

Welcome to NCFC

SUNDAYS 12 PM

Our Welcome Team is available in the back of the Worship Center before and after service. Please stop by to pick up a small gift prepared for you!

Sermon

A Healthy Church: The Custodian of the Gospel
Matthew 16:13-19
Speaker: Pastor Brian

I. What is the Church?

- 1. A Visible Representation of God’s Kingdom (Mark 1:15)
- 2. A Kingdom: Ruler, People, Place
- 3. *Ekklesia*: Called-Out Assembly (Not a Place)

II. What is a Healthy Church (Matthew 16:13-19)

- 1. On **This Rock** Confession of Faith
- 2. I Will Build **My Church**
- 3. I Will Give **You** the Keys of the Kingdom (Who has the keys?)
- 4. **The Custodian of the Gospel**: Key-holders
 - a. A Healthy Leadership: Elders/Pastors
 - b. A Healthy Congregation (Covenant Membership)

III. Application/Reflection

- 1. **Reflection**: What stood out from the sermon and why?
- 2. **Our Church**: In what ways does our church reflect God’s invisible Kingdom? What practical signs show that our church is centered on Jesus rather than on personalities, programs, or preferences?
- 3. **Authority**: How does understanding the role of elders as shepherds (not infallible rulers) affect the way you view church leadership?
- 4. **Church Membership**: How does viewing church membership as a covenant—not just attendance—challenge or change your current mindset? In what ways can members act as faithful custodians of the Gospel?
- 5. **Disappointment and Expectation**: How have past hurts or disappointments with the church shaped your expectations today? How does this passage invite healing or renewed trust?
- 6. **Covenant Community**: What would it look like for you to take one step deeper into covenant community this year, despite imperfections?

Upcoming Speaker:
January 11, 2026
Pastor Brian Lee



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Giving

In-Person: Please use the envelopes in the back of the Worship Center
Venmo: @ncfcmd
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Announcements

● LINK

Saturday Morning Prayer

Saturdays, at 7:30 AM via Zoom. No SMP on the fourth or fifth Saturdays of the month. Links will be sent via email.

Post-service Prayer

The intercessory prayer team will be available to pray for you and with you after the service on Sundays. Please come up to the front right corner to receive prayers.

Food Distribution

Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 AM.
Volunteers, please arrive by 8:30 AM.
Sign up for your available time slots, a link will be sent to you via email.
[FULL SCHEDULE](#)

2026 Bible Reading Plan

Join us and many others in this Bible reading plan ([Whole Bible in Under 2 Years](#)). You can access it through the Bible app on your phone/tablet.

Young Adults

New Connections

Join us at 1:45 PM, upstairs in Dreamland. There will be light refreshments.

Ethnos Conference

Tomorrow is the last day to sign up!
January 8 - 10, 2026 in Fairfax, VA
Our Story: How the Arc of Redemption Compels our Mission
Cost: \$40 / Register [here!](#)
Carpool will be available from church.

Rev. Neil Kim Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund Contributions

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