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**DECIDE
CLASS**

MEET GOD
GROW IN FAITH
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE



1. I WANT TO make a difference.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:13-16 (NIV)

2. I want to DO SOMETHING that makes a difference.

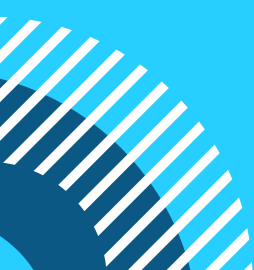
"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'"

MARK 16:15 (NIV)

3. I want to do something WITH PEOPLE who want to make a difference.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."

ECCLESIASTES 4:9 (NIV)



AT ALIVE, WE HELP PEOPLE USE THEIR GIFTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVING AND OUTREACH.

We believe there is no great divide between the “ministers” and the “congregation” Everyone can impact the lives of others in the Kingdom of God. From our perspective, every member of ALIVE is a minister; every person is gifted; every task is important. Discover what you do well, and _____ to use your gifts to make a difference.



DEVELOPING YOUR LEADERSHIP

"God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

1 PETER 4:10

Leadership is influence. Nothing more. Nothing less. It is about influencing others for a worthwhile cause. It is not dependent on titles or positions. It is dependent on people discovering their gifts and passions and then using them to make a difference in the lives of others.

What stands in the way? The enemy has been using the same tactics to steer us away from our God-given purpose since the beginning of time. Check out the concerns Moses expresses as he speaks to God at the burning bush:

"But Moses said to God, 'Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'" _____

EXODUS 3:11

"But Moses protested again, 'What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The Lord never appeared to you?''" _____

EXODUS 4:1

"But Moses pleaded with the Lord, 'O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.'" _____

EXODUS 4:10

"But Moses again pleaded, 'Lord, please! Send anyone else.'" _____

EXODUS 4:13

Go back and read Exodus 3 and 4 for yourself to see all of the ways God responds to Moses. His kindness and provision are evident. 1 Peter 2:9 sums it up: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."



QUALITIES OF A DIFFERENCE MAKER

1. WE LOVE GOD.

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

ACTS 4:13

DEVELOP YOUR CLOSENESS WITH GOD

DEVELOP YOUR CHARACTER

DEVELOP YOUR CALLING

2. WE LOVE PEOPLE.

"Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.'

MARK 10:42-45

BE A SERVANT

BE A TEAM PLAYER

BE REAL



QUALITIES OF A DIFFERENCE MAKER

3. WE PURSUE EXCELLENCE.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom."

ECCLESIASTES 9:10 (NIV)

DO THINGS WELL
DO THEM BEFORE YOU'RE ASKED
DO MORE THAN IS EXPECTED

4. WE CHOOSE JOY.

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

ROMANS 12:11-12 (NIV)

BE ENJOYABLE
BE POSITIVE
BE LOYAL

MEET THE STAFF

JOT DOWN ANY NOTES OR QUESTIONS FOR ANY OF THE STAFF YOU HEAR FROM TODAY.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

WHICH MINISTRY AREAS AT ALIVE SOUND THE MOST LIFE-GIVING TO YOU?

WHAT AGE GROUPS DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH THE MOST?

WHICH OF THE 5 PURPOSES AT ALIVE MOST EXCITES YOU?
(WORSHIP, OUTREACH, DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE)

WAYS TO SERVE



AWSM

ALIVE WESLEYAN STUDENT MINISTRIES

- AWSM (ALIVE Wesleyan Student Ministries) exist to reach spiritually hungry students (6th-12th grade) and introduce them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ & an active role in healthy Christian community. At AWSM we create opportunities for students to BELIEVE. We encourage students to BECOME difference makers. We create a place for every student to BELONG.

AWSM PROGRAMMING:

- AWSM Midweek, Wednesdays 6:30-8pm. AWSM Midweek is the “front door” of our ministry, where most students first experience our community through worship, games, teaching, and discussion groups called Action Groups. The first Wednesday of each month is Invite Night, designed for students to bring friends for extra fun and a welcoming environment.
- MS Base Camp, Sundays 11:30-12:30. At Base Camp students will develop skills to memorize and study Scripture in a fun and accessible way! This unique service designed for middle schoolers will equip students to dive deep into the Bible and build a solid foundation of faith.
- HS Small Group: Various times and places. High school students deepen their faith and relationships through small groups that meet off-campus weekly, focusing on spiritual habits and the importance of living in Christian community.

