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PLATFORM

A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY:

“And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (KJV)

The writer of Proverbs 29:18 advises, ‘without vision the people perish.’ In other words, if the plan of God for the people of God is not shared, the people will go astray. There must be a plan. Once the plan is acknowledged, it must be followed. If the plan is followed, the plan will work.

“Excellence in Ministry” is designed to affirm the ministries that are already in place and encourage those active in those ministries to redirect their energies toward fulfilling five common objectives:



GOD IS GLORIFIED

“Let your light so shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

All the ministries of the Church must strive to bring attention to God through its presentation of ministry. We should never regard our participation in ministry or worship as a time to entertain or be entertained, but as an opportunity to worship our God and minister to God’s people. The message we send is “LOOK AT GOD!” If we continue to remind one another of this, God will be glorified.

The only reason God created humanity was to love and be loved by us. We show our love by what we do and say. To glorify God means, literally, to show God off. It is experiencing and proclaiming the presence of God among God’s creation and creatures. As children of God, every aspect of our lives should cry out, “Look at God!” Our lives should be walking billboards that show others what knowing God and being known by God looks like.

In the Gospel of Matthew, as Jesus is preaching his Sermon on the Mount, he says: “Let your light shine.” The fact that he uses the word “your” should indicate to us that each of us has a light. Each of us has within us the power of God. That power is given to be used to combat darkness so that God’s presence will light up every part of the world. Therefore, wherever we are, God is present in us. Please do not overlook the point that Jesus says “let”. To let means that the action must be deliberately performed by the bearer of the light. It is one thing to have light; it is another to turn it on. Each member of Little Rock is encouraged to discover through prayer what his/her light (gift, purpose, or ministry) is. When that gift or purpose or ministry is realized, those members should involve themselves with one of the ministries where they can shine their light in order to show God off to others. We each have individual lights, but as we bring our light into the ministry of the church, each ministry becomes a brighter light to show God off to those who may not know God. We collectively show forth God’s glory through the ministries that we offer to others.

To glorify God in our ministries we are required to present our best. Everything about this church should be dedicated to showing God off. Even as persons are passing by the church property, the property and the grounds of the church should be so maintained that the message sent is “WELCOME, LOOK AT GOD!” As persons drive on the property to attend church to worship, especially our visitors, all members should greet them in such a way that says: “WELCOME, LOOK AT GOD!” Those who are Greeters should be in place to make everyone feel welcomed. Greeters should direct all visitors to ushers who are in place so that they may be seated in the sanctuary, which is also well maintained, clean and comfortable. The sanctuary should be set for worship. The ushers should assist the music ministry in maintaining an atmosphere that is conducive for worship. There should not be any talking – only quiet meditation as the musicians engage in their ministry to prepare the congregation for worship. These moments of centering should always say, “LOOK AT GOD!” All persons who are involved in the leading of worship (i.e., ministers, choir, acolytes, ushers, and deaconesses) should be in robes or uniforms and ready to take their positions at least fifteen minutes before the processional. All uniforms should be properly cleaned and cared for. This also sends a message, “LOOK AT GOD!” Every aspect of the order of worship should lead the congregation to “LOOK AT GOD!” and should be presented decently and in good order. We should never regard our participation in worship as a time to entertain or be entertained, but as an opportunity to worship our God and minister to God’s people. The message that we send is not look at me, but rather, “LOOK AT GOD!” All of the ministries of the church must strive to bring attention to God through its presentation of ministry, and if we continue to remind one another of this, God truly will be glorified!

JESUS IS MAGNIFIED

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 (KJV)



To magnify means to make great or greater; to rise to a right position or status, make known. God has magnified God's son, Jesus and has done so that men and women can come to God through the Son. Only when we accept Jesus can we receive the gift of eternal life. By believing in Jesus as the Son of God, we proclaim his dominion over our lives. There are so many people in our society who are searching for solutions to their problems and hope for their despair. Jesus is our hope and our solution.

When we acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives, no longer are we governed by what we want, but rather we are governed by what He wants. He is in charge of every aspect of our lives: physical, financial and spiritual. We obey His word and are faithful to fulfilling His will and commands. We also become involved in reaching out to the world for Him. We magnify Jesus by expanding his kingdom on earth. Once we have come into the knowledge of Jesus Christ, we understand that our responsibility is to witness to others who may not know Him. Everyone who receives Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior receives Him because someone else introduced Him. Just as He was introduced to us, we are responsible to introduce Him to others. God desires that all should be saved and none should be lost. Our single mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

At Little Rock, we should regard everything that we do as an opportunity to magnify Jesus, to expand or make His kingdom greater. Every ministry should be a door that invites someone to accept Jesus Christ. All officers and members of Little Rock should know that their chief purpose is to glorify God and magnify Jesus.

The worship service is ordered so that at the end of the service, someone may be led to receive Christ. If we lift up Jesus that is exactly what will happen. All of the ministries we offer are presented so that through them someone will receive Christ. When we come to church we should HAVE church, but when we leave, we must BE the church, so that our witness will draw those outside of the church into the church. That is why our conduct in an out of church should reflect that “we have been with Jesus.” (Acts 4:13)

The Evangelism Ministry and the Missionary Department of Little Rock is organized so that people may be reached. There are so many persons in our society who are searching for solutions to their problems and hope for their despair. They must hear through our evangelism and missionary efforts that Jesus is available and is the answer. Jesus is our hope and Jesus is our solution. The Classes of Little Rock are also organized to reach. While Evangelism and Missionaries reach outwardly, our Class Leader system is design to reach inwardly, so that Jesus is Magnified as faith is deepened.

