

STATE OF THE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS 2009

PAUL'S CORE STRATEGY

- ✘ How did Paul accomplish this amazing feat? What was his strategy?
- ✘ He **evangelized** strategic cities to establish a beachhead of believers.
- ✘ He **edified** the new believers in sound doctrine.
- ✘ He **established** the communities of believers into organized local churches.
- ✘ He **enlisted** key men that could be trained to carry on the work and lead the churches in his absence.
- ✘ He used the local churches as a base from which to **expand** the gospel into outlying communities.

PAUL'S MINISTRY PATTERN

- ✘ Establish local churches in urban centers that could reach into the surrounding areas. Acts 15:36, 16:12, Acts 17, 18:10, 19:35
- ✘ Ordained and established elders that would be responsible for the care and oversight of the local churches. Acts 20:28, Titus 1:5
- ✘ Duly appointed elders are instructed to follow and teach the Pauline design for the edification of the believer.
- ✘ Paul's desire for the saints was to lead the Grace Life in their homes, at their jobs, and in the local church.
- ✘ Paul needed fellowlaboures to partner with him in the ministry. In order to be successful every ministry needs people to share of their time, talents, and finances. Philemon 24, Colossians 4:11.

YEAR TWO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✘ The following is a list of what we have accomplished by striving together for the faith of the gospel:
- ✘ Moved into our new facility
- ✘ Christmas program and fellowship dinner
- ✘ Right Division 101 Sundays
- ✘ Collaborated with Shorewood Bible Church for a Teen Winter Retreat
- ✘ Test drove an adult Sunday School class

YEAR TWO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✘ Hosted Eastern morning fellowship breakfast
- ✘ Launched the Just Grace It Marketing Campaign
- ✘ Started the Grace Life Mug Club
- ✘ Updated our Music Program
- ✘ Launched the Grace Life School of Theology
- ✘ Began a contemporary evening service
- ✘ Seasonal Woman's Bible Study
- ✘ Hosted our first Teen Lock-In
- ✘ Two Grace Life Grill Outs

YEAR TWO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✘ Revamped the churches websites
- ✘ Successfully hosted our second conference
- ✘ Expanded the Children's Church by adding the Tween Class
- ✘ Organized and printed and updated church directory
- ✘ Opened a small book store
- ✘ Had at least one visitor every week we have been in the new building
- ✘ Grew the our fellowship from about 60 to around 90 saints

BOARD GOALS FOR YEAR THREE

✘ Focus on Evangelism

- + Personal evangelism
- + 4 organized intentional evangelistic events

✘ Retention of Visitors

- + 8 week New Believers Class
- + Better follow up procedures
- + Exit Survey

✘ Young People's Advisory Board

- + Quarterly Meeting with the 20-40 year olds (all others welcome) to discuss better ways to reach people in this age bracket.

BOARD GOALS FOR YEAR THREE

- ✘ Continued Improvement of Current Ministries
 - + Finished Child Care Procedures and Guidelines
 - + Begin writing comprehensive Children's Church Curriculum from ages 3-16
 - + Recruit substitute teachers for the Tween and Teen classrooms
 - + Youth Group
 - + Ect.
- ✘ Stabilize our Financial Situation
 - + Financial Report to Follow

BOARD WISH LIST

- ✘ Nursery Supervisor
- ✘ Audio Visual workers for rotation
- ✘ Teachers/Subs for the Tween and Teen classes
- ✘ Faithfull men to consider joinging the board