CURRENT NEEDS:

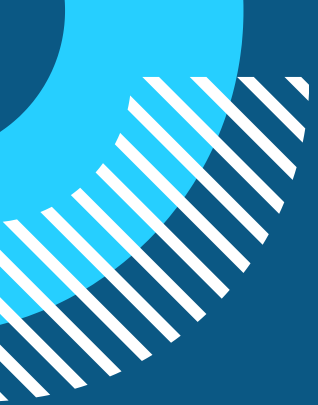
- Worship Team - Help lead students in passionate worship of God through your gifts, excellence, and heart for God. This role is rotation based.
- Worship Tech - Set the stage for worship, teaching, and fun through sound, media design, and meticulous execution of behind the scenes preparation.
- Action Group Leader - The key to our midweek service are our Action Groups. These are consistent groups that discuss how to put the lesson into action. The leaders of these groups drive a relational culture throughout our midweek service.

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- **Hospitality Team** - Hospitality volunteers play a crucial role by supporting our midweek service in two key areas: check-in and kitchen duties. As a check-in volunteer, you ensure a warm welcome to new and existing students, while kitchen volunteers help with meal preparation and service.
- **HS Small Group Leader** - A SGL builds strong connections with students by meeting weekly off-campus, attending their extra curricular activities, and providing ongoing mentorship throughout high school. They guide discussions on spiritual habits and Christian community while actively supporting and investing in each student's personal growth.
- **Base Camp Leader** - Base Camp Leaders play a vital role in guiding students during Sunday sessions. Leaders facilitate conversations at table groups. With 1-2 leaders per table, we welcome students, help them navigate their Bibles, and keep discussions interactive and meaningful.
- **Team Coach** - Team Coaches are lead volunteers dedicated to supporting and guiding their volunteer teams. They communicate regularly with their group, providing updates, encouragement, and any necessary information for weekly programming. Team Coaches are expected to pray with and practically support their team. By offering guidance, spiritual encouragement, and hands-on assistance, Team Coaches ensure that everyone on the AWSM A-Team is equipped and empowered to serve students.

The AWSM A-Team is a great place to serve with so many opportunities available. When you join the AWSM A-Team, our goal is to help you discover a role in this ministry where you can thrive as you use your God-given gifts to create opportunities for students to bump into Jesus. When this happens, you are stepping into a role that not only makes a difference in the lives of students but also brings fulfillment to your life as you see students grow in faith and friendship.





CARE

ALIVE WESLEYAN CARE MINISTRIES

A normal life has moments that are great and moments that are not. Most moments are somewhere in between. ALIVE believes life is best lived in a community that walks with us through all of it. We take seriously the command to be close to people in their best and worst moments.

The CARE team is being built to accomplish one goal: pair your passions, gifts, and abilities with tangible needs that arise in our community. We are building a roster of people who want to take care of one another to a new level. One that matches the call given throughout Scripture.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Prayer Team - The Prayer Team is made up of people who believe in the power of prayer and want to step into the gap on behalf of our brothers and sisters at ALIVE. From hosting in the prayer room between services to storming the gates of heaven during and before Sunday services - the prayer team is always active in making a difference.
- Visitation Team - Visit people in homes, local hospitals, and other medical institutions as we learn about them and needs arise.
- Meal Services - When people experience a difficult season, sometimes the best impact can be made by receiving a warm meal.

Future Needs:

- There are no bad ideas when it comes to expanding CARE. Touch base with our care pastor to learn how your gifts can be leveraged for the Kingdom!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

In discipleship people begin to grasp a personal relationship with Jesus and embrace who Jesus has called them to become. Through various discipleship opportunities people can find Christian community, develop their gifts, and be equipped to serve and lead others.

Over the next five years the discipleship ministries will be a sending hub for ALIVE, as missional leaders develop and launch out into new areas of personal and community ministry. If you love walking with others as they discover God, grow in their gifts, and experience transformation, you will love serving in discipleship.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Childcare - When kids are cared for, parents can engage. Help manage details, secure childcare, (or provide the care yourself), organize and plan behind the scenes for discipleship events. If you love details and love people, this is a great way to serve kids and parents.
- Small Group Leaders/Hosts - Create a healthy community with a few friends and invite others in! Whether you're talking about sermons or connecting through an activity, group leaders help build community at ALIVE.
- Class Hosts - Set the stage for people to learn and connect in engaging environments. Take care of refreshments, room decor (as needed), and environment prep for 4D's, Hubs, or other Discipleship classes.
- Mid-Large Group Teachers - If you are gifted in creating and/or communicating content in relevant, Discipleship-focused areas (scripture study, parenting, finances, marriage, mental or physical health, et.c), we'd love to help create a space for you to use your giftedness to teach and share with the church body!

