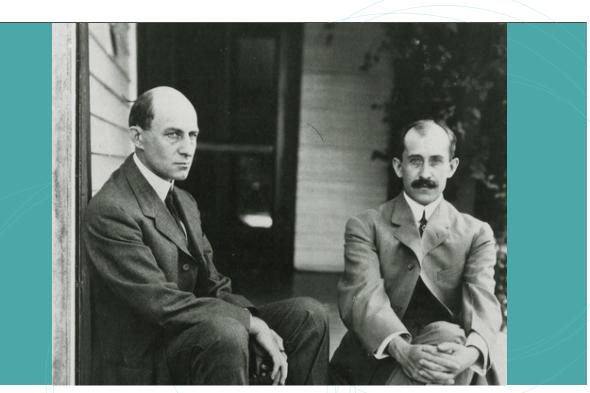


## Wright Brothers



What is your scope of influence?

Have you ever considered what a marvel flying is? These men were the early influencers of flight.



Wilbur & Orville were great leaders who ultimately changed the world through air travel.

But without being well-known or having great resources or charisma.

In fact, in the early 1900s, they were not the only inventors trying to figure out flight. Others had more money, more opportunity and were more connected to the great minds of the day.

However, The Wright brothers fought through great adversity and challenge - never quitting.

Even crashing 3 days before their successful flight, they never gave up.



120 years ago – on December 17 the Wright brothers flew an airplane 852 feet in a 59-second flight.

These two ordinary guys had limited resources, and limited experience limited qualifications, yet, they had a passion for flying.

As we look at the task in front of us, we have limited resources, knowledge and experience, yet God blesses those with a humble passion for Him and a perseverance to proclaim His message.



Their ingenuity and curiosity ultimately connected the world.



In 120 years, 852 feet reached 274 trillion feet (52 million miles). That's how many feet airplanes travel in one year, today.

How far will your passion reach?

## How far will our testimony for Christ reach?



## How far will it fly?



Some went straight down, some curved around and behind you, and some flew far. A better understanding of techniques and principles and having more time to spend would have helped us send our airplanes further.

- Good center of gravity
- Uniformity on each side of the wings and tail
- Clean quality folds
- Concentration and focus

Your time is often limited and money scares... You may feel like you have very few resources to proclaim your message.

You may feel like what you have just won't fly in this digital age we live in.

We would all agree we want to show the excellence of our God to the communities we serve.

We want to help give you some tools to reflect Christ better.

And by the way, the Guinness Book of World Records longest paper airplane flight is 289 ft 9 inches, in 2022

## How far will you reach?



## **REFLECT CHRIST BETTER**



The goal is to reflect Christ better. Col 3:17 and 1 Cor. 10:31





## Marketing

Marketing is serving people.

Being a servant to others so they may achieve their highest potential for God's unique glory.

We know that starts with salvation through Christ's finished work.



# How can we serve people before we meet them?

How can we start that process of helping people reach their potential for God's glory and their ultimate good? Where does that process start?

## Marketing

## **Branding & Design**

Branding and Design is the tangible evidence of serving people and creating in-roads to relationships.

Build rapport making them aware Provide value by helping a frustration Showing love by expressing empathy Offer support by understanding

Serving people through visual messaging can have a positive influence. The Lord can use those touches.

#### One story...

A family stopped at a gas station close to the church and saw a sign that was promoting its services.

From that sign, they ended up coming to a service. God brought a family and through that a husband and wife got married And are now serving faithfully in the church body. Branding and design can and will impact someone before you even met them.

This is how branding and design allow us to **influence** and **impact** our audience.



#### What is the front door of your church?



You have heard visitors say, "I searched for a church online." Or "I visited your website and decided to visit in-person."

Your website IS the front door of your church.

# 80%

### New visitors went to the website before visiting in person

How are we helping build rapport, provide value, show love and offer support on your website.

Making your website a resource brings value to your audience (the community you serve).

And shows the love of Christ better through you... For God's glory!

