

**THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH: VISION, MISSION, LEADERSHIP**  
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## INTRODUCTION

CBCUSA Civuipi ah Khrihfabu kong paper ttial khawhnak caan ttha ka hmuh caah tampi kaa lawm. Bawipa cungah kaa lawm i a min ka thangtthat. CBCUSA hruaitu le Civui Committee nan dihlak cung zong ah kaa lawm. Hi bantuk caan ttha hmuh hi a sunglawi tukmi a si. Ka phuttawk lomi caan ttha a si. Kaa lawm tuk hringhran ko. Tutan Civui Committee nih rian an ka pekmi cu Khrihfabu kong a si.

Pathian zaangfahnak in Laimi nih a tlangpi in khrihfabu kong hi cu kan i fiang ngai cang, tiah ka ruah. Aruang cu, ram tthatnak kan ummi, training/cawnpiaknak phunphun kan ngeihmi le resources tthattha kan ngeihmi ruang ah hin an si. Sihmanhsehlaw, theihnak le i fiannak lawng cun a za lo. Laimi khrihfabu nih kan ruah dingmi thil pahnih a um: (1) Kan i Thleng Lai maw kan thi lai? (Change or die) le Zeitindah kan i thlen lai? (How can we change) hi a si.

## 1. KHRIHFABU FIANTERNAK

### A) Khrihfabu hi zeidah a si?

- a. Biakam Thar ah Khrihfabu biafang hi Matthew 16:18 ah kan hmuh hmasa. Greek biafang in *ekklesia* ti a si i, “kawh-auhmi mibu” (*called-out group*) tinak a si. Khrihfabu cu vawlei in, asiloah, thihnak in, asiloah, sual tthawnnak in, Pathian nih a Fapa Jesuh Khrih thawngin *kawh-auhmi mibu* a si.
- b. Pathian nih Amah biatu ding, a sunparnak langhter ding ah le a rian ttuantu ding in kawhmi mibu, adang tein thleidanmi a si. Cucaah khrihfabu cu vawlei kal ning a kal kho lo (Rom. 12:1-2). Vawlei he aa hawikom kho lo (Jam. 4:4). Vawlei zong a tlaihchan kho lo (1 John 2:15-16). Vawlei he aa dannak a um hrimhrim lai.
- c. Miraang biafang “church” hi Scottish biafang “*kirk*” le German biafang in “*kirche*” in ra i, Greek biafang in “*kuriakon*” ti a si. Cucu, Miraang in an leh tikah “belonging to the Lord” ti a si. Lai in “Bawipa ta a simi” asiloah, “Bawipa nih a ngeihmi” tinak a si (*The Church in God’s Program*, Robert Saucy). **Lamkaltu 20:28** ah, khrihfabu cu Bawipa tuurun an si, a ti. Bawipa nih a Fapa thihnak thawngin Amah ta ah aa sermi khrihfabu a si, a ti. Pastor te cu Bawipa nih a tuurun khaltu dingah thimmi, kawhmi, le chiti thuhmi kan si, a ti. **Ephesians 5:25** ah, Jesuh nih Khrihfabu cu a dawt i, a nunnak tiang a pek, a ti. Cucaah Khrihfabu cu Bawipa ta a si. Bawipa nih a dawtmi a si tinak a si.

- d. Khrihfabu cu Bawipa ta a sinak kan peh rih lai. **Matthew 6:18** ah Jesuh nih, “Ka Khrihfabu” a ti. 1 Timothy 3:15-16 ah Paul nih khrihfabu cu, “Pathian innchungkhar le Pathian khrihfabu” a si, a ti. Lamkaltu hna cakuat hmun dang ah khrihfabu cu, “Pathian khrihfabu” tiah an chimnak voi tampi kan hmuh (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 10:32; 11:16, 22; 15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; and 1 Timothy 3:5, 15).

**B) Khrihfabu hi ahodah kan si?**

- a. Khrihfabu cu a minung (“zumtu”) hi kan si. Khrihfabu timi biafang kan theih tikah “biakinn” asiloah, “building” (inn) ah kan ruah sual tawn. Cun, a cheukhat nih biaknak bu (denomination) ah kan ruah i, a cheukhat nihcun vawlei lei i hruainak bu pakhat sawhsawh bantuk (organization) le misifak/mihar bawmtu bu (charity group) ah kan ruah sual tawn. Cucu, Bible nih a kan cawnpiak duhmi “khrihfabu” sullam a si lo. Bawipa Jesuh Khrih cu ka Khamhtu le ka Bawipa ah cohlangmi, a zummi, le aa bochanmi, mipiangthar, hrintthannak tingcomi zumtu hna hi khrihfabu cu kan si. Cu bantuk in hrintthannak tingcomi zumtu, hmunkhat ah aa pum i, Pathian a biami le a thangtthatmi hna hi kan si. Bawipa nih tinhpiakmi (*purpose*) ngei in a Fapa Khrih thisen in “kawh-auhmi bu” a si. Bawipa nih Khrih Zultu Sertu ding (Matt. 28:19) le Vawlei cung khuazakip ah Thawngtha Chim dingin (Mark 16:15) a dirhmi, a thleidenmi, le a umpimi bu a si.
- b. Khrihfabu cu Bawipa nawl ngaimi kan si. Khrihfabu nih a ruahmi paoh, a huammi paoh, aa ziakmi paoh, le a duhmi paoh tuah ding ah Bawipa nih khrihfabu hi a dirhmi a si lo. Bawipa nih a tinhpiakmi a um. A duhpiakmi a um. Bawipa fialmi rian a um. Bawipa pekmi nawlbia an um. Cucu, khrihfabu a um hnawhchan, asiloah, Bawipa nih a dirh hnawhchan a si. Khrihfabu cu Bawipa ta si caah Bawipa duhnak in kalpi dingmi a si. Mi cheukhat nih khrihfabu (“church”) timi biafang an hman paoh ah khrihfabu taktak ah an i ruah. Nain, Bible cawnpiak ning in a kalmi si lo ahcun “khrihfabu” a si lo. Bawipa pekmi rian a ttuan lo le Bawipa nawl a zulh lo ahcun khrihfabu a si lo. Minung ruahnak le duhnak in kalpimi i hruainak bu (organization) sawhsawh a si.
- c. Khrihfabu ah thleidannak a um lo (Gal. 3:28-29). Khrihfabu chungah nu le pa thleidannak a um lo. Peng le tlang thleidannak a um lo. Bawi le sal thleidannak a um lo. Khrihfabu chungah a biapi bikmi minung kan um lo; a biapi deuhmi kan um lo. Kan dihlak vialte hi kan biapi dih. Kan dihlak vialte hi tthathnemnak kan ngei dih. Kan dihlak vialte hi kan i herh dih. Kan dihlak vialte hi Bawipa nih a kan pekmi Thlarau laksawng in rianttuan dingah kawh-auhmi kan si. San kan tlai dih. Bawipa khrihfabu ah, Khrih thisen in tlanhmi, Thiang Thlarau tingcomi zumtu vialte hi Pathian nih a kan herh dih i, pakhat le pakhat zong kan i herh dih, Pathian nih hman a kan duh dih i, Pathian caah tthathnemnak le santlaihna kan ngei dih.

- d. Khrihfabu hi Bible nih tthen hnih in a tthen. Pakhat cu local church ti a si. Lai in umnak khrihfabu tinak a si. Mi pakhat nih member kan laknak; Bawipa pekmi Thlarau laksawng in rian kan ttuannak; kan i pumhnak le i hawikomhnak hi a si. Bible cawnpiakning tein cun hi bantu ah hin member zong kan lak ding a si (Acts 2:41-47; Heb. 10:25). Kan cheuhra-cheukhat zong kan pek dingmi a si. Adang pahnihnak cu universal church ti a si. Lai in zumtu dihlak khrihfabu ti a si. Zumtu vialte hi kan umnak khrihfabu (local church) i dang hmanh seh law, universal church ah kan dihlak vialte hi bu khat kan si. Hi chung ah vancung ah aa din cangmi zumtu an i tel, vawleicung khuazakip i ummi zumtu vialte zong kan i tel (Matthew 16:18, Acts 5:11, Acts 3:8, Acts 12:1, Acts 20:28, 1 Cor 5:12, 1 Cor 15:9, Eph 1;22, Eph 3;10, Eph 3:21-32, Col 1;18, 1 Tim 3;15).

