

We seek to connect every person to Jesus and His Church so that they may become Mature in Christ

Colossians 1:28-29

²⁸ We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man **mature** in Christ. ²⁹ For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Ephesians 4:11-20

¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **mature man**, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Hebrews 5:12-14

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who

partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the **mature**, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

God's will is that every believer in Jesus grows to full maturity in Jesus. God's plan is to use His Church, the Body of Christ, to be the place where people grow to full maturity in Jesus.

- I. Maturity in Christ is God's goal for every believer
- II. Maturity in Christ means...
- III. Maturity is <u>produced</u> by God, in the context of the <u>Church</u>, through the <u>faith choices</u> of the believer
- IV. We will...
- 1. Seek to engage and connect everyone wherever they are in their spiritual journey
- 2. Own our own journey and take responsibility for our own maturity in Christ
- 3. Encourage one another to abide in Christ and grow into maturity

- 4. Provide a <u>discipleship pathway</u> for everyone to become mature in Christ
- 1) At Crossline you can come and attend any of our services and outreach events at your convenience
- 2) You can choose to follow Christ, take our Belong Class and become a serving member;
- 3) You can choose to follow Christ, join a small group, take our get healthy classes and engage in a pathway of discipleship
- 4) You can choose to follow Christ, and become a servant-leader