



**I am looking for a church
that is not so Negative**

Many want a positive message in worship
We already hear the negatives every day

I am looking for a church that is not so Negative

- We live in a negative world
- Daily news – scandal, crime, war, suffering
- In every group – there is a negative person
- Many are looking for a positive message on Sunday

The church preaches good news:

- **1 Corinthians 15:1-4** 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures

Gospel = Good News

- **Christians have:**
 - Hope
 - Peace
 - Acceptance
 - Courage
 - Purpose in life
 - Assurance of salvation
 - Eternal life

The Gospel is for:

- **The Tired**
- **Matthew 11:28**
Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

The Gospel is for:

- **The Tired**
- **To those burdened with sin**
- **Matthew 11:29-30** 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

The Gospel is for:

- **The Tired**
- **Those burdened with sin**
- **Those who have lost their way**
- **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

The Gospel is for:

- **The Tired**
- **Those burdened with sin**
- **Those who have lost their way**
- **The troubled**
- **2 Thessalonians 1:7**
and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels

The Gospel is for:

- **The Tired**
- **Those burdened with sin**
- **Those who have lost their way**
- **The troubled**
- **The guilty**
- **Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

The Gospel is for:

- **The Tired**
- **Those burdened with sin**
- **Those who have lost their way**
- **The troubled**
- **The guilty**
- **John 5:24** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

The Gospel is for:

- **The Tired**
- **Those burdened with sin**
- **Those who have lost their way**
- **The troubled**
- **The guilty**
- **Those who fear death**
- **1 Corinthians 15:52-53**
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

The Gospel is for:

- **Those feeling abandoned**
- **Psalm 37:24-25**
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

The Gospel is for:

- Those feeling abandoned
- Those who think God is angry with them
- **Romans 5:1**
Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel is for:

- **Those feeling abandoned**
- **Those who think God is angry with them**
- **Those who feel God is out of reach**
- **Romans 5:2** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Encourage positive change

- **1 John 5:19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.
- **Regrets, sins, mistakes, bad habits?**
- **There is a place to begin again**

Encourage positive change

- Men – next door neighbor – did a hurtful thing to his neighbor
- The neighbor hired a man to build a tall fence along the ditch between the two properties – never see that man again
- When finished – he saw – not a tall fence – but a bridge



Show how to live a meaningful life

- The world is shallow, empty, vanity, without any long-term meaning or purpose
- Useful life is what Jesus came to give us
- **John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.