## 2. KHRIHFABU LE BIBLE/THEOLOGY.

### A) Khrihfabu le Biakam Hlun

- a. Biakam Hlun ah Khrihfabu hmanthlak le muisam hi hmuh a si cang. Cu lak ah fiang ngai in kan hmuhmi cu Pathian Mi (“the people of God”) tiah timi, Israel mipahun Pathian Biak ding le Pathian Bia ngai dingin an rak i pumh tawnmi a si. **Deuteronomy 4:10:** “Bawipa nan Pathian hmaiah Horeb ah nan dir ni ah khan Bawipa nih a ka chawnh i, 'Mi cu ka sinah *pum tuah hna, ka bia kha an theih i* vawlei cung i an nunchung vialte keimah òh kha an hngalh i cu bantu kin an fale zong an cawnpiak hna nakhnga,' tiah a ka ti mi kha kan hngalhter hna.”
- b. **Lamkaltu 7:36-38:** “A mipahun kha Izipt ram in a chuahpi hna i Izipt ram le Rili Sen le thetse ram ah khan kum sawm li chung khuaruahhar le hmelchunhnak thil kha a tuah hna. Israel mi sinah, 'Pathian nih keimah a ka thlah bantu kte hin profet pakhat an thlahhnawh te hna lai i amah cu nanmah chungmi a si lai,' a ti, tiah a rak titu kha Moses cu a si. Amah cu thetse ram i *a rak i pummi* Israel mi hna sin i a ummi kha a si, amah cu a kan hringsortu hna sin i khua a rak sami le Sinai Tlang ah a sin i bia a rak chimtu vancungmi sin i a ummi kha a si; amah cu Pathian bia zungzal in a nungmi kan sin i phakter awkah a rak latu kha a si.”
- c. **Hebrews 2:12:** “Amah nih, "Pathian, ka unau hna sinah na kong cu ka chim lai, *Aa pummi* an dihlak hmaiah nangmah cu kan thangthat lai," a ti bang khan a si.”

### B) Khrihfabu le Israel Miphun

- a. Theologian pawl nih Israel mipahun le khrihfabu aa pehtlaihning ning hi a tlangpi in tthen hnih in tthen a si. Biakam Hlun Israel mipahun (“the people of God”) le Biakam Thar Khrihfabu (“the people of God”) hi aa khat, tiah pommi an um i cucu, Covenant Theology, tiah ti a si. Hi theology a pommi ah theologian Grudem zong aa tel ve. A chimmi cu, “Biakam Hlun zumtu cu nihin Khrihfabu he an i khat. Nihin

ah Bawipa nih a dirhmi khrihfabu cu Biakam Hlun in arak dirh cangmi khrihfabu aa pehzulhmi a si. Biakam Hlun chan tein Pathian nih minung cu Amah Biatu dingah aa kawh-auh cangmi hna an si” a ti (*Systematic Theology*, p. 854). Reformed theologian Edmund Clowney nih, “Biakam Hlun Pathian Minung hna cu Thiang Thlarau nih hmunkhat ah funtonmi nihin Messiah Minung an si. Khrihfabu tuanbia cu Israel miphun in aa thokmi a si” a ti (*The Church*, 29). Millard Erickson zong nih, “khrihfabu cu Israel thar (*the church is the new Israel*) a si” a ti (*Christian Theology*, 966).

- b. Cun, khattalei ah Israel miphun le Khrihfabu cu pehtlaihna zeihmanh an ngei lo, aa dangmi an si, tiah a chimmi an um ve i, cucu Dispensational Theology, tiah ti a si. Hi theology a pommi theologian minthang Gregg Allison nih tihin a chim ve: “Khrihfabu cu Jesuh Khrih van kai hnu le Thiang Thlarau a van thlah hnu Pentecost ni in Khrihfabu cu aa thokmi a si. Mah hlan ahcun Khrihfabu timi a um rih lo. Biakam Hlun ah Pathian Mi (“the people of God”) cu an rak um ve ko nain Biakam Thar zumtu he an i dang ko” tiah ti (*Sojourners and Strangers*, 82).

### C) Khrihfabu le Biakam Thar

- a. Biakam Hlun i Khrihfabu hmanthlak le muisam kan hmuhmi ah voi tampi kan hmuhmi cu Pathian Mi (“zumtu”) hna hi Pathian biak awk le Pathian Bia ngaih awk ah an rak i pum. Biakam Thar zong ah cu muisam cu voi tampi kan hmuh ve. **Hebrews 10:25** ah cun ngol lo in i pumh lengmang ding le Pathian Biak le Thangtthat a kan forh. **Lamkaltu 2:41-47** ah hin fiang ngai in kan hmuh. (1) Pathian Bia an i cawnpiak; (2) Pathian Bia an ngai; (3) Pathian Bia an zumh; (4) Tipil an ing; (5) Thawngtha an chim; (6) Zumtu thar an i chap; (7) an i pum; (8) hawikomhnak ah an i tel; (9) dawtnak ti le rawl an i hrawm; (10) hmunkhat ah thla an camtti lengmang; (11) Pathian khuaruahnak le hmelchunhnak an hmuh; (12) an thil an i hrawm; (13) Biakinn ah an kal; (14) lunglawmhnak le toidornak lungthin an ngei; (15) Pathian an thangtthat i mi nih an hmaizah hna.
- b. Cu lawng si lo. Bible hmun dangdang ah Biakam Thar khrihfabu an nun kan hmuh khawh rih. Bible Cathiang an reltti hna (Col. 4:16; 1 Tim. 4:13); Bawipa zaanriah an i hrawm (1 Cor. 11:18); nuhmei, ngaktah, le miharsa an bawmh hna (1 Tim. 5:16; 1 Cor. 16:1); Zumtu dihlak Thawngttha Karhternak Rian ah an i tel (Acts 8:2-4); Khrihfabu ah rawl an ul, thla an cam i, Thiang Thlarau hruainak in missionary an thlah hna (Acts 13:2-3).

### D) Khrihfabu le Hmelchunhnak

- a. Khrihfabu cu Pathian innchungkhar a si (*God's family*). Zumtu a simi nih chungkhar pahnih kan ngei. Pakhat cu taksa lei kan chungkhar a si i, adang pakhat cu kan umnak khrihfabu hi a si. Cuaah, khrihfabu cu thlarau lei kan chungkhar

(*spiritual family*) a si. Khrihfabu chung ah ummi zumtu hna hi kan u kan nau an si i, kan pastor te hi kan nu le kan pa an si (*spiritual parents*). Zumtu a simi paohpaoh nih kan umnak khrihfabu hi kan chungkhar hmuh in hmuh bak ding a si. Chungtel unau hna hi kan unau taktak in hmuh ding, pehtlaih hna ding, le komh hna ding an si. Cun, chungkhar pakhat sinak in khrihfabu ah kan luh kan chuah ding le kan cawlcangh ding a si (Eph. 1:5; 1 Tim. 3:15; John 1:12; 19:26-27; Rom. 16:1; 1 Peter 5:12).

- b. Khrihfabu cu Khrih pum a si (*the body of Christ*; (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:24). Khrihfabu cu Khrih pum a si caah Khrih muisam a cuan bik ding a si. Khrihfabu ah Khrih Nun a langh ding a si. Tahchunhna ah, Jesuh Khrih cu titsa minung ah aa cang i kan lak ah khua arak sa (John 1:14). Minung sinak aa lak, sal sinak aa lak (Phil. 2:7; Heb. 10:5). Cun, a Pa rian a ttuan; a Pa nawl a ngai; zultu a ser; dawtnak a ngei; vel le zaangfahnak a ngei; misifaak le miharsa a bawmh hna; Thawngtha a chim; Pathian Bia a cawnpiak hna; mizaw damter hna; mithi thawhter hna, i khuaruahhar thil tampi a tuah. Cu Khrih Nun le Rianttuannak cu a pum simi Khrihfabu ah hin a langh ve ding le a um ve dingmi a si. A pum simi Khrihfabu a pehzulh dingmi rian an si. Cucu kan lu simi Khrih leiah a lamkip in tthan ding Bible nih a kan cawnpiak duhmi a si (Eph. 4:15). Cun, Khrihfabu lu cu Khrih a si, a ti rih (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:24). A sullam cu, Khrihfabu nawlIngeihnak sang bik cu Khrih a si, tinak a si. Khrih cu mipum in kan sin a um ti lo caah Pathian Bia a simi (Bible) hi khrihfabu ah nawlIngeihnak sang bik ah kan chiah dingmi a si i, kan zumhna, kan nunnak, le kan rianttuannak ah Bible hi kan hrampi a si.
- c. Khrihfabu cu Khrih monu (*the bride of Christ*) a si. Paul nih **Ephesians 5:21-32** ah nu le va kan i pehtlaihna le Khrih le Khrihfabu kan i pehtlaihna hi aa khat, a ti. Khrih nih khrihfabu a dawt caah a nunnak tiang a pek. Cu bantukin khrihfabu hi kan dawt ve awk hrimhrim a si. Khrihfabu dawt cu khrihfabu chung ummi a “minung (zumtu)” dawt hi a si. Khrihfabu nih a lu simi Khrih nawlIngai tein le toidor tein a um hi dawtnak langhterning phun khat a si. Khrihfabu caah thlacamnak, pumpeknak, pekchanhna, pumhna, sehchihna, hawikomhna i telna, hruaitu nawlIngaihna, Zultu sernak le Thawngtha karhternak rian ah kan i telna in Khrihfabu hi dawt khawh a si (2 Cor. 11:2).
- d. Khrihfabu cu Khrih ttengnge a si (*Christ’s branches*; John 15:5). Khrihfabu nunnak a ngeimi, asiloah, a nung i a cawlcangmi a si (*organism*). Cucaah kan ruang le kan nunnak hrampi a simi Khrih he pehtlaihna fek tein a ngeimi a si. Khrih he aa peh lawnglawng ah a tthawng lai, a hninghno lai, a fekfuan lai, thei ttha tampi a tlai i, Pathian sunparnak langhter mi a si lai (John 15:5-8). Khrih he aa peh lo mi cu a thimi khrihfabu a si.

