

## PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

### WE ARE A CHURCH THAT IS...

#### 1. THANKFUL FOR THE PAST

*Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.*

**Isaiah 46:9 (NIV)**

*I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: Has his unfaithful love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."*

**Psalms 77:5–12 (NIV)**

#### 2. ENGAGED IN THE PRESENT

*...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

**Acts 1:8 (NIV)**

#### 3. CONFIDENT IN THE FUTURE

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

**Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)**

Like the early church, our future will look like:

- LEARNING
- LOVING
- WORSHIPPING
- REACHING