In less than **one second** a viewer can determine whether your website is creditable

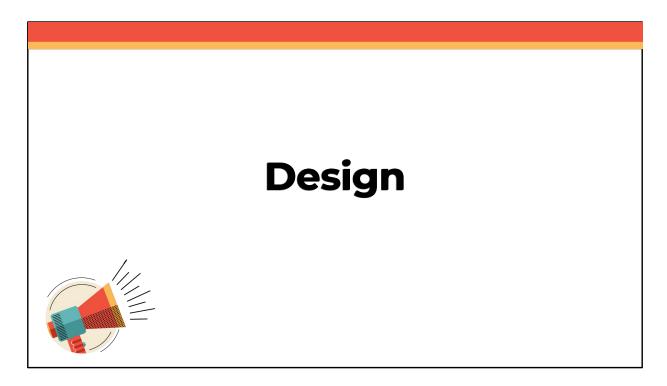
Analytics have shown the importance of keeping your website current and relative to the audience.

You have one shot of making people feel cared for whether online or in-person.

### **REFLECTING CHRIST BETTER**

All our communications -Welcome packet -Instagram post -Bulletin -Pre-service slide deck -Invite flyer -Facebook ad -Door hanger

How should we think about it in a big-picture sense?



Design is simple problem-solving that develops a solution that is functional, effective, efficient, and appealing.

It's commonly seen in different disciplines and practices like

Industrial design Interior design Architectural design Web design

But graphic design can be boiled down to one ultimate mission.

#### What is Graphic Design?

## Communicating visual messages

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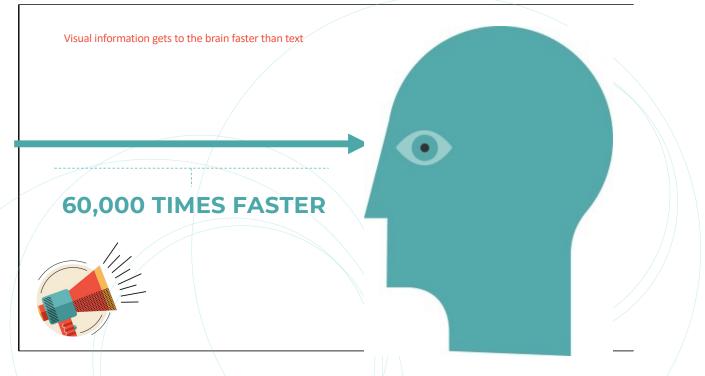
Just as we communicate with a person face to face. Visual communication is also building relationships through perceptions (a mental –and emotional– impressions)

Graphic design is the gateway by which your church displays its message to its audience.

Proclaiming your ministry to your community.

And we ask our audiences to interpret the messages and attempt to make sense of them.

Visual communication helps them process that information faster.



Modern society is overwhelmed visual communication.

I was recently looking at some old advertising that I found my great-grandfather used in his business in the 1930s



How things have changed.

All text ads in the 1930s and 40s –with some clip art added <sup>(C)</sup> No websites or apps to drive engagement, no social media advertising to present an impulse buying opportunity. Providing all the information possible on A given ad space.

Now we drive interest through visual vibrance and emotional stimulation. Using action words that are audience-centric.

Communicating Messages

#### **Visual communication**

that conveys a clear message

to a specific audience

to produce a specific effect

This is Graphic Design defined



#### What makes this so difficult?

This seems straightforward

However, now, with all these channels of communication there are millions of messages.

And those with a message want you to buy in.

Every day individuals view so many messages coming into their lives. They are constantly deciding which relationships they want to build.



The noise of the world's messages are thunderous and deatening.