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OPERATIONS

Operations is responsible for creating environments that support the various ministries of ALIVE. Our goal is create attractive and welcoming spaces for groups and events to take place within.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Facility Set Up and Tear Down - Assist with setting up prior to, and cleaning up after events that take place outside of the Sunday morning services.
- Grounds - ALIVE uses volunteers to care for the church grounds each week. All training and equipment is provided.
- Safety -Provide a safe environment for services and other special events.
- Painters and Maintenance - Assist with maintaining and updating facilities through painting and basic carpentry projects.
- Mercantile - Assist with utilizing our land for the Farm and Orchard.
- Parking Team - The parking team creates a safe, welcoming and fun environment as they coordinate/direct traffic flow throughout the morning. They assure guests have a great front row parking space.

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CAMPUS MINISTRIES

ALIVE wants to be a part of a multiplying movement so we are equipping leaders and preparing for future opportunities to plant, open campuses, and send out leaders. Currently we have four campuses, including our online campus!

CURRENT NEEDS AT PLEASANT VIEW:

- Guest Connections- We aim to create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone at ALIVE PV. Whether a family is coming in for the 1,287th time or the very first time, we want them to know they are seen, loved, and welcomed into the house of the Lord and PV family.
- ALIVE Kids PV - Join us in creating an environment for kids to come ALIVE! Serving opportunities are available in teaching, greeting, tech, and behind-the-scenes crafting and curriculum prep.
- Worship - Lead our congregation in meaningful worship, using your God-given gifts! Instrumentalists and vocalists are encouraged to reach out to join the team.

CURRENT NEEDS AT PELZER:

- Treehouse Storyteller - Teaches Bible stories and leads worship with preschoolers. Membership required. Serves bi-weekly.
- Big House Storyteller - Teaches Bible stories and leads worship with K5-5th grade. Membership required. Serves bi-weekly.
- Kids Tech Team - Enhance our Big House and Treehouse worship experiences with lighting effects, sound control, screens, videos and other technical aspects needed for worship. Serves bi-weekly.
- AWSM Worship Team - Help lead students in passionate worship of God through your gifts, excellence, and heart for God. This role is rotation based.
- AWSM Worship Tech - Set the stage for worship, teaching, and fun through sound, media design, and meticulous execution of behind the scenes preparation.
- Front of House Sound - Operates the soundboard and oversees the overall mix for the auditorium.
- Lighting - Operates lighting console and programs lights to set the appropriate mood for worship.
- Auditorium Instrumentalist - Serves in three auditorium services on Sunday mornings, as well as once a week practice.
- Auditorium Vocalist - Serves in the three auditorium services on Sunday mornings, as well as once a week practice.

CURRENT NEEDS FOR ALIVE ONLINE:

- Online Group Leaders - Love connecting with others from afar? Sign up to creatively engage with people from ALIVE's online community through leading small groups, 4D conversations and more!
- Online Host - Host an online worship service and help create community with our online congregation!

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GUEST CONNECTIONS

We are passionate about the spiritually hungry finding Jesus and their place in Christian Community. This is why we will be waiting at the driveway to help break down barriers people may have when attending church. People decide if they like a church within the first 7-10 minutes which means the sermon begins in the parking lot! There are places on this team for people with a variety of skill sets who are committed to having fun while serving guests at ALIVE.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Greeters - Greeters make a lasting impression as one of the first faces of ALIVE. Greeters do everything from open doors, help guests find their way around the building, give out guest gifts, answer questions and make meaningful connections with guests. Greeters may also assist with offering.
- Team Leaders - If you enjoy encouraging others and casting vision, this is a great place to put your skills into action! Encourage your bi-weekly team through regular connection and communication.
- Midweek Sunday Preparation - Prepare supplies and environments that Sunday AM volunteers will need to welcome and serve spiritually hungry guests.
- Seating/Offering Ushers - Serve in the auditorium helping people locate seats, welcome people as they enter the auditorium, and help reduce anxiety for guests looking for a seat. Help collect and coordinate the offering.
- Seasonal/Holiday Decor - Join us in bringing special Sundays and seasons to life through creating welcoming and exciting environments!
- ALIVE Grounds Barista - Visiting a church can be intimidating, but a coffee bar feels familiar and inviting. Our baristas create a welcoming environment by providing an excellent space where a guest can find great coffee and smiling faces.
- Weekly Follow Up Team - After our guest's visit we want to thank them for visiting and provide opportunities for them to connect at ALIVE. Assist in entering guest data into follow-up programs. Makes contact with guests who have questions or require further conversation throughout the week (postcards, emails, calls).