- e. Khrihfabu cu Pathian Thlarau biakinn a si (*God's spiritual temple*; 1 Peter 2:4-6). Thlarau biakinn a si caah Khrihfabu cu a thiangmi a si. Cun, zumtu nih kan mipum (“body”) hrimhrim in Pathian hi kan Biak ding le Thangtthat ding kan si.
- f. Khrihfabu cu Pathian tlangbawi phu (*a new group of priests*; 1 Pet. 2:5) a si. Zumtu tlangbawi sinak hi sullam phun thum in langhter ka duh: Pumpak cio in Pathian he pehtlaihnak ngei khomi kan si; Pathian sin ah pekchanhnak tuah khomi kan sinak le Pathian caah rianttuantu kan sinak hna hi an si.
- g. Khrihfabu cu Biatak a dirkamhtu le Biatak i a tungpi a si (*the pillar and foundation of the truth*; 1 Tim. 3:15). Khrihfabu cu Pathian Biatak kan i cawnpiaknak hmun a si. Khrihfabu nih Pathian Biatak kilven, chimphuan, aupi, ttanh, dirkamh, le karhter hi a rian a si. Pathian Biatak a simi Bible aa cawnpiak lo mi cu Khrihfabu hman (*true church*) a si lo.

**E) Khrihfabu le Khrihfabu Tuanbia**

- a. Khrihfabu tuanbia ah Protestant kan pa le simi Martin Luther le John Calvin nih Pathian Khrihfabu hmaanmi (God's true church) nih a ngeihmi sinak pahnih a um, an ti. Pakhat cu Pathian Biatak Chimphuannak (Preaching God's Word) le Tipil-innak le Bawipa Zanriah hmanna (Two Ordinances) hna hi an si (Grudem, 2020, p. 1061-62).
- b. Hi nih hin Khrihfabu ah pastor zeitluk in kan biapit a langhter. Khrihfabu a dikmi le a hmaanmi cu pastor a ngei hrimhrim lai. Pastor a ngei lo mi cu khrihfabu tahfung chung ah a tling lo. Cu pastor nih Pulpit cung in Pathian Biatak chimphuannak a ngeih lai i, pehzulh tein Bawipa Zanriah peknak le Tipil innak a ngeih lai.

**3. US RAM KHRIHFABU BUAINAK**

**A. Zeiruandangah khrihfabu an thih?**

- a. Andrew Davis nih zeiruandangah khrihfabu an thih tawn i, tharchuah an herh, tiah aruang tihin a ttial: (1) Pathian Bia ze ah rel lonak (*low view of Scripture*); (2) Pathian nakin minung biapi ah chiahnak (*man-centered rather than God centered*); (3) Bawipa tuurun zohkhenh chambaunak le khrihfabu chimhhrin cawnpiaknak a bau; (4) Thawngtha chim duhnak le karhter duhnak lungthin a zorchuk; (5) Lung rual lonak; (6) hruaitu pastor upat/hmaizah lonak le pastor caan sau ttuan khawh lonak; (7) ningcang lo in khrihfabu ah i tthit hruainak; (8) i thlen duh lo, hlan lio sining hlun le i ziakmi i tlaih peng; (9) khiarnak, mah-zawnlawng i ruahnak, a thi cuahmahmi khrihfabu 100% ah 98% hi anmah pumpak khrihfabu ca herh lawng ah an hman tawn, ti a si (Rainer); (10) Thlacam duhnak/huamnak a zorchuk; (11) vawlei lei cawnpiaknak le nun ziaza an karh.

- b. Thom Rainer nih khrihfabu a zawmi kong tihin a ttial: (1) Aa pummi an zor; (2) duhsah tete in aa pummi an tlawm deuhdeuh; (3) pumhna ah lawmhna le thathawhna um lo deuhdeuh; (4) thawngttha theitlai a tlawm; (5) vawlei ca tthathnemna a tlawm; (6) rian nakin meeting tam deuh; (7) meeting ah bia-al le sikna a tam; (8) mileng/khual ngeih a tlawm; (9) Pathian biakning duhna aa dang tuk cio; (10) pastor zohkhenhna ah ruahchanna san tuk.

**B. Kum khat ah khrihfabu zeizatdah an thi?**

- a. Khrihfabu hi America ram ah dirh tharmi tampi an um i, an thi cuahmahmi zong an um ve. Brian Croft nih, “a luancia kum 20 chungah khrihfabu 3,500 hrawng hi kum fatin an lotlau. A taangmi khrihfabu 100% ah 88% in 91% cu an thi cuahmah... khrihfabu lei experts nih kum khat ah khrihfabu 1,000 hrawng nih biakinn an khar” a ti (*Biblical Church Revitalization*, 2016, p. 8).
- b. Bill Henard nih tihin a chim ve, “denomination dihlak fonh in kum khat ah 3,500 in 4,000 hrawng nih biakinn an khar.. cucaah kan i thlen lo, asilole, kan i sersiam/tharchuah lo ahcun hi hnu kum (10) ah cun khrihfabu 100,000 nih biakinn an khar lai” tiah a chim (*Can These Bones Live?*, 2015, p. 3).
- c. Church consultant Ed Stetzer nih a chimmi cu, “khrihfabu thar tampi in kan dirh lo ahcun Baptist denomination hi a zorchuk lai. A hlei in khrihfa kan zorchuk chinchin lai. Nitlak lei ram ah US hi Mission field ngan bik a si i, vawlei cung mission field ah a ngan bik panganak a si” a ti (*Planting Missional Church*, 2006, p. 8-13).
- d. North America Mission Board nih ca an ttialmi cu, “North America hi mission field a si. Continent ah khrihfa kan zorchukna bik pahni an um i, pakhat cu North America a si. Kan i tinhmi cu mah hi thlen hi a si. Mino tampi reach out kan tuah hna lai. Training kan pek hna lai. Cun, mission ah kan thlah hna lai. Thawngttha kan chimter hna lai i khrihfabu tampi kan dirhter hna lai” an ti. Research pakhat nih tihin a chim: a tu ning tein kan si ahcun 2010 in 2050 ah million 66 khrihfa kan zorchuk lai, an ti.
- e. Hi nih hin a dammi khrihfabu a biapinak le kan herhna fiang tein a langhter. Pastor kan biapit ning a langhter. Kan mino an biapit ning a langhter. Thawngttha Karhterna le Mission Rian ttuanna a biapit ning a langhter. InterCP Mission agency hi Seoul, South Korea ah ummi a si. An ministry ah ka uar ngaimi pakhat cu Vision School a si. Zarh (9) chung taang (7) in a cunglei paohpaoh training an pek hna i, cu hnu ah short-term mission trip ah an thlah hna. Mino sin i thawngttha chimtu ah a ttha bik, tiah an ruahmi cu anmah mino hi an si. Mino pakhat aa thlengmi nih a hawi le mino dang tampi a thlen khawh hna. Cucaah hi bantu

Mission Training hi tampi in tuah kho ve usih law, kan mino pawl hi short-term mission trip ah thlah ve hna usih law, a ttha tuk ve hnga.

- f. Khrihfabu a thi cuahmahmi si lo in, a dammi khrihfabu kan si ding a biapi tuk. Andrew Davis nih tihin a chim, “Satan pennak le rianttuannak hrawhnak ding caah a tthawngmi bikmi hriamnam Bawipa kut ah ummi cu a dammi khrihfabu hi a si. Cucu Satan nih a theih tuk ve caah hrawh hi aa zuam peng ve” a ti. Khrihfabu kong cawnnak ah biapi ngai in an chiahmi pakhat cu “church revitalization” timi a si. Khrihfabu hi phun (3) in an tthen: (1) A dammi khrihfabu; (2) a zawmi khrihfabu; le (3) a thi cuahmahmi khrihfabu, tiin. Ezekiel 37 in chirhchanhmi Church Revitalization nih aa tinhmi cu a zawmi khrihfabun damter le a thi cuahmahmi khrihfabu nunter tthannak, silole, tharchuahnak le sersiamnak a si.

### **C. Zeitindah khrihfabu a thimi aa tharchuah tthan lai?**

- a. Thom Rainer nih tihin a ttial: (1) Kan purpose kan i fian tthan a herh. Khrihfabu a um hnawhchan kan i fian a herh. Pakhat le pakhat thla i campiaknak; i dawtnak, Thawngtha chimnak le Pathian Bia cawnpiaknak le kan innpa in miphun vialte sin ah Thawngtha phakter hi a si. (2) Thlacammi khrihfabu kan si lai. (3) Thawngttha karhternak le Mission Rianttuannak hi faakpi in kan i hmaithlak lai (evangelism and mission). (4) Khrihfabu chung program nakin khrihfabu leng thil – thlarau tlaw tlaihnak le a tlaumi kawlnak hi kan i hmaithlak lai. (5) Khrihfabu hi kanmah pumpak siaremnak le i ziaknak tiang lawng ah karhlan duhnak kan chuahtaak lai.