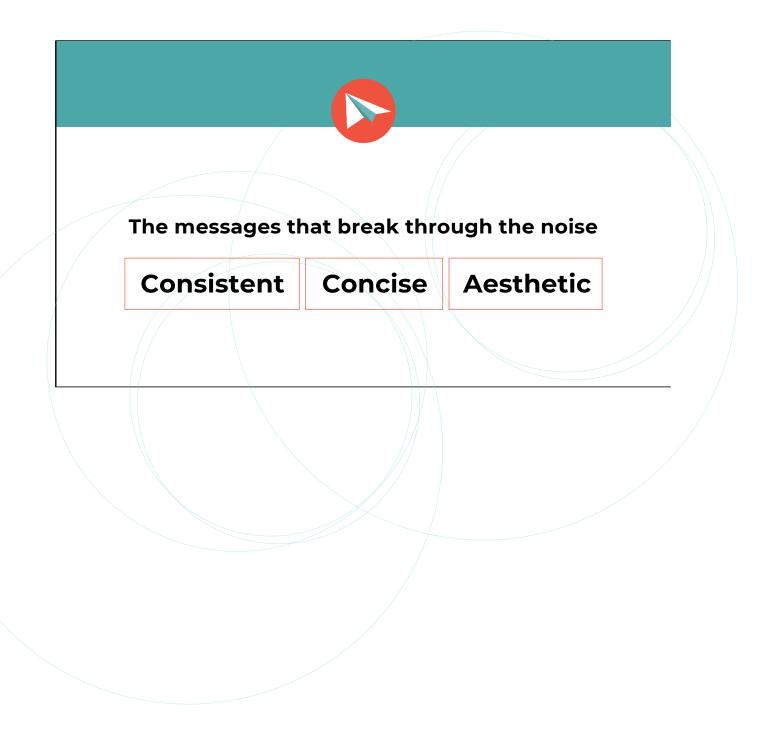


It has been estimated we are exposed to 5,000 messages a day. At some point, all these messages become noise in our life

> Email Websites and their ads TV Billboard Social media Direct mail In-store displays And on and on

We have the greatest message of all, so we must be there to tell it.

The messages that break the noise are ones that are consistent, concise, thoughtful





**Open happiness** 

Priceless

Sheer Driving Pleasure

**Taste the Rainbow** 

Thousands of possibilities, get yours.

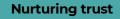
Coca-Cola Mastercard BMW Skittles

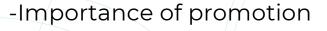
BestBuy

A few examples of the world's messages. How are they appealing – not produce, but emotion

I want to be happy I am worth it I deserve pleasure I want good tasting things I want my way

These messages are empty and corrupt.





-Keep consistent visual look

-Be authentic and honest

-Produce with quality

How can we nurture trust through graphic design messaging?

Don't underestimate the importance of promotion. There is a place for messages to people you don't know yet.

Keep a consistent look, If you use a designer, don't encourage them to vary from brand fonts and colors. Stay consistent.

Be straightforward, Authentic and honest in your communication. Presenting yourself as genuine, sincere and truthful.

Doing things with excellence (decently and in order) will develop trust over time.



Want to?

This is not a clear message. The hierarchy of the elements are not cohesive with the message.

What's most important? Where does my eye go?

## Visual communication that conveys a clear message to a specific audience to produce a specific effect

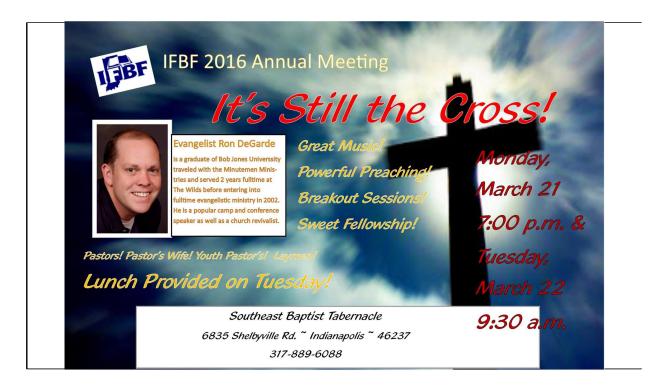
Design is used to align and organize elements, to create balance and unity, and to produce a clear outcome. **Not to create more noise.** 



Example of a clearer presentation. Notice the modes of the piece.