THE EXCHANGE

The Exchange is a small business ministry enterprise. It is a thrift store providing opportunities for spiritually hungry customers and volunteers to find a Christian Community inviting them to know the source of their love; Jesus. This small business ministry enterprise is also an opportunity for ALIVE to increase our resources with which we can meet the needs of our community.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Customer Care Team - Welcome customers into the store. Be available to talk and/or pray with people. Provide information to connect people with resources to meet tangible needs.
- Customer Service - Serve our customers by running the register and bagging purchases.
- Inventory Management: Assist with moving large items in and out of the store, organizing storage areas, and hauling away damaged inventory.
- Gadget Team - Inspecting, testing, and cleaning technology and gadgets before they are sold.
- Department Specialists- Maintain specific areas of the store (books, shoes, children's clothing, sporting goods, tools, etc.).
- Donations Team - Sort and categorize donations when they arrive at The Exchange.
- Sales Team - These friendly faces will be responsible for operating our check-out counter.
- Store Environment Team - Help maintain an attractive store environment and create new displays and maintain clean, fresh spaces.
- Tech Team - Help set up, maintain, and troubleshoot technology and hardware needed for the daily operations of The Exchange.

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WORSHIP

The Adult Worship Department exists to reach spiritually hungry people and introduce them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through excellent worship environments. Our goal is that the worship environment we create pleases God, attracts people, and inspires faithfulness. From the tech booth to the platform, our teams use their gifts and talents to create a space where people are given different opportunities to bump into Jesus. Worship is not only using our voices to bring praise to our God, but it's using any gifts He's given us to bring glory to His name. If you want to be part of a fun team, that works hard to love people well, and create excellent worship environments so people churched and unchurched can bump into Jesus - this is the team for you! The Worship Department has several different serving opportunities we'd love for you to be a part of!

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Broadcast - Auditorium - Operates the broadcast mix for all auditorium services.
- Front of House Sound (FOH) - Chapel - Oversees and operates the overall mix for the chapel services.
- Lighting - Controls and helps program the lighting for each worship set.
- Video Director - Responsible for all you see on the screens and through our online stream! These few are in charge of cueing (verbal direction) while running the video switcher. These people have an eye for detail, can multitask well, and can communicate clearly to a team.
- Computer Graphics (CG) - Auditorium - Responsible for making sure the appropriate slides are displayed during worship and the teaching time.
- Computer Graphics (CG) - Chapel - Responsible for making sure the appropriate slides are displayed during worship and the teaching time
- Camera Operator - Captures the moments in the auditorium for our online congregants. This volunteer opportunity ranges from static cameras, to using a roaming camera for more close-up shots of the service.
- Instrumentalist - Auditorium - (Bass, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Keys, Drums) Plays with the band for all three Sunday morning services. Includes one rehearsal during the week.
- Instrumentalist - Chapel - (Traditional orchestral instrumentation) Plays in the Chapel services at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings.
- Vocalist - Auditorium - Sings with the band in all three Sunday morning services. Includes one rehearsal during the week.
- Choir - Chapel - Sings in the Chapel service at 10:00 AM and attends a Sunday night rehearsal.
- Stage Hands - Auditorium - Moves props on and off the platform for the teaching time on Sunday mornings.

ALIVE KIDS

In ALIVE Kids, we find creative ways for kids to learn about Jesus on their level, so they are begging to come back. We want kids to have fun, begin a relationship with Jesus, and be baptized before they leave ALIVE Kids.

It is our goal to reach the 10,000 kids in Pickens County and beyond who are currently unchurched and help volunteers use their gifts to make a life-long impact on the hearts of kids. If you love kids and love to have fun, ALIVE Kids is the place to be!

