

Matthew 16:18 (ESV) "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 11:12 (ESV) "From the days of John the baptist up until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violence take it by force."

The church, God's "called out ones" are his vehicle for the kingdom advancing in the earth.

(NLT,BLB) "...the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing and the forceful claim it."

Their is no **maintaining** in the kingdom, only advancing or not advancing.

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone"

Genesis 2:15 "And the Lord God placed the man in the garden of Eden to tend and watch over it."

What does it mean to **tend**?

To dress it To care for it To keep it To make it ready To serve it To cultivate it To shape it

We have already been "called out" since the beginning to to dress, prepare, and shape the world around us into the Kingdom of God. Too often we wait for a word of God to do what we've already been called to do....GO INTO ALL THE WORLD!

READ WITH US Never too late to start! We are reading through the New Testament. Join us in the Bible App or pick up a schedule.

MEMORIZE TOGETHER 52 Verses over 52 Weeks This weeks memory verse is Mark 2:17

When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

PRAY. GIVE. GO FOR NTC UGANDA Kayla depart on September 15! What part will you play in our efforts in Gulu, Uganda as we send Kayla and prepare to establish a church there? Fill out a card in the seat-backs in front of you or see Julie Cardinal for more information.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT Tonight at 6pm 7th-12th graders will gather tonight as Justin and Josh will be attempting to answer submitted questions about God, Church, and Christianity.

8:30am to go to Get Air Trampoline Park and Chick-Fil-A. Cost is \$10 each.

Register by tomorrow on ntcmassena.com

coming up....

MCS READY 4 SCHOOL EVENT August 24th Support Massena Central Schools by volunteering at this event on Tuesday, August 25th. Sign up today at the "Living Outward" table in the lobby.

BRIDGE DAY TRIP August 26th 5th-7th graders will depart the church at 8:30am to go to Get Air Trampoline Park and Chick-Fil-A. Cost is \$10 each.

NTC PLATSBURGH 5TH ANNVERSARY September 11th Join Don and Mary Curry and the rest of our extended family in Plattsburgh for a fun filled afternoon and activities for kids from 2pm-3:30pm. Help us give them a head count by signing up on ntcmassena.com

PARTNERSHP CLASS November 6th We invite you to partner with NTC and to play your part in what God is leading us to do together as a church. Learn more about our church and how we do this together.

PARTNER PARTY November 12th Save the Date for our annual celebration as we gather together to partner around the vision for the coming year.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP This Fall! We will be headed to Wisconsin to serve the homeless by building houses October 7th-12th (\$1000/person) and to NYC with New York School of Urban Ministry November 19th-21st (\$250/person). See Julie Cardinal for more information.

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