rooted and built up in him and established in the faith**, just as you were taught..

rooted - **ρίζώ** - **rhizoo** - to be established, conceived of as if a plant being or becoming fixed in the ground - fix firmly, solid



Rooting the Paradigm

MINISTRYWATCH
Empowering Donors to Christian Ministries

Philanthropy Investigations Culture Ministry News Shining Lights Donor Alerts Opinion

#CHURCHTOO INVESTIGATIONS MINISTRY NEWS

A MinistryWatch Analysis: What Happened At Willow Creek?

Warren Cole Smith • February 24, 2020

In the 1970s and 80s, radio personality Casey Kasem would often punctuate his “American Top 40” program with the phrase: “And the hits just keep on coming.” The expression became a catchphrase of the era.

It was the same era in which Chicago-area’s Willow Creek Community Church rose to national prominence. But Casey Kasem’s famous phrase could also describe the church’s decline: “The hits just keep on coming.”

The first hit came in 2018, when whistleblowers accused longtime pastor Bill Hybels of sexual misconduct. The church’s leadership initially rallied around the pastor, who denied the accusations. And that may have been the church’s second mistake: **to uncritically accept Hybels’ word against credible accusations**, rather than investigate them.

Rooting the Paradigm

Youth Group For Grown-Ups?

"It was also a **turning point in evangelicalism**. One of the unintended consequences of a church that is constantly focused **more on outreach than spiritual formation** is that this model all but ensures that every generation has to be re-evangelized, since adults raised in such a church **do not have the spiritual training** to raise its own children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

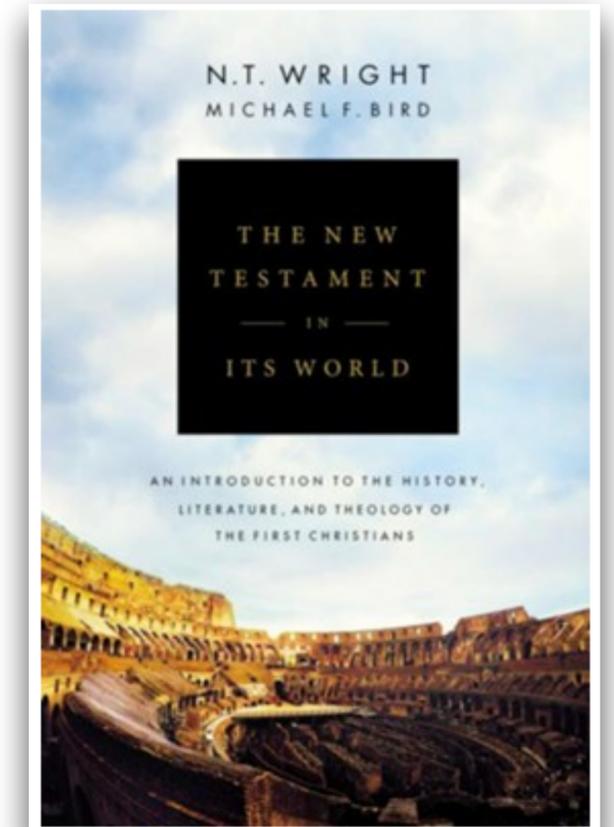


Rooting the Paradigm

“...by contrast with most of the ancient world, early Christianity was very much a bookish culture. We sometimes think of the movement as basically a religion, but a first century observer, blundering in on a meeting of Christians, would almost certainly have seen them initially as belonging to **some kind of educational institution.**”