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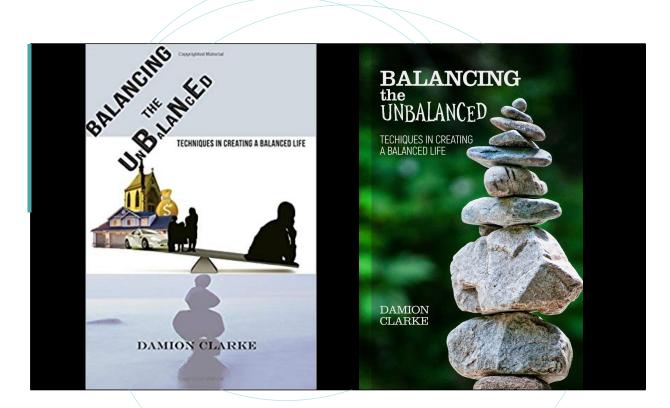


There is a hierarchy here but no alignment or unity of elements. Your eye needs a clear path to absorb the information and visual elements.

Visual communication that conveys a clear message to a specific audience to produce a specific effect



No extra clutter. Clean messaging. What? When? What's the value to me?



## **KEY PRINCIPLES**

### OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION

## CONSISTENCY

### IS RELIABLE NOT REDUNDANT

Consistency is key to design and branding. Designer's must maintain consistency in the visual appearance. Over time you want your audience to recognize you.

Your visual communication should be easy to spot and familiar. Building your repetition in their mind (perceptions).

Users are looking for a stable, uncluttered, organized visual This makes you stand out from the noise And helps re-enforce who you are

- Your logo
- Your address
- Fonts and colors
- Brand feels disjointed and unorganized.

Don't confuse and frustrate those you're trying to reach.

# Face Recognition

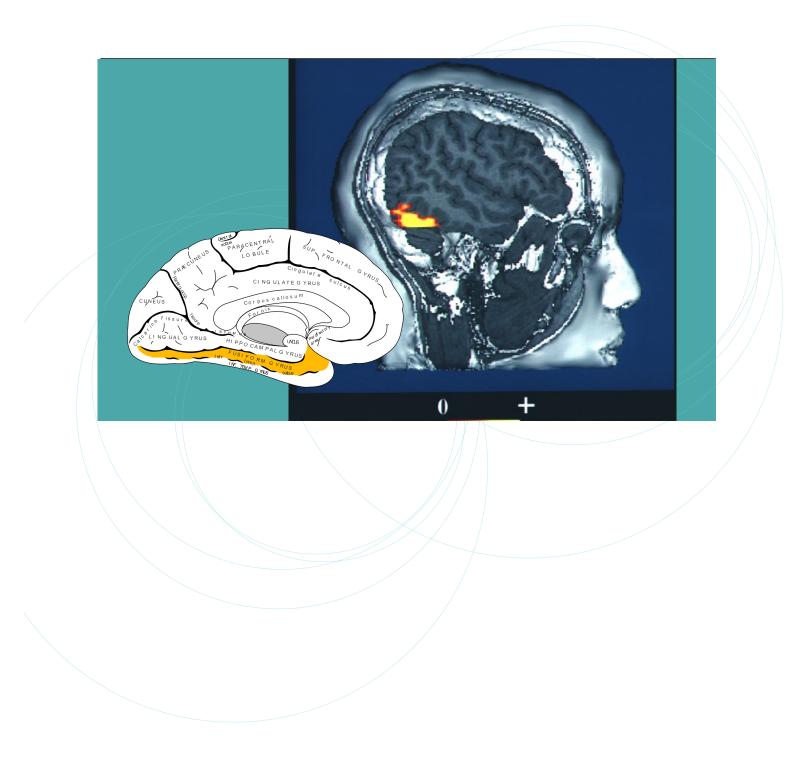
Face recognition: We engage in consistency in what we look at all the time.

God created this unique and magnificent ability for us to recognize other people's faces.

