

Missions, Outreach & Supporting Ministries

Missions & Outreach

Missions, evangelistic outreach, and mercy ministries are **not a supporting ministry** and are not merely one team among others. They are the church's outward calling. We pursue them through the life of the whole church as the gospel overflows from the five priority ministries — our Word-centered worship, prayerful dependence, disciple-making, and faithful shepherding.

Supporting Ministries

These ministries matter, but they are supporting, seasonal, or scalable. We will run them in ways that strengthen the five priorities above, without draining the church's limited leadership and volunteer capacity.

Seasonal and Annual Ministries and Events

- Women's Summer Reading
- Men's Summer Reading
- Fall Fun Festival
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry
- Luminaries

Discipletown

- Discipletown — children's ministry

The Question We Must Ask About Supporting Ministries

“Does this ministry clearly strengthen one or more of our five priority ministries, with a realistic cost in time, volunteers, and leadership attention — and if not, should we simplify it, rotate it, or pause it for a season?”

Practical Implications for Leaders

- Supporting ministries should not compete with Sunday faithfulness, prayer, disciple-making, or shepherding care.
- When capacity is tight, we protect the core first.
- A supporting ministry is successful when it serves the priorities, not when it merely continues year after year.

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