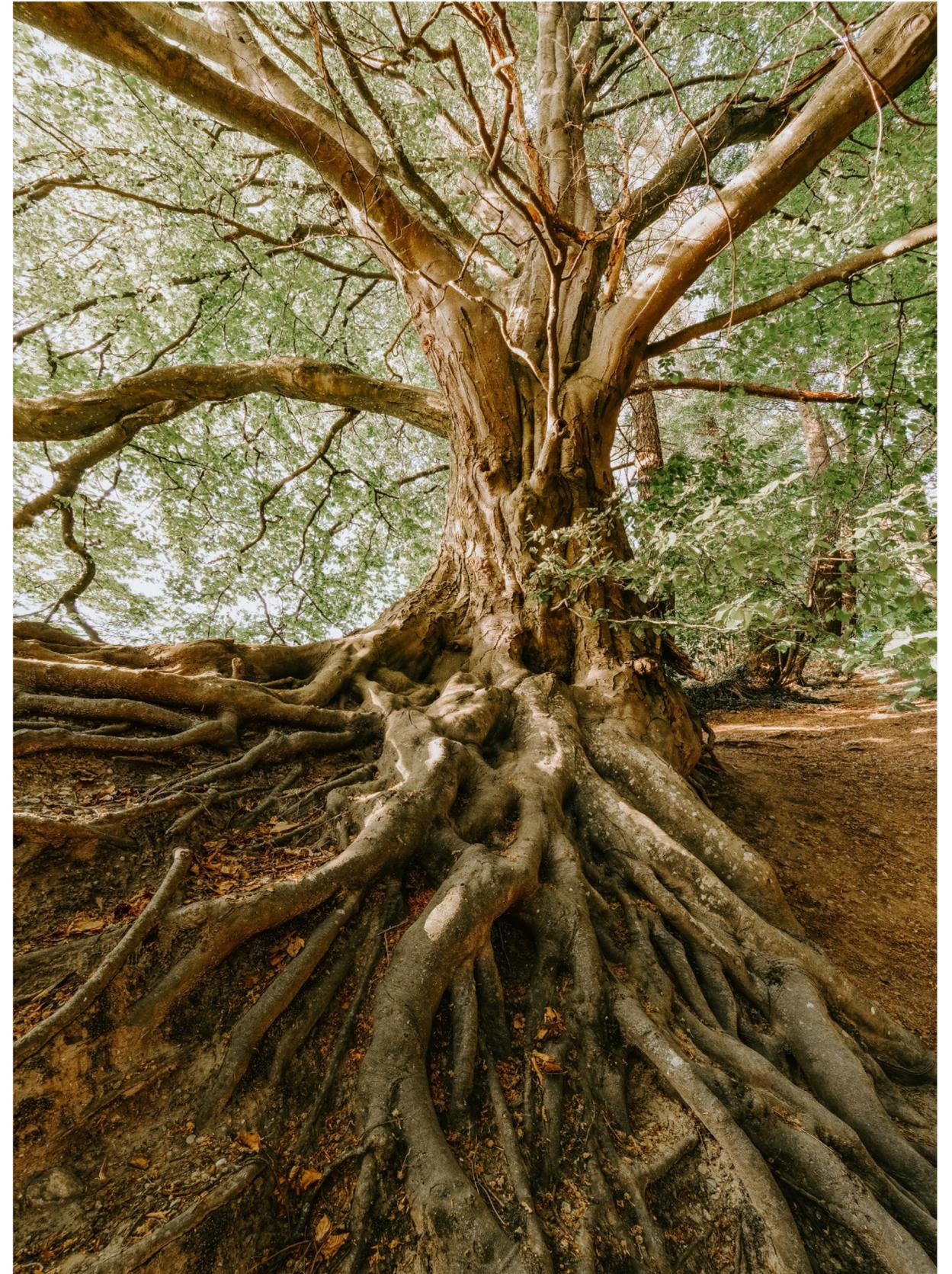
“this is why study, constant study is vital. Every generation needs to **be renewed in knowledge.** Every part of the church needs to wake up to the whole larger story of what the New Testament is actually saying.”

N.T Wright, Michael Bird



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1. Reflect on our collective Life Stewardship document. How important is our Sunday morning equipping time in accomplishing our work?
2. State the purpose of our Sunday morning equipping time.
3. What should we be creating for our global and local networks in order to root the paradigm? What specific tools are needed?



The Life Stewardship for Our Church Network Family

So that *Ames Des Moines CityChurch* can live a full abundant life!