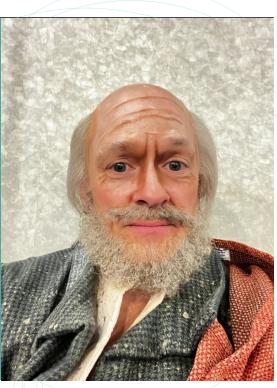
Based on research, it is so important that there is an area of the brain solely devoted to this task.

Design consistency is much like face recognition. Your brain learns the consistency to remember the visual.

Imagine if every time you saw someone you had to re-learn who they were.



## AN UPSTATE EASTER TRADITION LIVING GALLERY,



Last week I participated in our Easter production called Living Gallery. I co-worker came through the green room where everyone waiting to go on stage. I said hello to her as she passed by. She told me later; I know your voice was Mark, but I did not see you anywhere. So, I walked on by.

Consistency is built into the fabric of who we are.

## WARNING

What this will mean is you might get tired of the same colors and visual identity. Be strong, your audience is looking for a first time and with all the other

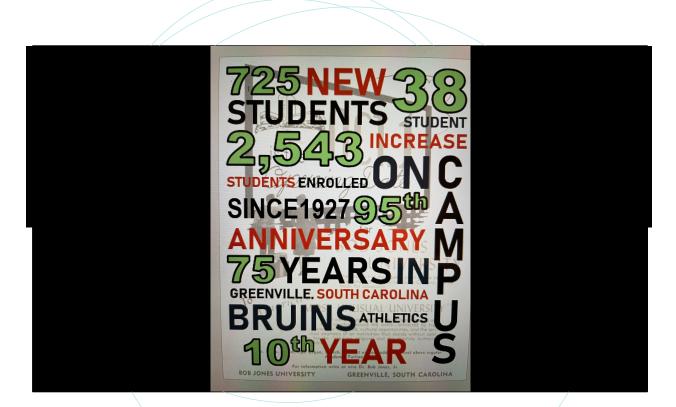
messages they get they don't get tired of it.



### CLEAR RATHER THAN CLEVER

Value knowledge over uniqueness.

Who is my audience? What are the essential items they need to know? What is the clearest way to convey those essentials?



Consistency and Clarity? Total confusion and shouting. Leaving the audience with nothing but noise.

Inconsistent in brand colors and fonts Lacks clarity with so many messages competing against each other.

## CONTENT

## EXPLAIN AND GUIDE

Confuse and distract vs. explain and guide

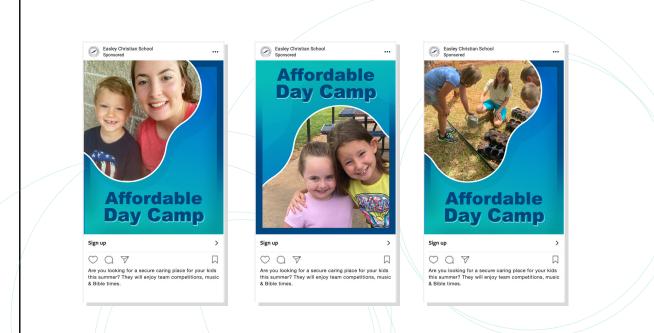
Audience-Centric What are the Benefits to the audience, not features from the organization You, not we Address **their** challenges and goals

### ORGANIZATION

Our church has small Group classes At our church, we teach about the Bible We are committed to teaching the Bible We strive to live out God's plan

### AUDIENCE

Experience a community of believers Learn truth from God's Word Start learning about God Discover God's plan for you



### Example of clarity of content

A Christian school operated a summer day camp as an outreach to the community. Trying to build awareness and engagement, we offered a summer day camp.

We decided to run a Facebook ad.

We could have cluttered this ad.

Easley Christian School, Eagles Summer Day Camp, ministry of Faith Baptist Church. Our School logo

Audience - more Moms but also Dads What is the parent's pain-point?