PEOPLE ARE EDIFIED

“And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13 (KJV)

Every person who receives Christ must learn how to be a Christian and how to grow stronger in their Christianity. God has arranged for the body of Christ to be supplied with everything it needs to fulfill God’s purpose. Every person who receives Christ receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the power of God which enables Christians to do the work of God. Every member and ministry should regard everything they do as an opportunity to build up the body of Christ.

To edify means to equip, to train, or teach. When Paul writes to the church at Ephesus, he explains to them how the work of the church should be done. The work of the church is done by the people of the church. As God through Jesus has saved the believers by grace through faith, believers must understand that they have not only been saved from something, but are saved for something.



To edify also means “build up.” The world in which we live does a good job in tearing down. The church must be deliberate in building up.

The Christian Education Department is organized so that every age group has a place to learn how to glorify God and magnify Jesus. The Sunday School is also organized to train every age group in what God expects from those who love God. There are always opportunities available to the members of the church and those seeking Christ to learn and grow. There are bible study classes every Wednesday afternoon and evening. There are also other workshops and classes that are offered throughout the year to encourage spiritual growth and development. Remember, just as the physical body needs physical food to remain strong and alive, the Spiritual body needs Spiritual food to remain strong and alive.

Jesus instructs us to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20) Jesus never expected the church to just GO but he also said PREACH, BAPTIZE and TEACH them to observe or DO the things he commanded his disciples to do. The church can never be effective unless we study and teach.

All persons in church leadership should be present at Bible Study and Sunday School because this is where spiritual understanding is cultivated. In these settings, information is shared and questions are answered. The church is then strengthened by the presence of the Holy Spirit, who is the real teacher. All believers are blessed by these sessions because God has promised that those who diligently seek God will be rewarded. (Hebrews 11:6). No one should expect to be fed who never comes to the table to eat.

FAITH IS FORTIFIED

“Finally, now brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Ephesians 6:10-11 (KJV)

The people of Little Rock who attend Bible Study learn the will of God through the word of God and are strengthened to combat the attacks of the enemy on our lives and ministry. Faith must be fed.



To fortify means to strengthen, to defend against enemy attack. The child of God must always remember that just as God desires to build, the adversary desires to destroy. The objective of the devil is to overthrow the kingdom of God. Since he (Satan) cannot defeat God, he focuses his attention on the people and things of God. He prevents the implementation of God's plan for us by distracting and discouraging the people of God. Satan distracts the people of God by enticing us to pursue the things of the world. If we are tied up by or tied up to the things of the world, we have no energy to fulfill the plan God has for our lives and the church. Satan discourages us to believe that we can ever have what God wants for us. The spirit of negativity can infect the body of Christ to such a degree that we give up on reaching for higher levels of ministry because all of our focus becomes centered on our limitations, rather than God's unlimited supply of resources. Satan attacks us from the spiritual realm, but the results are manifested in the physical realm. That is why we are constantly governed by what we see.



“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen.” Without faith, it is impossible to please God. God deliberately chooses to bless us when we act in faith. Our faith honors God. It demonstrates our ability to trust God even when we are not able to discern where God is leading us. Our faith is made stronger only when we are in the presence of God. We remain in the presence of God when we are in constant communion with God. Prayer is the instrument God has given us that keeps us in God's presence. The more we pray, the stronger our faith will be. God expects us to walk by faith and not by sight. The more we seek God's will for our lives and ministry, the more we will grow in faith. The adversary is powerless in the presence of God. What we see will not govern what we do as long as we stay prayerful. The people of Little

Rock are constantly encouraged to attend Bible Study. Not only do we learn the will of God through the word of God, but we are strengthened to combat the attacks of the enemy on our lives and ministry. Faith must be fed.

MINISTRY IS MULTIPLIED

“And Jabez called on the God of Israel...And God granted his request.” I Chronicles 4:10 (KJV)

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God expects growth. God is honored by the fruitfulness of God’s creation. In creation, everything yields more of itself: all trees, plants and animals produce after their kind. God admonished Adam and Eve to “be fruitful and multiply.” As Jesus taught His disciples, he often used parables that indicated the desire that God has for growth. It does not honor God that his creation has grown in the past; God is honored when it continues to grow. Anything that does not grow is either dead or is in the process of dying.

When Jesus was about to ascend to Heaven, he gathered his disciples and commanded that they, “Go into all the world preaching the gospel to every creature.” Growth of God’s kingdom is the objective. God desires that all should be saved and none

should be lost. When God is Glorified, Jesus is Magnified, People are Edified and Faith is Fortified, a Multiplied Ministry will be the result. The more attention that is given to pleasing and showing God off (glory) will attract the people of God to come to Jesus, the son of God (magnify). God’s people will be edified (equipped, trained) to fulfill their gifts (purposes). As we seek to glorify God and magnify Jesus, we will be fortified (strengthened) in our faith. Our membership will be multiplied by the efforts of persons constantly reaching both out and in. Our finances will be multiplied because obedient persons will tithe and support the ministries offered by the church. Our resources will be multiplied which will allow us to increase our territory for a multiplied ministry. There will be more space to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, train, educate and recreate our children.

The Excellence In Ministry Model is:

Transferable: it will work anywhere, small, medium or large church, urban or rural.

Tangible: You can actually touch and see the impact and results of this model

Sustainable: it will last beyond any one individual or personality

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