Our Story

- Church committed to training of leaders inside the church
- Fulfilling the Great Commission on global scale was envisioned, pursued and organized lives for this stewardship and work
- Committed leaders and families for over first 40 years

Our Purpose

- To be an Antioch type church, a strong base for local and global work
 - **We Believe:** there is a God, we are His people, we are playing a part in His story, God's vision for this age is the great commission, His plan is outlined in Acts, we continue today to participate in Acts
 - **Our Transformative Purpose:** To Root today's Christianity in *The Way of Christ and His Apostles* tradition by:
 - developing strong leaders, for strong churches, for impact in our communities and world, for Christ is the King of the New Kingdom
 - **We are:** a local network, a global network, our churches function as families, as part of God's family, we are composed of all "streams of Christians", we are complex, we are a movement of churches, we are faithful to the deposit, we live out the Kerygma and Didache

Our Abilities

- Exceptionally strong base of families, committed and organized entire lives for the stewardship and work
- A global network and global team (BILD) to do apostolic type work
- Over 40 years of biblical tools, aligned with the early church paradigm
- Pursuing and building same stewardship locally and globally

Our Habits – For 2020

Weekly/Monthly

1. Gather as church families – Sunday PM
2. Gather for network equipping - Sunday AM
3. Everyone involved in rooting/establishing paths – Our focus is **Building Strong Families**
 - a. Everyone participating in an establishment/rooting pathway
 - i. We have developed 20 different paths
 - ii. Prototype Equip software to track establishment
 - b. Strong Marriages/Strong Parenting path – especially those married less than 10 yrs

Semi-Annual

4. Network Family Love Feasts
5. BILD Global Summit

What We are Working on:

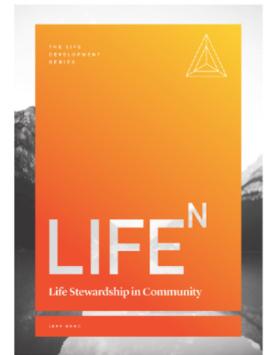
6. Coordinating and Aligning teams – See Complex Network Graph
 - a. New Teams - CEO/Apostolic overseer team, Prayer team, 2nd Gen team
 - b. Existing - Apostolic co-workers, Rebuild, Benefactor, Envision, Axis, Kid Studies, elders, deacons, leading women
7. Aligning Core Projects – then alignment with teams
 - a. Core ADMCC projects & Core BILD projects

Our Strategy

- See Core Projects & Alignment with Teams
 - Core ADMCC Projects
 - Core BILD Projects

Our Legacy

| Our Legacy - Ames Des Moines CityChurch | |
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| Head/Mind - Committed to a Lifelong Journey of Knowing God & Heart/Inner Man/Soul - Our Core Principles, Who We are as a People of God - WHO WE ARE | Hands/Doing - What We Do in Our Local and Global Communities & with Each Other - WHAT WE DO |
| Abounding in Thanksgiving | Skillful in Execution of Theology - Answering Real Life Questions |
| Humble | Family of Families - Churches are Families |
| Transparent | Biblical Institute of Leadership Development - BILD |
| Prayerful | The Way of Christ and His Apostles |
| Fruitful | Education through Churches - Church Based Theological Education |
| Loving one another | Good Works, Deeds |
| Transparent | Live out Scriptures |
| Rooted | Fresh Theology |
| Generous | Seeking Welfare of our City |
| Rooted, Established, Equipped Churches | Biblically Based Strategy and Plans |
| Strong Global Family - Multi Generational Families | Unifying Churches in our City |
| Strong Families | Love God |
| Strong Marriages | Answering Real Life Questions |
| Strong Parents | Love |
| Strong Kids | Recovering Something Valuable |
| Strong Apostolic Teams | Finish Well |
| One Minded | Practically Living Our Scriptures |
| Unified in the Teaching | Made the Kingdom Tangible |
| Strengthening The Way of Christ and His Apostles | Working Hard |
| Steadfast and Committed | Live Skillfully |
| Lifelong Learners | Forgive |
| Unified Leaders | Live with Hope |
| The Pillar and Buttress of Truth | Training of Leaders |
| United in Christ's Teachings | Advance the Kingdom, Expand Churches |
| Sincere | Radical Love |
| Part of God's Story | Handle Scriptures with Wisdom |
| Center of God's Plan the Church | Meeting Pressing Needs |
| Glad and Generous | First Principles |
| Have a Good Reputation | Act with Integrity |
| Faithful | Courageously Participate |
| Recovering Early Church DNA | Believe in Centrality of Scripture |
| Tireless | |
| Hospitable | |
| Redemptive | |
| Powerful in the Spirit | |
| Rooted and Grounded in Love | |
| Full of Joy | |
| Generous People | |