### **D. Khrihfabu i tharchuahnak ah hruaitu le member rian.**

- a. Andrew M. Davis nih a cauk “*Revitalize: Biblical Keys to Helping Your Church Come Alive Again*” ah tihin a ttial: (1) A thimi nunnak pe khotu cu Pathian lawnglawng a si ti philh lo ding; (2) Khrihfabu lu bik cu Jesuh Khrih a sinak biapi ah chiah ding; (3) Nun thianhlimnak hmaithlak ding; (4) Minung nak in Pathian i bochan deuh; (5) A tthawngmi Pathian Bia i bochan; (6) Faakpi in khrihfabu thlacampi hna; (7) khrihfabu vision fiang tein chuahti; (8) Bawipa hmai le an doraltu hna sin ah toidor tein um; (9) ralttha tein um; (10) Lungsau tein um (*Pathian rian kan ttuannak ah hin kum nga hrawng hnu ah a tlangpi in a theipar hmuh a si tawn*, Croft); (11) Fimkhur tein le i fiangfai tein rianttuan; (12) thazang derthawmnak teinak i zuam; (13) Hruaitu ttha tampi in chuahter law, rian khinh hna; (14) Khrih Zultu ttha tampi in ser i zuam; (15) Van a Sunparnak Luchin nih an hngah philh hlah.
- b. Brian Croft nih “*Biblical Church Revitalization: Solutions for Dying & Divided Churches*” ah tihin khrihfabu tharchuahnak kong a ttial ve: (1) Pathian tthawnnak i bochan ko. Ezekiel 36-37 ah lungthin thar a kan petu le ruh ro pawl nunnak thar petu hna kha Pathian a si. Pathian nih a thi cuahmahmi khrihfabu le aa tthencheumi



khrihfabu hi a damter khawh, a nunter khawh ti zumh ding; (2) Pastor nih timhtuahnak fel tein ngeih ding; nawl ngeihnak fianter; hruaitu ttha fel tein chiah; khrihfabu member sinak fianter; Bible cawnpiaknak; Thawngttha fianter; pakhat le pakhat i dawt; kan innpa dawt; (3) Pastoral Care biapi ah chiah; Pathian Bia relnak le Thlacamnak in Pathian he hawikomhnak ngeih; (4) Planning ttha tein i suai ding; (5) Lungrualnak faakpi in thazang pek; (6) Pathian Biaknak (worship) ttha tein ngeih; (7) Pulpit cung in Sermon ttha tein chim; (8) kan fa le caah ministry ttha tein ngeihpiak.

#### E. Mipem khrihfabu le hmailei kan fa le.

- a. Mipem kannih caah cun khrihfabu hi kan sianginn bantuk a si. Lai ca/holh, kan nunphung le tuanbia zong i cawnpiaknak hmun si awk si. Ram thumnak ah Chin miphun kan tlaw lo ding in miphun kilvengtu a si awk a si.
- b. Kan fa le chung in Pathian rianttuantu – pastor, evangelist, le missionary tthattha an chuah nakhnga khrihfabu hi training center pakhat ah kan ser ding a si.
- c. Khrihfabu chungah Lai holh in Pathian thangtthatmi le hlan lio Pathian biakning aa ziakmi kum upa kan um. Hika US ram ah tthangmi mino – Lai le Miraang holh thiammi le Lai nunphung le Miraang nunphung fonh in khuasami kan um. Cun, US ram ah tthangmi, Lai ca/holh thiam bak lo mi; Lai miphun sinak, kan ram kong le kan tuanbia a thei bak lo mi kan fa le an um ve. Cu phu thum cu fonh in khrihfabu pakhat ah khua kan sa. Hihi Pastor ca ah challenge pakhat a si. Khrihfabu ca zong ah a si. Nain, Kan chan aa dang; kan ruahning le hmuhning aa dang; nain kan zumhnak aa khat. Kan Pathian aa khat. Kan Bawipa aa khat. Kan hmuitinh aa khat.

## 4. CHURCH VISION AND MISSION

### A. Church Vision (*Khrihfabu Chunmang*).

Khrihfabu Chunmang hi a sullam phunhnih in fianter khawh a si i, “**sinak le phaknak,**” tiah chim khawh a si. Pakhatnak cu kan umnak khrihfabu hi hmailei ah siter kan duhmi sinak a si. Hi nih hin “ZEIRUANGDAH KAN UMNAK KHRIHFABU HI A UM?” timi biahalnak a leh. Pahnihnak cu, kan umnak khrihfabu a kalnak hmun asiloah, a phak te lai dingmi hmun khi chim duhmi a si. Hi nih hin “KHRIHFABU KHOIKADAH A KAL?” timi biahalnak a leh ve.

Khrihfabu Chunmang cu kan umnak khrihfabu ca thengtheng ah a si awk a si. Midang khrihfabu he i khah awk a si lo i, i hrawm awk zong a si fawn lo. Khrihfabu pakhat cio nih kan umnak hmun sining hoih (context) in le a caan hoih in ngeih dingmi chunmang a si. Tahchunhnak, North Carolina i a ummi khrihfabu, Pastor JD Greear ttuannak The

Summit Church i an chunmang cu hi hnu kum 50 ah khrihfabu 100 dirh a si. Cucaah, an umnak khrihfabu hi hnu kum 50 ah *siter* an duhmi *sinak* cu “KHRIHFABU 100 DIRHTU” si a si. Cucu Summit Church khrihfabu a um hnawhchan a si. Cu ka hmun cu an kalnak hmun a si. An phak te lai dingmi hmun a si.

Khrihfabu Chunmang hi a tlangpi in ngeih khawh a si i, a kum le thla zong in ngeih khawh a si. Tahchunhnak ah, khrihfabu pakhat an chunmang cu, “**Miphun Vialte Khrih Zultu Ser**” a si. Zeitik kum le caan chungah ti a um lo nain an umnak khrihfabu siter an duhmi *sinak* cu “**Miphun Vialte Khrih Zultu Ser**” a si. Cu ka hmun cu an kalnak a si i, phak an i tinhmi hmun a si. Tahchunhnak adang kan langhter rih lai: Illinois khrihfabu pakhat an chunmang cu kum khat chungah an umnak khua i a ummi inn 5,000 caah thlacampiak a si. Cucu kum khat chungah “si an duhmi *sinak*” le an umnak khrihfabu kum khat chung a kalnak lam a si. Cu ka hmun phak cu a zuam i, an kal. Hmailei i an umnak khrihfabu caah an i ruahchanmi a si. An cawlcanghnak theipar hmuh an duhmi a si.

Khrihfabu ah Pastor hi Khrihfabu Chunmang chuahpitu a si. Bible relnak le thlacamnak in Pathian nih a pek dingmi chunmang a si. Cu a chunmang cu hruaitu le member hna sin ah a chim lai, a cawnpiak hna lai, member zong nih an theihpi lai. Cu chunmang a tlin khawh nakhnga khrihfabu hruaitu vialte training a pek hna lai, an nun a sersiam (equip) a tuah hna lai. Cu hruaitu nih thazang an chuah lai; an i pumpe lai i, an cawlcang lai. Chunmang a ngei lomi pastor cu pastor tling an si lo. A umnak khrihfabu siter a duhmi a ngei lo, tinak a si. A tuahmi thil le a kalnak ding hmun a siloah, a phaknak ding hmun aa fiang lomi pastor a si.

Chunmang hi Pastor thok in Khrihfabu a simi paoh nih kan ngeih hrimhrim awk a si. Chunmang a ngeimi le aa fiangmi khrihfabu cu an chunmang nih a hruai hna; a mongh hna. An rianttuannak ah thathawhnak, lungthawnnak, le ruahchannak zong a pek hna. An retheih ngai zong an umnak khrihfabu siter an duhmi a si te lai dingmi nih thazang pek hna; an phak te dingmi hmun zohchih (cuanh) in ruahchannak an ngei.

Khrihfabu Chunmang kan chuahpi tikah hruaitu, member, le mileng caah thathawhnak (motivational), asiloah, thazang pe ngaimi (inspirational) a si lai. A fiangmi (clear) a si lai. Ahopaoh nih fawitein i cinken khawh dingmi (memorable) a si lai. A tawifiangmi (concise) a si lai. Hngalhfian a fawimi le a tluangtlammi (simple) a si lai. A nolh fawimi (repeatable) a si lai. Hmuh khawhnak hmun (seeable) ah chiah a si lai. Bible le theology ah hrambunhmi (biblical foundation) a si lai.

#### B. Church Mission (*Khrihfabu Hmaithlakmi*)

Khrihfabu Chunmang le Hmaithlakmi hi aa tlaimi an si. Khrihfabu Chunmang a tak in tlamtlinternak, siter a duhmi *sinak*, le phak a duhmi hmun phakternak hi khrihfabu

hmaithlakmi (*church mission*) cu a si. Chunmang cu kan si te lai dingmi le phak te lai dingmi a si ahcun, mission cu kan tuahmi thil le kan zuhl dingmi lam kha a si. Tahchunhnak ah, khrihfabu chunmang cu zeidah (what) siter na duh? timi le, khoika (where) na kal, khoika phak naa timh? ti a si. Khrihfabu Chunmang zeitindah (how) kan tlintier lai, zeitindah kan siter lai, zeitindah kan kalpi lai, ti kha khrihfabu hmaithlakmi (mission) cu a si. Cucaah, Khrihfabu chunmang ngeih lo ahcun i hmaithlakmi (church mission) a um kho lo, ti tluk a si. A um hmanh ah a tlamtlingmi a si lai lo. Khrihfabu chunmang a tlintertu cu khrihfabu mission cu a si.

