



The Importance of Global Missions

With Special Guest Pastor Larry Stockstill

ABOUT OUR GUEST

[Pastor Larry Stockstill](#) served as the Lead Pastor of [Bethany Church](#) for 28 years after he and his wife, Melanie, spent 2 years on the mission field in West Africa. Since then, his ministry has been marked by an emphasis on missions, and under his leadership, Bethany Church was able to give **\$63 million dollars** to local and global missions.

Pastor Larry has written [numerous books](#) and currently travels and speaks across the world. He serves as a teaching pastor at Bethany Church under the leadership of his son and is a faithful overseer of Church of the Highlands.

[Pastor Larry's Highlands College Chapel Message on the Mandate of Missions](#)

Conviction vs. Mandate

- A **conviction** is something you would die to defend (i.e doctrine)
- A **mandate** is something you would die to achieve

There are **5.5 billion people** on this earth that are lost and do not have a relationship with God.

If we're not careful, theology can sideline your mandate.

How Can I Get Involved in Global Missions?

"He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." - Luke 10:2 (NIV)

1. Prayer

- a. Prayer, small groups, and missions are the three components of growing churches worldwide.
- b. Start a weekly corporate prayer service



2. Giving

- a. Set a giving time once a year for people to stretch their faith and give to global missions outside of their tithes.

3. Mission Trips

- a. There are things that you see on a trip that will leave you changed and come back different.
- b. There is a huge value in seeing something different than your circumstances

If you are a church or organization that wants to begin sowing into global missions but aren't sure where, please reach out to our team at info@growleader.com!

Surge Global Church Planting Movement

Surge is a movement that seeks to train and develop disciples who plant reproducing churches across the world. They believe that each of the pastors who are going to plant needs 3 essential components: relationship, training, and resources... in that order.

They currently have a presence in nearly 143 countries and are most actively planting in 25+ nations. Instead of targeting locations on a map, the planting process is far more organic and is heavily dictated by the desire of the planting pastor.

To learn more about Surge and how you can be a part, please visit their [website](#).

Impact Leadership Conference

Presented by Founders Advisors and hosted by Highlands College, the annual Impact Leadership Conference is a half-day, virtual experience bringing you professional and leadership development from **Dr. John C. Maxwell, Pastor Chris Hodges, and founder of IT Cosmetics Jamie Kern Lima** with practical application to positively impact your life.

Highlands College provides all streaming options at no cost as an investment in leaders everywhere.

[Register You and Your Team for Impact Conference](#)





21 Days of Prayer

Beginning January 8th at Church of the Highlands, Pastor Chris Hodges will begin our 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting as well as a 4-week series on prayer. If you and your church would like to join us, you can access dozens of free resources on 21 Days of Prayer including how we do it, what it looks like, and how you can replicate it in your own church through [Highlands Resources](#). If you do not already have an account, you can create one for yourself and your church today for free to access all of these resources and hundreds of others to help your church grow.

Pastor Chris is also pre-recording one of the four messages in our Pray First series for those of you who want it to show in your church. **He will be making the outlines available for all four messages so that you can bring the messages to your church yourself.** The message recording and outlines will be available in December so stay tuned for how you can get access.

[21 Days of Prayer Resources](#)

In his newest book, *Pray First*, Pastor Chris shares everything he has studied on prayer. He included a whole section on the models of prayer that he has taught for almost forty years of ministry including the Lord's Prayer, the Tabernacle prayer, and the prayer of Jabez. He has also included a section on prayer and fasting and building prayer teams in our churches.

Pastor Chris and the team have worked hard to ensure *Pray First* is available to you by the start of 21 Days of Prayer. We believe this will be a fantastic resource for you and your team as we move through the prayer season.

[Pre-Order & Bulk Order *Pray First*](#)

RESOURCES

- [Surge Global Church Planting Movement](#)
- [GrowLeader Conference 2023](#)
- [GrowLeader Regionals](#)
- [Monthly Mentoring with Pastor Chris](#)
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