- Need childcare for the summer months
- Large amount of day care
- Will my child be cared for?
- Is it a loving environment?
- Will it be affordable?
- Will my child get social interaction physical activity

mentorship supervision

Affordable Day Camp

Images of the kinds of settings they could see their kids in. That speak to those points above.

We ended up spending \$200 and reaching about 15,000 people in a 5 miles radius of the church.

We had about 500 (3.3%) click throughs to our website and we picked up about 10 new kids to day camp last summer.

These families did not know about our church or school before.

## **REFLECTING CHRIST BETTER**

#### Proverbs 21:4

The thoughts (plans) of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

Planning for graphic design and promotion allows for an organized execution. Reflecting Christ better and reaching more people with Gospel truth.

I can't neglect planning when building a house or taking a teen mission trip or delivering a sermon. I don't want to feel unprepared.

Use these tools to reflect Christ better in our visual communication.

Who is the Audience? What is the Goal? What is the Message? What is the Action?



## Who is the Audience?

What is their age group? Where do they go? What do they read? Who are their family members? What communication channels do they prefer? Who Influences them? How would they characterize themselves?





Petential promotional reeas Sermon Series Announcemer Weekly Teen/Kids Program Vacation Bible School Christmas Program

AUDIENCE NOTES

Patriotic Celebration Visit to a service Easter Service Invite Weekly Online Service

PROMOTIONAL PLANNING

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#### AUDIENCE

- What is the age group range?
- Where do they go?
- UWhat do they read?
- What are their preferred communication channels?
- What do they do in their free time?
- What are their biggest painpoints?
- How does this audience feel connected with this group?
- How do we characterize this group?
- How do they characterize themselves?
- Who are the Influencers to this audience?

#### GOAL/PURPOSE

- □ Information delivery
- □ Sign up for an event
- Brand awareness
- Helpful resources in their hands
- Invitation to visit
- Boast web traffic
- Boast social traffic

Use them to develop your messaging and your communication channel delivery.

Save the work for repeat events or campaigns. Review your work each time.

Adjust based on the previous campaign.



## What is the Goal?

Core values & mission Bring value to our audience Information Delivery Brand Awareness Invisitation to visit

#### □ Where do they go?

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- What is the #1 message I want them to hear?
- □ How can I make is compelling?
- □ How can I communicate this message in the most concise way?
- How can I communicate in the clearest way possible?
   What information is useless and not needed?
- □ What do you want your audience to know?
- □ What do you want them to feel?
- What do you want them to do?
  Why is this message important to this audience?

#### CALL TO ACTION

What is the key decision the audience needs to make?

## What is the Message?



Clear and concise Put their shoes on Talking about yourself Be compelling Be direct

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- What would be the logical next step?
  Where would this audience mostly take the next step?
  How do I inspire the audience to take action?
- □ Use strong action words?
- Ecommerce: Buy, Shop, Order, Reserve, View Non-profit: Donate, Volunteer, Give, Support Newsletter: Join, Sign Up, Try Now, Get Started

MESSAGE NOTES

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Key decision Logical next step Use action words Inspire

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click on the ad | go to the registration page | view more info on your website | add the item to the cart | download an article watch a video