Pastor nih a ngeihmi chunmang cu amah pastor lawng nih tlamtlintier khawhmi a si lo nain hruaitu a si lai. A bawmtu cu a bik in ministry department le committee hruaitu hna hi an si. Khrihfabu member dihlak nih thlacamnak, nawlngaihna, le pumpeknak in an tlintier khawh ve. Pastor nih kan i palh tawnmi cu kanmah pumpak in Khrihfabu vision le mission statement chuaipi i, kanmah tein tlamtlintier i zuam hi a si. Pastor nih chunmang kan ngei lai nain tlamtlintiernak a lam (mission statement & strategy) cu ministry hruaitu (ministry team) he suaisam dingmi a si. Ministry hruaitu dihlak nih kan kalpi (implement) hlan ah kan i fian a hmasat a herh. Kan thinlung kan ruahnak ah hmunhna a lak hmasat a herh. Ministry hruaitu kan thinlung kan ruahnak aa telmi ah zaanghlei chua le pumpek a fawi deuh. Cu ruangah pastor nih khrihfabu mission he pehltai in ministry hruaitu bu (leadership team) dihlak a herhnak a si.

Practical in khrihfabu mission chuaipi ningcang kan zoh lai. Pakhatnak cu pastor nih khrihfabu member dihlak in thlacamnak a ngeihpi hna lai. Pahnihnak cu, khrihfabu chunmang a tlamtlintertu ding ah aa tlakmi hruaitu thimnak le sernak (leadership team) a si. Pathumnak cu, pastor nih leadership team felfai tein training a pek hna lai. Equip a tuah hna lai. Mentor le coaching a tuah hna lai. An rian ttuannak feedback le evaluation a tuahpi hna lai. Hihi “ministry accountability” ti a si. Pathumnak cu, khrihfabu vision le mission statement thawngtha kan chimnak ah chim khawh i zuam hi a si. Tanh khawh zong ah a ttha i, khrihfabu member dihlak sin ah nolh tthan lengmang khawh zong a ttha. Pastor cheukhat nih kum thok ah an chim an nolh tthan tawn. Palinak cu, bulletin ah ttial le telh a si. Kan social media page le website ah cuanter khawh a si. Member nih an hmuh khawhnak vampang le innka tibantuk ah print i taar khawh a si. Panganak cu i nunpinak a si. A tak in pastor le hruaitu thok in member dihlak nih tlamtlinh i zuamnak, i nunpinak, le tuahsernak in a si.

## **5. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH**

Khrihfabu vision le mission cu kan umnak khrihfabu (local church) hoih in kan ngeih dingmi le tlamtlinh kan i zuam dingmi an si. Cucaah, khrihfabu zapi a huap kho lo i, aa khat kho lo. I hrawm khawh zong a si lo. Sihmanhsehlaw, khrihfabu hmuitinh, asiloah, khrihfabu a um hnawhchan (*the*

*purpose of the church*) cu khrihfabu dihlak a huap khawh. Kan umnak khrihfabu cio nih khrihfabu hmuitinh chirhchanh in khrihfabu vision le mission hi kan ngeih dingmi a si.

Pastor, theologian, le Bible scholar nih khrihfabu hmuitinh an ttialmi a tanglei ah kan zoh tuah hna lai. Jesuh nih Khrihfabu a dirh tikah, a hmuitinh zong a ser chih cangmi a si. Cucaah kannih kan rian cu a khrihfabu hmuitinh tharchuach si loin, Jesuh nih a ser cangmi hmuitinh, Pathian Bia (Bible) chung i a ummi kawl a si. California state i ummi Saddleback khrihfabu ah pastor caan saupi ttuanmi Rick Warren nih Matthew 22:37-40 le Matthew 28:19-20 chirhchanh in a ttialmi Khrihfabu Hmuitinh (5) kan zoh hmasat lai.

1. Worship (Pathian Biaknak)

- “Bawipa na Pathian cu na lungthin dihlak le na ruahnak dihlak le na nunnak dihlak in na dawt lai” (Matt. 22:37). Pathian kan dawtnak cu Pathian kan biaknak in kan langhter lai. Cucaah, Khrihfabu umhnawhchan le hmuitinh cu Pathian Biak a si (Matt. 4:10; Ps. 34:3; John 4:24).

2. Ministry (Pathian Rianttuannak)

- “Na innpa cu nangmah naa dawt bantukin na dawt lai” (Matt. 22:38). Khrihfabu umhnawhchan le hmuitinh cu Bawipa nih a kan pekmi Thlarau laksawng in dawtnak le toidornak he Pathian rianttuan hi a si (Eph. 4:11-12).

3. Evangelism (Thawngttha Karhternak)

- Cucaah khuazakip ah va kal ulaw mipun vialte kha ka zultu ah va serh han u” (Matt. 28:19a). Khrihfabu umhnawhchan le hmuitinh cu Thawngttha Karhter le Miphun Vialte Khrih Zultu ah ser hi a si (Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8).

4. Fellowship (Zumtu Hna Hawikomhnak)

- “Pa le Fapa le Thiang Thlarau min in tipilnak va pe hna u law” (Matt. 28:19b). Tipil-innak hmelchunh pakhat cu Khrih Pum a simi Khrihfabu he pehtlaihnak kan ngeihnak le pumpeknak a si. Cucaah, Khrihfabu umhnawhchan le hmuitinh cu Zumtu Hna Hawikomhnak a si. Khrihfabu chung i zumtu hna pakhat le pakhat kan i hawikomhnak nih thazang thar a kan pek; kan nun aa sersiam i aa tharchuah; kan thilrit a zaang i, Khrih muisam in kan tthang (Acts 2:42; Eph. 2:19).

5. Discipleship (Zultu Sinak ah Thannak)

- “Kan fialmi vialte hna hi an zulh nakhnga va cawnpiak hna u” (Matt. 28:20a). Khrihfabu umhnawhchan le hmuitinh cu Khrih Hnu Zultu kan sinak i kan tthannak le a puitlingmi zumtu dirhmun kan phak nakhnga i bawmhchanh a si (Eph. 4:15;

Rom. 15:1-2). Cu dirhmun kan phak nakhnga Pathian i cawnpiaknak (edification, education, training, equipping) kan herh (Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:11-13).

Hi Khrihfabu hmuihtinh panga hi Bawipa nih thluachuah a pek ngai. A cauk (*The Purpose Driven Church: Growth Without Compromising Your Message & Mission*) in Million 1.2 an zuar i, vawlei cung holh phun (20) hrawng in an leh. Cun, USA khrihfabu tampi nih an khrihfabu dirhmun (context) hoih in an hman i, trainig program an tuahmi zong ah pastor le khrihfabu hruaitu tampi an kai i, hlawknak nganpi an hmuh, ti a si. Kan khrihfabu cio hi ze i bantuk hmuitinh nih dah a mongh ve?

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary ah Professor ttuan liomi Gregg R. Allison hi Systematic Theologian pakhat a si ve i, Thiang Thlarau le Khrihfabu Cawnpiaknak ah minthang ngaimi a si. Allison nih Bible le Khrihfabu tuanbia chirhchanh in Khrihfabu nih a ngeihmi sinak (characteristic) pasarih a ttialmi kan zoh ve lai.

1. Doxological (Khrihfabu kan hmuitinh cu Pathian sunparnak pek a si).
2. Logocentric (Pathian Bia le Jesuh Khrih a muru bik a si).
3. Pneumadynamic (Thiang Thlarau rianttuannak a um lai. Thiang Thlarau laksawng peknak, hruainak, umpinak, le sersiannak in aa funtomi kan si).
4. Covenantal (Biakam Thar zumtu sinak in Pathian le member pakhat le pakhat aa pehtlaimi kan si).
5. Confessional (Jesuh Khrih cu ka Khamhtu le ka Bawi a si tiin le a dikmi khrihfa zumhnak chimphuannak in pumkhat kan si).
6. Missional (Pathian nih Thawngtha Chimphuung ding le a Pennak kauhter dingah thimmi, kawhmi, le thlahmi kan si).
7. Eschatological (Zungzal kan umnak ding hmun Vanram ruahchan in a nungmi kan si).

A hlan lio zumtu hna nih Khrihfabu kong an hmuhning le an i cawnpiakmi zong a ttial. A min ah “*The Great Tradition*” tiah an timi a si i, Khrihfabu sinak (4) a si: (1) Khrihfabu cu pakhat a si (one). Pathian rian kan tuannak, kan chiatnak le kan tthatnak ah pakhat kan si; (2) khrihfabu cu thianghlimmi a si (holy). Kan nun, kan lungthin, le kan ruahnak thianghlim tein Pathian rian ttuan ding le khrihfabu chungah a tthutdir ding kan si. (3) Khrihfabu zapi caah a si (catholic). Khrihfabu nih ramri kan ngei lo. Vawleipi ca’h le mi vialte caah nungmi kan si. Khrihfabu hi miphun pakhat tiang lawng ah chiah lo in Thawngtha Karhternak le Mission Rianttuannak zong ah ri ngei lo mi kan si. Khrihfabu chung i tthithruainak le i zohkhenhnak zongah khua, phun, le peng/tlang tiah, thleidannak a ngei lomi kan si. (4) Khrihabu cu cawnpiaknak dikmi cungah dirhmi a si (apostolic). Kan Thawngttha le kan nun cu a dikmi le aa tlakmi an si. Kan rianttuannak le tthithruainak zong a dikmi Bible cawnpiaknak a si. Cun, Reformation chan ah khrihfabu hmaan nih a ngeih awk sinak (2) an chim i, an rak i cawnpiak ve. Pakhatnak cu pulpit cung in Pathian Bia chimphuannak a si. Pahnihnak cu Bawipa zaanriah hmanna le tipil-innak a si.

