STATE OF THE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS 2016

PAUL'S CORE STRATEGY

- When we first meet 9 years ago I presented Paul's core ministry strategy as the model for how we were going to attempt to do things here at Grace Life Bible Church.
- Between Acts 13 and 20, a period of 10-12 years, Paul established churches in four Roman provinces: Galatia, Macedonia, Achaia, and Asia.
- In Acts 13 there were no churches in these provinces; by Acts 20:1-3 (when Paul wrote Romans) Paul could speak as if his work there was done and could plan extensive journeys into the far west without anxiety that the churches he left behind would perish in his absence.
- × Romans 15:14-24

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 believes 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 saints 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.

GLBC'S MINISTRY PRIORITIES

- Edification—establish the saints of <u>all ages</u> in Pauline sound doctrine and the principles of the Grace Life (II Tim. 1:5; 3:16).
 - + Adult Sunday School, Main Service, Children's Church, Friday Night Bible study, Youth Group, Ladies Conference, Men's Breakfast, Fall Bible Conference, Websites, Etc.
 - **Be the Body**—seek to build up and support our one another in both triumph and tragedy (I Cor. 12:25-26).
 - + Cards Ministry, Notification System, Picnic, and other Events
- **Train Faithful Men**—identify and train faithful men who will be able to train others also (II Tim. 2:2).

GLBC'S MINISTRY PRIORITIES

- Enlist —identify willing men who are established in the faith to aid in the edification, encouragement, and establishment of other saints, i.e., elders and deacons (I Tim. 3:1, 12; Titus 1:5-9).
- Evangelism—properly edified and mature saints will have a heart for evangelism and seeing lost souls get saved. It is by doing to work of an evangelist that full proof is made of the ministry (2 Tim. 4:5).
 - + VBS, Easter Breakfast, Christmas Fellowship, Personal Evangelism
- EVERYTHING WE DO AS AN ASSEMBLY NEEDS TO BE TIED INTO ONE OF THESE 5 SCRIPTURUAL PRIORITIES.

SUMMARY OF KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- × Successfully hosted the following events.
 - + Ladies Conference, VBS, Bible Conference
- Restructured and teen class and launched a Youth Group.
 - + Lock In, Retreat, Bike Trip
- Fellowship Opportunities—Grace Sisterhood, Picnic, Whitecaps Game, Etc.
- Amended the governing documents regarding Same Sex Marriage and related issues.
- Installed WIFI and launched a Live Streaming ministry.
 - + Help promote this ministry on Social Media.

GOALS FOR YEAR 10

× Maintain our current ministries:

- + Nursery, Children's Church, Sweeping Saints, Etc.
- + Always need helps in this ministries.
- × Continue the process of building our youth group.
 - + Support Nate and Kristen not only with your prayers but by volunteering to help with the teens.
- Quarterly church fellowships or outreach events—
 Be the Body
 - Evangelism Outreach at an area event.

GOALS FOR YEAR 10 CONT.

- Continue the process of training faithful men within our own assembly.
 - + Right Division 101 Course
 - + Grace History Project
 - + King James Bible Course (In progress)
 - + Continue to offer more teaching opportunities throughout the year to other interested men.

BOARD NOTES

- Daryl Doornbose has joined the board in the capacity of co-treasurer and is preparing for the eventuality that Wayne goes south for the winter.
- Wayne may be heading south after the first of the year.
- Meetings will have an open agenda portion and a closed agenda portion. When the open agenda portion is concluded the duration of the board meeting will be closed.

BOARD WISH LIST

- × PowerPoint Announcements
- * A.V. Person to learn the Live Streaming procedures as backup/assistant to Caleb.
- **CD/DVD Duplication**—ministry will end if no one steps forward.
- **VBS Coordinator**—need to know by the end of the calendar year.
- Someone with some tech savvy to explore the Podcasting of church messages.
- Prayers for the board and assembly.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT MOVING FORWARD

- × Mindfulness in our approach to visitors.
 - + Difference between "friendly" and a "friend"
 - + Amanda
 - + Not jumping on visitors about doctrine.
- Il Timothy 2:24-26—we need to be patient with those how don't know or agree with our doctrine.
- We need to guard against the development of our own grace legalism.

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CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

- Romans 14:19—I have never promoted a particular political candidate or party from the pulpit because these things don't make for peace among the brethren they cause division.
- Philippians 3:20—our heavenly affiliation ought to mean more to us than the earthly.
- × Vote in accordance with sound doctrine.
- × Vote with an awareness of the winter season that we are in.
- I Timothy 2:1-3—pray for yourselves and each other that we can live quite and peaceably regardless of the outcome.