Remembering Our Life Stewardship

- Music Album
- Large Canvas, Sheet Painting
- Mind Map, DNA Map
- A Creed
- A Prayer

Remembering Our Legacy – Bloomington Heights Church

Music Album

Community effort where the various musicians are each tasked to create a song with a particular theme from the list of words

Large Canvas/Sheet Painting

- This way it could go in the atrium, but also be removable (wasn't there some lobby art plan way back?)

- Potentially have an artist do a mosaic/sketch drawing but set it up so all members can paint a little part (paint by numbers type thing)

Alternate Documentation

- Mind-map type diagram where the major themes branch off from the central idea

- Tree with branches (someone did something similar at the Next-Gen thing at Sents;))

- DNA structure based on themes

Creed #1

We are abounding in thanksgiving, humble and transparent. We are prayerful, fruitful in loving one another, and rooted in God's word, generous in our hearts. We are one minded, unified in the teaching and strengthening the way of Christ and His apostles. We are steadfast and committed, life long learners, unified leaders, and the pillar and buttress of truth united in Christ's teachings. We are sincere and glad in our hearts, part of God's story, recovering the early Church DNA. We work tirelessly, have a good reputation and we are faithful. We are hospitable, redemptive and powerful in the spirit, rooted and grounded in love. Together we are building strong families, strong marriages, with strong parents and children. We are full of joy and we are generous people.

Prayer of our Generation (based on Ephesians purpose)

We pray that the global church network will operate at "full power", fully grasping Christ and His grand plan, everyone fully engaged in the work. We pray that we are fully armored with the truth, especially in times of attack, comprehending our calling and ever committed to the progress of the gospel, so that we do not lose ground or power. Help us to stand firm in truth.

We pray that our leaders continue in the firm grasp of the teaching, fully comprehending the whole counsel of God, and that they remain focused on equipping us for the work.

We pray that everyone works hard at grasping Christ's plan, asking the Spirit to give us the ability to fully comprehend. That each one of us is fully involved in the work, even in times when it is not easy.

Remembering Our Life Stewardship

Carrie DeVan - sharing how she put
“What we do” into a creed

What we do our legacy

We live out the scriptures, unifying the churches in our city.

We love God and answer real life questions, using scripture.

We are living the way of Christ and his apostles.

We are hard working and live skillfully.

We forgive and live with hope, training leaders to advance the kingdom, and expand churches.

We handle the scriptures with wisdom.

We act with integrity , practicing God’s first principles.

We are a family of families, a biblical institute of leadership development.

We are recovering something valuable, by making the kingdom tangible and we finish well.

Purpose of our Sunday Morning Equipping time

- To equip everyone for the work in their lives and in our churches and communities
- For creation of tools for our local and global network of churches
- To equip church leaders to shepherd and lead strong churches
- For leadership to show their progress in their biblical theology work
- To provide updates and reports on Initiatives and projects from around the world

Equipping Plans for ADMCC

| Person | Topics | Description | Frequency |
|--------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Michael | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building & Sustaining a Global Church Network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A set of tools for leaders and practitioners to Plant, Root, and Connect their Church for Generations | apx: 14 times yearly |
| Jeff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mastering the Scriptures White Papers Wisdom Literature Series | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biblical Theology from Paul, Peter, Johannine letters Strategies & Networks Parenting, Artisanhip, Kid Studies, additional Life Nth | apx: 14 times yearly |
| David, Todd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefactors, Finances, Life Stewardship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD | 4 times yearly |
| TBD - a team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong Churches, Strong Families | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focusing on building strong marriages and parenting | TBD |
| TBD - a team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biblical Theology Work, Updates & Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their own biblical theology work Updates from trips, meetings | As Needed |
| Sam, Sean, Curtis & team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Iowa Antioch Initiative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church planting plans, networking of local churches, seek the welfare of the city work | TBD |

Building and Sustaining a Global Church Network

Doctoral Major Project

Main Idea: We need a strategic guide for our next phase, building and sustaining a global network.