Bible ah zumtu hna an i pumhnak kan hmuh. Lamkaltu cauk nih zumtu hna cu a tu le tu in an i tong (pum) tiah a kan cawnpiak (Acts 2:42; 13:2-3; 1 Cor. 14:23). Cu ah cun thlacamnak aa tel (Acts 12:5; 13:3; 14:23); zapi tein Bible Cathiang relnak aa tel (Col. 4:16; 1 Tim. 4:13); Bible Cathiang cawnpiaknak le chimnak aa tel (Acts 20:28-31; Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 3:2); cun Bawipa zaanriah hmannaak zong aa tel (1 Cor. 11:18ff). Zumtu hna i hawikomhnak ah an i tel (Rom. 16:16). Thawngtha Biatak an chim an phuang; Thawngtha karhternak rian ah faakpi in thazang an chuah i thla an cam. Miharsa le nuhmei an bawmh hna i khrihfabu nih missionary tampi an rak thlah hna.

Systematic Theologian minthang Wayne Grudem nih khrihfabu hmuitinh (3) a ttialmi kan zoh lai:

1. Ministry to God: Worship.

- Khrihfabu hmuitinh pakhatnak cu Pathian Biaknak le Thangthatnak a si (Col. 3:16). Pathian le Khrihfabu kan i pehtlaihnak hi a biapi bikmi a si bantukin hihi pakhatnak ah kan chiah dingmi a si. Khrihfabu (zumtu) cu Pathian nih Amah Biatu ding le thangtthat ding ah timhmi le khaukhihmi kan si (Eph. 1:4-12). Cuaah, Khrihfabu nih faakpi in aa hmaithlak dingmi le aa timhtuah dingmi a si (Eph. 5:16-19).

2. Ministry to Believers: Nurture.

- Pahnihnak, zumtu a si cangmi an nun sersiam (tunmer) le a puitlingmi sinak ah tthithruai a si. Khrihfabu zumtu thar tampi hmuh lawng si aa timh awk a si lo. Zumtu a si cangmi nun sersiam, tthithruai, le Pathian Bia cawnpiaknak in a puitlingmi sinak le Pathian rianttuantu ttha sinak ah hruai a si (Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:11-13).

3. Ministry to the World: Evangelism and Mercy.

- Pathumnak cu, vawlecung khuazakip ah kal i miphun vialte sin ah Thawngtha phakter le miphun vialte Khrih Zultu Tha Ser hi a si (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19-20). Cu lawng si loin misifaak, midamlo, mitlamtlinglo, nuhmei, ngakttah, le miharsa hna bawmhchanh zong a si (Acts 11:29; 2 Cor. 8:4; 1 John 3:17; Luke 4:40; 6:35-36).

Khrihfabu le Khrihfabu tthithruainak kong tampi ttialtu 9Marks Ministries thoktu le Capitol Hill Baptist Church ah Pastor ttuanmi Mark Dever nih Khrihfabu a ngan dammi tahfung pakua ttialmi hi zohphu a si, tiah ka ruah. Bible cawnpiaknak he aa tlakmi an si caah dam duhmi khrihfabu hmuitinh a si awk si.

1. Expository Preaching

- Pastor kan rian vialte lakah a biapi bikmi le khrihfabu zong nih a herh bikmi cu Pulpit cung in Pathian Bia a simi Bible chimnak a si. Pathian Bia cawnpiaknak a si. Bible caang thimnak, fianternak/hrihfiahnak, i nunpinak, le i forhnak a si.

2. Biblical Theology

- Bible nih a kan cawnpikmi vialte ningcang tein chimphuannak le cawnpiknak a si.
3. The Gospel
    - **Thawngtha:** Jesuh Khrih nunnak, thihnak, le thawhthannak i fiannak, nunpinak, chimphuannak, cawnpiknak, le karhternak a si. Zumtu a simi paoh nih fian dingmi.
  4. A Biblical Understanding of Conversion
    - Hrin Thannak hi Bible cawnpikning tein kan hngalh-fian dingmi a si.
  5. A Biblical Understanding of Evangelism
    - Bible ning tein Thawngtha Karhternak le Mission Riantuannak hi kan i fiang lai i, kan ttuan lai.
  6. A Biblical Understanding of Church Membership
    - Khrihfabu member kong kan i fiang lai. Member vialte zong Bible ning in khrihfabu ah tthutdir le rianttuan kan i zuam ve lai.
  7. Biblical Church Discipline
    - Khrihfabu chung in pakhatkhat nih sualnak tthil ttha lo le, midang ca tthat lonak chuahpitu thil tuah tikah Bible ning tein i chimhhrinnak le cawnpiknak a um lai.
  8. A Concern for Discipleship and Growth
    - Khrih Zultu Tha Sinak le Khrihfabu Thannak hi biapi kan chiah lai i, kan i hmaithlak lai.
  9. Biblical Church Leadership
    - Bible cawnpiknak he aa tlak bikmi hruaitu a um lai i, Bible cawnpik ning tein khrihfabu an hruai lai, rian an ttuan lai.

Dever ttialmi tahfung pakua hi kan khrihfabu cio nih zeitluk in dah biapi ah kan chiah ve? Khrihfabu lei thiamsang pawl nih an chim tawnmi cu, khrihfabu ngan le hme nakin a dammi hi a biapi deuhmi a si, an ti. Pathian zong nih cucu a kan duhpiakmi a si lai, tiah ka zumh ve. Kannih zong nih hi tahfung pakua zohchunh in **A DAMMI KHRIHFABU** sersiam hi kan thlacamnak le hmuitinh si hram ve ko seh.

Baptist theologian Millard Erickson nih khrihfabu damnak le tthannak caah thil (4) a herh, tiah a chim:

1. Evangelism (both local and global).
  - Thawngtha Karhternak rianttuan hi khrihfabu hmuitinh hmasa bik si awk a si. Kan umnak pawngkam ah kan ttuan lai i, vawlei cung khuazakip ah kan ttuan lai. Thawngtha Karhternak Rian, asiloah, Thlarau tlaui tlah rian ah thazang chuah lomi cu a dammi le a tthangcho lo mi an si.
2. Edification (fellowship and teaching).
  - Nun sersiamnak hi faakpi in thazang kan pek dingmi a si. Hrinthannak, khamhnak tinco, le Pathian dawtnak hngalhnak tiang lawng a za lo. Pathian Bia

kan i cawnpiaknak lai. Khrih muisam lo chin lengmang dingin le a puitlingmi dirhmun phak hlan tiang nun kan sersiam lai. Cucu, hawikomhnak le cawnpiaknak zong a si lai.

3. Worship.

- Pathian biaknak le thangthatnak hi Erickson zong nih biapi taktak ah chiah ve.

4. Social concern

- Kan pawngkam ah thil diklo um ahcun khrihfabu nih zoh sawhsawh lo cawlcanghnak a ngeih hrim awk a si.

Stanley Grenz nih Khrihfabu nih hmuitinh (3) tihin a langhter ve:

1. Worship (Pathian Biaknak le Thangthatnak);
2. Edification (Nun Sersiamnak);
3. Outreach (Khrihfabu lengah Thawngtha Karhternak le Thil Tha tuahnak in rianttuannak).

Edmund Clowney nih Khrihfabu cu Bawipa nih a rianttuantu dingah “Kawhmi” a si, a ti i, Pathian rian kan ttuan ning cu a tanglei thil (3) in a langhter:

1. Worship (Pathian Biaknak le Thangthatnak).
2. Nurture (Zumtu nun Cawmnak)
3. Witness (Khrih Caah Tehte Tha kan sinak in Pathian rian kan ttuan).