CTA NOTES

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Communication	Date	Audience	Purpose (Goal)
WEBSITE LANDING PAGE (webpage with a clear focus on a single call to action) Example: Register, Fill out a form, download resources, click through to learn more.	LAUNCH 6-8 WEEKS IN ADVANCE	Age group range? Who are their	What is their problem? How can you solve it?
DIGITAL SLIDE ADVERTISEMENT (Digital signage can be a good place to promote upcoming events)	4-6 WEEKS IN ADVANCE	who are their influencers? Where do they go?	How will you guide them?
LETTER TO AUDIENCE (A letter from a well respected influencers can help persuade the audience to a heightened awareness and consider, more thoughtfully a decision)	6-8 WEEKS IN ADVANCE	What do they read? What are their pre- ferred communication channels?	What steps do you want them to take? What would be success- ful in your mind?
POSTCARD INVITE [Receiving a tanglable object in the mailbox can help bring attention to a promotion] Examples postcard, door knob flyer, a handout, a business card size reminder, etc. - Should an invite be mailed or personally handed out? This would depend on the type of event, what is the best way to reach your audience and/or the logistic of distribution.	4-6 WEEKS IN ADVANCE	What do they do in their free time? What are their biggest painpoints?	Set goals? "Pray for godly wisdom. "Pray for God to guide your planning.
EMAIL [Email is an additional touchpoint for your audience to continue to make them aware of your event] Example of email topics: introducing an event, Register now, There is still time, Bullet points of event agenda items.	4–6 WEEKS IN ADVANCE ADDITI@NAL EMAIL 2 WEEKS @UT	ence feel connected with this group? How do we character-	"Pray for God to work. "Pray for God to mul- tiple.
SOCIAL Digital posting - organic social posts, local free/paid event posting websites, paid social ads FR-Parents/Grandparents: 60% of users are between 25-54 IB: Teens: 61% of users are between 18-34	PSTING AND PAID 4-1 WEEKS SUT	ize this group? How do they character- ize themselves?	Proverbs 16:3 Proverbs 21:5 Psalm 143:8
OTHER ADVERTISING OUTLETS Publication Ads - Local newsletter, magazine, newspaper, community papers, poster ad in local business locations	2 MONTHS IN ADVANCE BASED ON PUBLICATION SCHEDULE		

Use this resource to plan campaigns or promotions that have different delivery points of content.

- Landing page on the Website
- Direct mail postcard
- Email blast
- Door knocker
- Social posts
- Paid social advertising

## Creative **REACH**

ASSET REFERENCE GUIDE

#### WEBSITE

- Header banner: 1240 x 550 [can vary per app]
- Website builder: Name [example: Wordpress]
   Credentials> User: Pass:
- Graphic application: Name [ex. Canva]
- Headline copy: 3-6 words
- Subhead copy:
- · Body copy:
- Photograph storage location:
- Stock photograph: Unsplash.com, stock.adobe.com
- Brand Fonts:
- Brand Colors:

#### DIGITAL SLIDE

- Standard PPT slide: 1920 x 1080
- Graphic application: Name [ex. Photoshop]
- Fonts for use:
- Colors for use:

#### LETTER

Written content

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: Profile photo – 170x170 px Cover photo – 800x462 px Stories – 1080x1920 px Standard post – 1200x630 px

#### INSTAGRAM

Landscape - 1080x566 px Square - 1080x1080 px Reel video/Stories - 1080x1920 px Thumbnail - 161x161 px

#### TWITTER

Profile – 400x400 px In-stream – 1600x900 px Header – 1500x500 px Single/multi-image – 600x335 px Ads: Carousels/website card – 800x800 px 800x418 px

#### LINKED-IN

Reference guide

#### Account credentials

- Image size dimensions
- Print and digital references

- Stock protograph, onspiasn.com, stock.addoe.com
   Brand Fonts:
- Brand Colors:

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#### LETTER

- Written content
- Address list
- Letterhead

#### PRINT:

- Postcard–Standards 6x4, 7x5, 9x6, 11x6
- Print supplier Name [ex. Gotprint.com, 4over.com]
- · Business Card size invite: 3.5"x 2"
- Poster: 8.5" x 11" 11" x 17" 4.25" x 11"

#### EMAIL

- Audience: Generate Email List: Name
- Subject line:
- Topic of content:
- Email Header Graphic: Create in App Name 1240 x 550 [can vary per app]
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#### LINKED-IN

Profile image - 400x400 px Blog link images - 1200x627 px Page cover image - 1128x191 px Ads: Sponsored content images - 1200x627 px Sponsored carousel images - 1080x1080 px Spotlight ads - 100x100 px

#### YOU TUBE

Profile photo - 800x800 px Banners - 2048x1152 px Video - 1280x720 px Thumbnail - 1280x720 px

px = Pixel units

