



First Church of God

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Biblically Based - Mission Minded - Family Focused

Ministry Goals & Aspirations 2010/2011 08/2010

1. Because we count things we value

- a. Increase average attendance to 70
 - i. Average for last fiscal year is 58; average for past four months is 61.4 (including July average of 50)
 - ii. Notable numbers – July saw 92 different people in church. June saw 116 different people in church (excluding those who will not be return guests).
- b. Enhance the Ministry of Finance endeavors toward church fiscal health

2. Because seeing is believing

- a. Enhance use of internet
 - i. Web site – Thank you Ralph Johnston
 - ii. Face Book
 - iii. E-mail connectivity
- b. Purpose statement and logo visibility
 - i. Discover ways to get our “brand name” in the public market

3. Because we practice what we preach

- a. Implement ministries outlined under our Purpose Statement
 - i. Biblically Based
 1. Re-visioning worship to become more experiential
 2. Emphasizing our Christian education ministries
 - a. Sunday school; mid-week teaching, etc...
 - ii. Mission Minded
 1. Faith Promise Missions Moments
 2. Mission trips in the United States and overseas
 3. Discover ways to support Pregnancy Resource Center, Women’s Resource Center, and other missions in “hands on” as well as financial ways.
 - iii. Family Focused
 1. Continued development of Sunday evening ministries.
 2. Discovery of ways to “connect” in addition to the Sunday experience

Visionary Goals for 2014 (Four Years)

1. Plus One and Debt-free
 - a. Current debt payoff is scheduled for April, 2018. Goal is to pay off debt by 2015.
2. Average attendance of 110
 - a. This represents at 58% growth.
3. Continued annual missions trips
 - a. Alternating in U.S.A. and Overseas
4. One or Two additional paid staff positions
 - a. Youth Pastor/Family Ministries Pastor
 - b. Churches that grow invest dollars in staff
5. Exceed adopted budget by 5% each year
 - a. Attendance and discipleship growth equals income growth.

Experiential Worship

For the past several years studies have found that adults consistently admit that even though they may regularly attend worship services at church, they rarely feel as if they connect with God during those events.

Most people cite “good worship” as singing songs or hymns they like; hearing a sermon that they understand or rate favorably (either it is comforting, comfortable, or helpful); getting to interact with friends; or having successfully appeased God through voluntary attendance. While each of these has merit, still these miss the point.

The point is to bring us into a close and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ that enables and equips us to fulfill His calling in our lives.

In recent months we have “dabbled” with experiential worship. Our services of Holy Communion have been the most notable experiential worship services, i.e. putting a nail in the cross; a single drop of blood; washing your hands.

Through experiential worship we will incorporate ways to “sense” the presence and interact with God using all of our God-given senses (touch, taste, see, smell, and hearing). Please note, this is not just a surrender to the physical senses... the Bible gives us some direction.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good;” Psalm 34:8

Jesus routinely used the touch to do ministry. He touched the blind man’s eyes; the woman with an issue of blood touched the hem of his garment; Jesus told Thomas to touch the wounds...

Jesus spoke of seeing the Kingdom of God; of having our eyes opened to the truth. God told Moses to stand and see the salvation of God.

Incense was used routinely in the Old Testament tabernacle; Ephesians 5:2 “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and has given himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.”

“He that has an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Rev. 3:11