John Newport nih khrihfabu hmuitinh hi tthen (2) in a tthen. (1) Khrihfabu chungah Jesuh Khrih cu Bawi a sinak langhter le (2) vawlei zumlotu hna sin ah Jesuh Khrih cu Bawi a sinak chimphuan hi a si. Cu hmuitinh a tlamtlin nakhnga thil (9) khrihfabu nih a tuah lai, a ti:

1. Worship (Pathian Biaknak le Thangthatnak)
2. Service (Pathian Riantuannak)
3. Fellowship (Zumtu Hawikomhnak)
4. Discipline (Zumtu Chimhhrinnak le Cawnpiaknak)
5. Organization (I Funtomnak)
6. Edification (Nun Sersiamnak)
7. Education (Fim Cawnnak)
8. Proclamation (Khamhnak Thawngtha Chimnak)
9. Testimony (Khrih Caah Tehte Tha Sinak)

Donald G. Bloesch nih a cauk, “*The Church: Sacrament, Worship, Ministry, and Mission*” ah Khrihfabu ttha sinak tehte a ttialmi hi zoh awktlak a si. (1) Pathian Bia Chimphuannak le i Cawnpiaknak a um hrimhrim lai. Martin Luther nih chim bang, “Pathian Bia le Thiang Thlarau umnak hmun ah, khrihfabu a um ve” a ti (*where there are the Word of God and the Holy Spirit,*



*there is the church*); (2) Bawipa Zaanriah le Tipil Innak ningcang tein le pehzulh tein hmanna a si. John Calvin nih chim bang, “Pathian Bia kan chimmi an theih i, Bawipa zaanriah hmanna le tipil innak a ngeimi khrihfabu cu, Pathian khrihfabu taktak an si” tiah a ti; (3) Khrihfabu in chimhhrinnak le cawnpiaknak; (4) Zumtu hna hawikomhna; (5) Thawngttha Karhternak le mission rianttuanna; (6) Thawngttha Dik le Zumhna Dik cawnpiaknak; (7) Pathian nih khuaruahhar thil a tuahna (healing & miracles; revival); le (8) Faakpi in thlacanna hna hi an si.

Bill Hull, Disciple-Making cauk tampi ttialtu nih, “*The Disciple-Making Church: Leading a Body of Believers on the Journey of Faith*” cauk ttialmi ah Khrihfabu nih aa sehchih dingmi thil (5) an um, a ti. (1) Pathian Bia Chimna le Cawnpiaknak; (2) Pakhat le pakhat thukpi in i pehtlaihna le dawtna; (3) Thlacanna; (4) Pathian Biakna le Thangtthatna; le (5) Kal i, Khrih Zultu Sernak hna hi an si, a ti. Lamkaltu cauk kan zoh tikah zumtu vialte kha Thawngttha an rak chim i, Zultu an rak ser.

## **Biafunak**

Khrihfabu hmuitinh an ttialmi zoh tikah biapi ngaingai an chiahmi hna cu (1) Pathian Biakna le Thangtthatna (Worship); (2) Pathian Bia Chimna le i Cawnpiakna le Bawipa Zanriah Hmanna le Tipil Innak (Preaching and Teaching God’s Word & Sacraments); (3) Thlacanna (Commitment to Prayer); (4) Thawngttha Karhternak le Mission Rianttuanna in Hell ah kal dingmi thlarau tlaw kawlna le chanhchuahna (Evangelism and Mission; Soul Winning); (5) Zultu Sernak, Training Pekna, Hruaitu Tha Chuahternak (Disciple-Making, Equipping and Training); (6) Bawipa nih a kan pekmi Thlarau laksawng in Bawipa Rianttuanna ah i telna (Ministry; serving; stewardship); (7) Hruaitu ttha ngeihna le ningcang tein i tthithruainak (Godly leaders and biblical leadership) hna hi an si.

## **6. CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

### **A) Pastor Sinak Fianternak**

- a. Pastor te cu Pathian thimmi, kawhmi, chihti thuhmi, le rianhkhinhmi an si, tiah Bible nih fiang tein a kan cawnpiak (Eph. 4:11-12). Cucaah, Pastor le a rian kong zong Bible tthiamtthiam ah kan zoh lai. Pastor caah a biapi bikmi cu a nun (“character”) a si. Pastor a nun aa dawhmi cu a tthawngmi le hmual a ngeimi hruaitu a si (Albert Martin, *The Man of God*). H.B Charles nih, “kan thiamna, thil ti khawhna, kan pahrang, le kan thlarau laksawng nakin kan nun hi a biapi deuh” (*On Pastoring*). Pastor kum saupi ttuanmi Phil A Newton nih, “Bible ning in pastor tahfung cu nun a si. A nun hi zeizong vialte a si. Sianginn a degree a si lo; a laksawng zong si lo; a thil ti khawhna zong a si lo; a experience zong a si lo. Hi vialte hi an biapi tuk ve ko nain a nun aa dawh lo mi pastor caah cun pakpalawng an si. Cucaah, 1 Timothy 3:1-8 le Titus 1:5-8 a tlinh lomi pastor cu chungthu lengnal pastor an si” a ti (*40 Questions on Pastoral Ministry*). Pastor a nun cu Bible

nih biapi tuk in a chiahmi si caah pastor kan lak tikah 1 Timothy 3:1-8 le Titus 1:5-8 he aa tlak bikmi lak dingin Bible nih a kan cawnpiak.

- b. **Pastor:** Pastor timi biafang hi Greek holh in “*poimen*” ti a si. A sullam cu “tuukhal” tinak a si. Cucaah Miraang Bible ah Pastor le Shepherd tiah a hmanna a um. Hi nih hin Khrihfabu cu Bawipa tuurun a si i, Pastor hi a tuuru khaaltu dingah Pathian chiahmi kan si (Acts 20:28; Ps. 80:1; John 10:11). Pastor a rian biapi bik cu Thlarau ti le rawl in cawm le hruai a si (*feeding and leading*; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; John 21:15-17). Ephesians hrilhfiah ttialtu Grant R. Osborne nih, “Pastor cu Jesuh Khrih Khrihfabu ah Jesuh rian pehzulhtu an si” (1 Pet. 5:2), a ti (*Ephesians: Verse-by-Verse*, p. 127). John MacArthur nih Ephesians hrilhfiah ttialmi ah, “Pastor biafang nih tuurun zohkhenhnak, kilvennak, le hruainak hi a chim duhmi a si” a ti (*Ephesians*, p. 143). Ephesians 4:11 i “Pastor le Cawnpiaktu” timi a um. A cheukhat nih pakhat ah an fonh. A cheu nih an tthen. John MacArthur nih aa khat, tiah a pom. Cucaah, Pastor rianttuannak aah tel ciami cu cawnpiaktu an sinak le cawnpiak a thiammi sinak hi a si (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:9). Cun, Bible nih pastor ti a chim duh tikah a chim duhnak context hoih in biafang a hmanna an um. Tahchunhnak ah, “elder” le “bishop” te hna hi an si (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4). Hi biafang pawl hi a tlangpi in Thlarau lei mipuitling sinak le thlarau fimnak (*spiritual maturity & wisdom*) in a khat i, Pathian tuurun zohkhenhtu an sinak chim duhmi a si. A tanglei ah fiang deuh in kan zoh hna lai.
- c. **Elder:** Elder timi biafang hi Pastor chim duhnak ah hmanmi biafang pakhat a si i, Greek holh in *Prebuteros* ti a si. Hi biafang hi Presbyterian phu (denomination) chuahnak biafang a si. Kum in upa a simi le thlarau lei mipuitling hruaitu chim duhnak ah hmanmi a si.
- d. **Bishop:** Bishop timi biafang hi Pastor chim duhnak ah hmanmi biafang pakhat a si. Greek holh in *Episkopos* ti a si i, Episcopalian phu (denomination) chuahnak biafang a si. Miraang i, “overseer” he aa khatmi a si i, khrihfabu chung zohkhenhnak, asilole, administration lei chim duhnak a si. Lai dictionary nih, “Roman Catholic le Anglican nih an ngeihmi pastor” a ti.
- e. Pastor, elder, le bishop hi an pathum tein office pakhat chim duhnak an si. Elder nih a minung chim duhmi a si, bishop le overseer nih a tuahmi chim duhmi a si i, pastor nih a lungput le a nun ziaza chim duhmi a si (MacArthur). An pathum tein Peter nih a cakuat ah chimnak kan hmuh. **1 Peter 5:1-2** rel usih: “*Khrihfa upa hna* (Gk: *prebuteros*), kei zong *Khrihfa upa* (Gk: *prebuteros*) ka si ve bantukin kan nawl hna. Khrih nih temhnak a inmi tehte pakhat ka si ve i a lang laimi sunparnak zongah kaa tel ve lai. Pathian nih an pekmi hna tuurun a *khaltu* (Gk: *poimaino*) kha si u law Pathian nih *zohkhenh* (Gk: *episkopeo*) hna seh ti an duh hna bantukin lungtho lo si loin lungtho tein *zohkhenh* (Gk: *episkopeo*) hna u. Tuan man hmuh ding men ah si loin tuan nan duh taktak ruang tu ah nan rian kha tuan u.”
- f. **Fianternak:** Peter nih, “**khrihfa upa hna**” timi hi khrihfa-upa (deacons) si loin pastor (elder: *Prebuteros*) chim duhmi a si. Kum khua le thlarau lei mipuitling

hruaitu sinak chim duhmi a si (Lai Bible nih khrihfa-upa, tiah a leh sualmi a si). Cun, “**tuurun a khaltu**” timi hin Pastor timi biafang a hmang cang. Tukhal (pastor) a rian, caring, feeding, leading, le guarding kha chim duhmi a si. Cun, a pathumnak ah “**zohkhenh**” timi biafang ah “Bishop” asilole, “Overseer” a hman.