Key Question(s):

1. What are the key elements of a complex network that allows it to exponentially expand and then root itself in any culture and in any generation?
2. If the strategic intention is to: Shape & root the emerging Christian paradigm in TWCA, how is success measured? How can progressed in “establishing” paradigms be measured? It will be more obvious 50 years later, but how can we measure each year of progress?
3. What is needed across my generation to put paradigm shape into the Christian faith?
4. What are the core elements of the TWCA paradigm? How can we put these tools into the right people’s hands?

We need to create a toolbox of tools that:

- Contains the main tools needed for building a global network
- Creates an environment for other leaders from around the world to add their tools, so that it is an ever growing network of tools
- **The result is: a global toolbox...**set of tools that church leaders can allows access to build their churches.
- Some people think that building the church across generations should not be this organized, arguing that in reality it is much more chaotic and unpredictable, and we have to rely solely on the Spirit to guide. We do have to rely 100% on the guidance of the Spirit, yet this is precisely why a framework of tools, organized in a systematic manner is extremely valuable. A toolbox helps you succeed by reducing your risk in factors you do have control over. This process can help you succeed or it can help you fail faster if failure was inevitable for the path you were on, either way it will help you. The beginning is our Implementation Pathway tools.



How will we get there? We will use Sunday Equipping time to lead through the following materials and process:

Executive Summaries and Key Charts for:

- Paradigm Papers - 6
- Encyclicals - 8
- Antioch Manifesto - 30
- Core Leadership Courses - 10
- Our own biblical theology work based on Mastering the Scriptures

Format Idea of Tool - Framework could be:

1. Summary of the Biblical Principles and Precedent (Normative Principles)
 2. The Paradigm Tension - explaining the difference between TWCA paradigm and Western paradigm of church
 3. Implementing Today
 4. Desired Outcomes and Steps
 5. Additional Resources, include New Tools Needed
- Follow Consistent Study Process so that the learner “owns” their development.

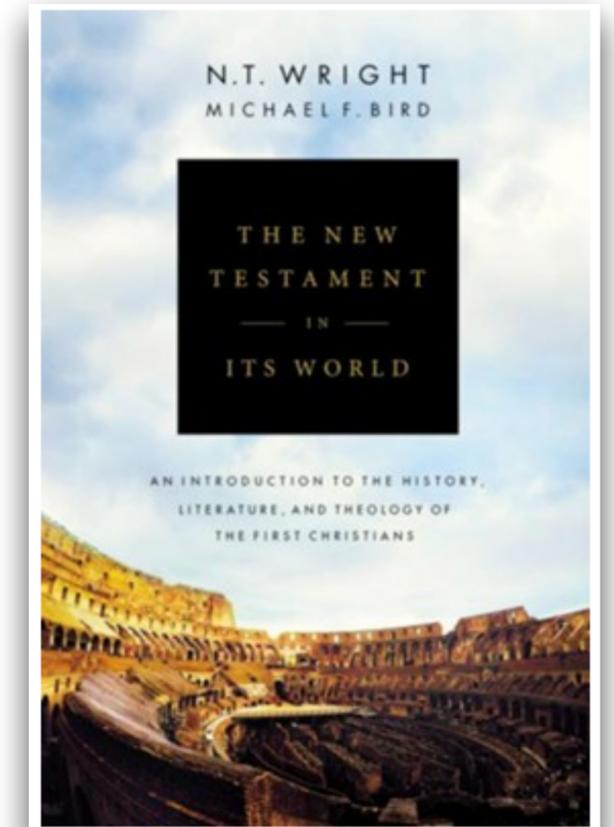
The Early Church Tools

Doctoral Major Project

“...many people in the early church, were originally illiterate and/or operating in languages other than Greek, received this scripture in many ways: corporate readings, sermons, catechisms, creeds, apologetic debates, in house disputations, liturgies and pastoral care...

...the churches generated their own distinctive book-culture with specific media, pedagogies, copying practices, abbreviations, reading aids, reading communities, commentaries and promiscuous sharing of books.”

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