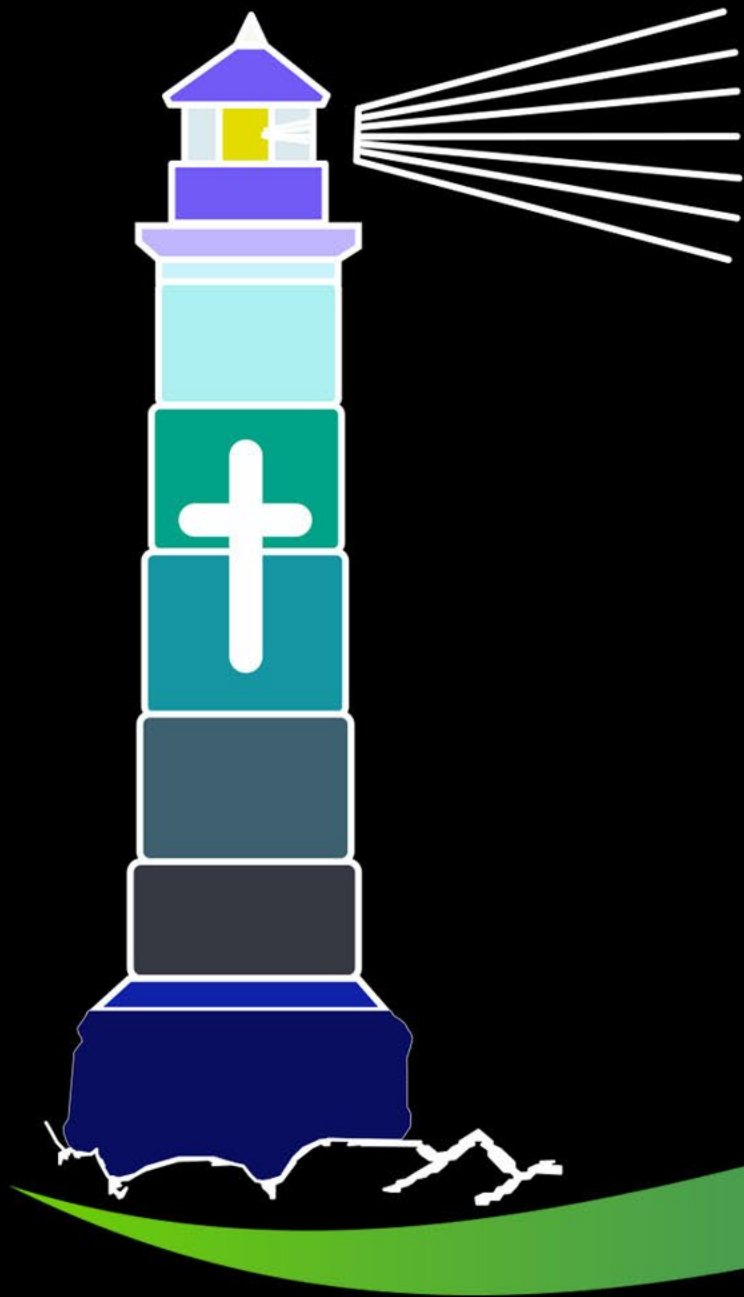


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Why is the Need so Great?

13%

Percentage of school students ages 3-21 have a disability according to the Department of Education.

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20%

Estimated percentage of the United States population, that has a disability, with more than half reporting that their disability is severe.

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25%

Per the Christian social constructions of disability: Church attendees. *Journal of Religion, Disability & Health*: Over 25% of participants in this survey said that they were either unsure or disagreed with the statement that people with disabilities were created in the image of God.

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36%

Per the Journal for Scientific Study of Religion, children with a developmental disability or learning delay were 36% more likely to **NEVER** attend church than those not affected by a disability.

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48%

Per the Journal for Scientific Study of Religion, children with conduct disorder or oppositional defiant disorder were 48% more likely to **NEVER** attend church than those not affected by a disability.

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73%

Per the Journal for Scientific Study of Religion, children with depression and anxiety were 73% more likely to **NEVER** attend church than those not affected by a disability.

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84%

Per the Journal for Scientific Study of Religion, children with autism spectrum disorder were 84% more likely to **NEVER** attend church than those not affected by a disability.

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25,000,000

A recent LifeWay study revealed that the majority of the estimated 25 million adults with mental illness in this country believe that the church won't welcome them.

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