## B) Pastor Rian

- a. Brian Croft, Auburndale Baptist Church ah senior pastor ttuanmi le cauk ttialtu nih Pastor rian ah biapi taktakmi thil (10) a ttial: (1) Pathian Biatak Kilvennak (*Guarding the Truth*); (2) Pathian Bia Chimphuannak (*Preaching the Word*); (3) Khrihfabu Member Caah Thlacam (*Praying for the Flock*); (4) Ttuurun caah a tthami zohchunh awk chiahpik (*Setting an excellent example for the flock*); (5) Ttuurun chung in midamlo lenkai (*Visiting the sick*); (6) A ngaihchiami hna thazang pek le hnemh (*Comforting the grieve*); (7) Nuhmei le ngakttah zohkhenhnak (*Caring for the widow*); (8) An tuahmi sualnak le thil ttha lo ah sik/cawnpiak (*Confronting sin*); (9) A derthawnmi zumtu thazang peknak le forhfialnak (*Encouraging the weaker Christian*); (10) Hruaitu ttha le thar thimnak le Training peknak – hruaitu ttha/thar chuahter (*Identifying and training leaders*) (*The Pastor’s Ministry*).
- b. The Master’s Seminary ah Pastoral Ministry i professor ttuanmi Richard L. Mayhue nih 1-2 Thessalonian chirhchanh in pastor rian kong tihin a ttial ve: (1) Thlacamnak (1 Thess. 1:2-3; 3:9-13); (2) Thawngttha Karhternak (1 Thess. 1:4-5, 9-10); (3) Nun Sersiamnak (equipping; 1 Thess. 1:6-8); (4) Biatak Dirkamhnak le Kilvennak (1 Thess. 2:1-6); (5) Dawtnak ngeih (1 Thess. 2:7-8); (6) Faakpi in rianttuannak (1 Thess. 2:9); (7) Zohchunh dingmi chiahpik (modeling; 1 Thess. 2:10); (8) Hruai (leading; 1 Thess. 2:10-12); (9) Cawm, ti le rawl pek (feeding; 1 Thess. 2:13); (10) tuurun zeidah an lawh tiah zoh/ngiat (1 Thess. 3:1-8); (11) tuurun nih an herhmi ralrinnak pek (1 Thess. 4:1-8); (12) cawnpiak (teaching; 1 Thess. 4:9-11); (13) Forhfialnak pek (1 Thess. 5:12-24); (14) Thazang pek (2 Thess. 1:3-12); (15) remh (correcting; 2 Thess. 2:1-12); (16) sik/cak (confronting; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14); (17) chanhchuahnak (rescuing; 2 Thess. 3:15) (*Pastoral Ministry: How to pastor biblically. 2005*).

## C) Deacon (Khrihfa-Upa)

- a. Bible nih thlarau lei hruaitu (*spiritual leader*), asilole, khrihfabu hruaitu (*church leader*) ah biapi in a chiahmi cu pastor te an si. Annih cu thlarau ti le rawl petu, cawnpiaktu, thlacamtu, kan thlarau damnak zohkhenhtu, hruaitu, le kilvengtu an si (Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17; Titus 1:9; Heb. 13:17). Sihmanhsehlaw, khrihfa upa zong khrihfabu damnak le tthawnnak ah rian biapi tuk an ngei ve. Bible nih khrihfa-upa rian biapi bikin a chimmi cu pastor rian bawmtu nan si. Bawipa nih pastor a fialmi rian, pastor nih i hmaithlak in fel tein a ttuan khawh nakhnga khrihfa upa nih

bawmh a si. Khrihfabu nih an herhmi thlarau lei thil (*spiritual needs*) an tlamtlinh khawh nakhnga taksa lei an herhmi (*practical & physical needs*) tlamtlinhpiak a si (Acts 6:1-6).

- b. Khrihfa kan biaknak ah Deacon (khrihfa-upa) kan hmuhning le pomning hi aa dang cio. A cheukhat khrihfabu nih cun khrihfabu hruaitu ah an chiah hna, anmah zong nih an i ruah. A cheukhat ah cun hruaitu dirhmun si loin, a rianttuannak, a bik in pastor rianttuannak ah bawmtu ah an chiah. Pastor le Deacon pehtlaihnak le rianttuannak hi Lai khrihfabu nih kan i fian ngaingai a herh. Zeicahtiah, buainak tampi a chuahpitu thil pakhat a si caah a si. Rev. Dr. Paul Albik Ceu nih a cauk chuahmi “The Church (Khrihfabu)” ah tihin a ttial:
- c. “Bible caang dangdang zongah ‘Deacon’ timi biafang hi khrihfabu chung ah hruaitu sinak (leadership position) phun in a hmang lo. Taksa lei le Thlarau lei rianttuantu (servant) sinak tu khan a hmanna kan hmuh khawh. Cucaah, ‘Deacon’ nih a ttuan dingmi rian kong cu cunglei ah kan chim cang bangin, kannih kan ram thumnak khrihfabu hna nih pem lak le fiang tein kan hngalh ve a hau cang. Atu ram thumnak khrihfabu tampi nih cun ‘deacon’ hi zaidah an si, ze rian dah an ttuan awk a si, ti kan hngalhami a tlawm deuh. ‘Deacons’ hna hrimhrim zong nih cucu a hngal ve lo mi an um. Cucaah, khrihfabu hi ningcang in a kal kho lo. Uktu le hruaitu phun in an i hmuh tikah, Pastor cungah nawlIngeihnak le control duhnak an ngei. Rangtuum aa citmi pa bang Pastor hna chaakmertu an si lo zia an i hngalh i, rianttuantu (servant) an sinak kha an i hngalh ahcun khrihfabu ah buainak a um hnga lo i, an cung zongah Pathian aa lawm tuk ko hnga” (2022, p. 62).
- d. Pastor le Deacon hi Bible nih biapi ngaiin a kan cawnpiakmi an si caah kan zoh tuah hna lai.
- e. Deacon Biafang Fianternak
  - 1) Khrihfa-upa – Gk: *Diakonos* (noun): “a servant,” “one who executes the commands another,” “the servant of a king,” “a waiter,” “one who serves food and drink.”
  - 2) Khrihfa-upa – Gk: *Diakonia* (noun): “Ministry,” “service,” or “support.”
  - 3) Khrihfa-upa timi biafang hi miraang ah “deacon” ti a si lo le “serve” ti a si. Greek in *diakoneo* ti a si i, “a waiter” asilole, “one who minister to another” tinak a si. Lai in midang rianhtu le cabuai cung rawl petu tinak si.
  - 4) Pastor Juan Sanchez, nih “What Do Deacons Do?” timi cauk ah Pathian rianttuan a biapitnak tihin a chim, “Pathian Pennak chung i mingan bik cu “mi sal”, asiloah, “sin-um”, asiloah, “midang rianhtu” (“servant”) an si. Kan vawleipi nih cun nawlIngeihnak (power) a ngeimi le a duhmi hna hi an si, tiah a ruah tawn. Sihmanhsehlaw, kan Pathian mit ah cun Pathian Minung a rianhtu, midang rianttuanpiaktu, le Pathian caah aa pumpemi

hna hi an si” a ti. (*The greatest in the kingdom are servants. The world thinks greatness corresponds to power, but in God’s eyes greatness corresponds to service—particularly serving the people of God*” (p. 10).

f. Deacon Sinak (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

- 1) Nun ziaza tthami (*honorable & respectable*).
- 2) Lungthin a thiangmi (*not double-tongued*).
- 3) Zu tam tuk a ding lo mi (*self-discipline*).
- 4) A hakkau lo mi (*not a lover of money*).
- 5) Zumhnak biatak fek tein aa tlaihmi (*hold firm to the true gospel*).
- 6) Hneksakmi (*blameless; character, spiritual, doctrine, & service*).
- 7) An nupile zong nun ziaza tthami (*godly wife; no gossip, but respectable*).
- 8) Nupi pakhat lawng ngeimi (*one-woman man; faithfulness to wife*).
- 9) Innchungkhar ttha tein zohkhenhmi (*spiritual leadership to wife and children*).

g. Deacon Rian

- 1) Khrihfa upa cu khrihfabu ah sal, asilole, sin-um bantukin rian ttuantu le pastor rian bawmtu an si.
- 2) Pastor nih Bible relnak, thlacamnak, le Pathian Bia chimnak ah caan tampi an pek khawh nakhnga khrihfa upa cu khrihfabu member an herhmi vawlei lei le taksa lei herh pechantu le tuahpiaktu an si.
- 3) Pathian biaknak le thangtthatnak a tlamtlin i a tthat nakhnga ttuanvo ngeitu an si.
- 4) Biakinn thianhhlimeh – ningcang tein biakinn chung thil le ri chiah.
- 5) Khrihfabu chung miharsa le misifaak bawmtu, pechantu, lengkaitu, le thlacampiaktu an si (Acts 6:1-6).
- 6) Thawhlawmh kholh, rel, recazin tlaih, tangka luhchuahnak zoh.
- 7) Pumh caan ah midon, kuttlah, bulletin pek, Bawipa zaanriah pek.
- 8) Pastor nih bawmh an herhnak ah bawmh ding in timhcia tein um.
- 9) Khrihfabu chung lunglawmhnak le ngaihchiatnak ah tlangtlatu.
- 10) Pastor he naihnam te’n rianttuantnak te hna hi an si.

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