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Guest Services Team - Be the first point of contact for brand new kids and families; provide the information on what to expect as they attend ALIVE and ALIVE Kids. Think high-fives, smiles, welcomes, holding doors and greeting every kid and family as they come into our building! This role is crucial as it sets the tone of our environment with every high-five! Some roles within this team only serve during the "rush" between services. Serves bi-weekly.
- Clubhouse Buddy - A buddy provides care, support, and love to kids with special needs and/or sensory sensitivities while they are in ALIVE kids. This ministry allows parents to enjoy service and allows kids to know the love of Jesus! Serves bi-weekly/as needed with an assigned child.
- Big House SGL (Small Group Leader) - Loves, leads, and connects with elementary kids through fun, activities, and snacks. Crazy fun required! Serves weekly.
- Treehouse SGL (Small Group Leader) - Loves, leads, and connects with preschoolers through fun, activities, and snacks. Smiles and fun required! We prep all activities prior to your arrival - show up and SMILE! Serves bi-weekly.
- Treehouse Storyteller - Teaches Bible stories and leads worship with preschoolers. Membership required. Serves bi-weekly.
- Treehouse Service Leader - Administrates a team of bi-weekly volunteers. Keeps the hall running smoothly and greets new families. Serves bi-weekly.
- Tech Team - Enhance our Big House and Treehouse worship experiences with lighting effects, sound control, screens, videos, and other technical aspects needed for worship. Serves bi-weekly.
- Packing Party Team - It's a preschool packing party to help prep & pack supplies and crafts for the little's monthly activities. Parties are once a month.

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NEXT STEPS

1. COMPLETE THE 4DS.
2. COMPLETE THE FORM AT THE END OF CLASS.
3. ATTEND A TRAINING IN THE SERVICE AREA OF YOUR CHOICE AND CONNECT WITH THE LEADER OF THAT TEAM.
4. SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS.

- LEADER DECLARATION -

BECAUSE GOD HAS CALLED ME TO SERVE MY GENERATION, I WILL VALUE WORSHIP OVER WEALTH, "WE" OVER "ME," CHARACTER OVER COMFORT, SERVICE OVER STATUS, AND GOD'S PURPOSES OVER POSSESSIONS, POSITIONS, POPULARITY, AND PLEASURE. TO MY LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, I SAY: HOWEVER, WHENEVER, WHEREVER, AND WHATEVER YOU ASK ME TO DO, MY ANSWER IN ADVANCE IS YES! WHEREVER YOU LEAD AND WHATEVER THE COST, I'M READY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE. I WANT TO BE USED BY YOU IN SUCH A WAY THAT ON THE FINAL DAY, I'LL HEAR YOU SAY "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. COME ON IN, AND LET THE ETERNAL PARTY BEGIN!"

**NO MATTER WHAT YOUR NEXT STEP IS,
WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE AT ALIVE!**

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

LIVING OUT YOUR GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE
BY LOVING AND SERVING OTHERS.



MY SHAPE PROFILE:

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS - What are your spiritual gifts?

HEART - What age group would you love to serve with? What purpose of ALIVE most excites you? (copy answer from previous response)

ABILITIES - What special skills or abilities do you have? (ex: woodworking, writing, baking, childcare, etc.)

PERSONALITY - What was your DISC personality type?

EXPERIENCES - What unique life experiences have you had that God may want to use?

Based on your SHAPE profile, staff conversations, and opportunities at ALIVE, where would you like to serve?

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Are there any specific roles you want to learn more about?

DREAM: What are some ways that you have always dreamed of making a difference or serving others?

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HAVING COMMITTED MYSELF TO ALIVE AND THE HABITS ESSENTIAL FOR SPIRITUAL MATURITY, AND AGREEING WITH ALIVE'S MISSION STATEMENT, I COMMIT TO...

1. DISCOVER MY UNIQUE S.H.A.P.E. FOR MINISTRY AND SERVE IN THE AREA THAT BEST EXPRESSES WHAT GOD MADE ME TO BE.
2. PREPARE FOR MINISTRY BY PARTICIPATING IN MINISTRY TRAININGS AS REQUIRED.
3. DEMONSTRATE A SERVANT'S HEART BY SERVING IN SECONDARY MINISTRIES AS THE BODY NEEDS ME.
4. COOPERATE WITH OTHER MINISTRIES AND PLACE THE GREATER GOOD OF THE WHOLE BODY OVER THE NEEDS OF MY MINISTRY.
5. COMMIT MYSELF TO A LIFESTYLE THAT REFLECTS THE VALUES OF ALIVE AND HONORS JESUS.

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Congratulations on completing the 4D's! We are thrilled that you have completed this journey. Becoming more like Jesus is a lifelong process; it is our hope that what you take away from this class lays a solid foundation as you continue to grow in faith and make a difference. We cannot wait to see what God does next!



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to a personal relationship with jesus christ and an
active role in healthy christian community.



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