

2006 CONNECTING

“Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days to the close and consummation of the age.”

Matthew 28:18, 19 KJV - Amplified

It was by personal contact and association that Jesus trained His disciples. Sometimes He taught them, sitting among them on the mountainside; sometimes beside the sea, or walking with them by the way, He revealed the mysteries of the kingdom of God. He did not sermonize as men do today. Wherever hearts were open to receive the divine message, He unfolded the truths of the way of salvation. He did not command His disciples to do this or that, but said, “Follow Me.” On His journeys through country and cities He took them with Him, that they might see how He taught the people. He linked their interest with His, and they united with Him in the work.

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Electricity is very useful but it only powers those things that are connected to it. The power of God is the same way. God’s power does not increase or decrease it remains constant and complete, always available to us IF we are connected. This year we need to show our youth not only how to get connected to God in a new or stronger way but also how to be an extension cord for God. Extending His love to others through so that they too can get connected.

2007 RENEWING

“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!”

Psalms 95:1 KJV – Amplified

The duty to worship God is based upon the fact that He is the Creator and that to Him all other beings owe their existence. And wherever, in the Bible, His claim to reverence and worship, above the gods of the heathen, is presented, there is cited the evidence of His creative power.

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Wake up! Being refreshed and renewed involves more than sleep or rest; it involves action. Worship is love in action and it takes many different forms and expressions. Praise, thankfulness, petitions, acts of faith and trust are all part of worship that can happen anytime and anywhere. There is no limit to God’s power, and there shouldn’t be limits on our worship.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

PRIMARY FOCUS:

- The salvation of youth through Jesus Christ.
- Equipping youth for service.

OUR TASK:

- Lead youth to understand their individual worth by helping them discover and develop their spiritual gifts and abilities.
- Equip and empower youth for a life of service within God’s church and community.
- Ensure the integration of youth into *all* aspects of church life and leadership, making them full participants in the mission of the church.

OUR GOALS:

- Achieve a balanced ministry by incorporating the Biblical dynamics of fellowship, nurture, worship, and mission.
- Relate effective ministry to the needs of youth.
- Conduct ongoing research to discover areas that need attention in the ever-changing youth culture.
- Seek divine guidance in God’s Word.

2008 SACRIFICING

“For you did sympathize and suffer along with those who were imprisoned, and you bore cheerfully the plundering of your belongings and the confiscation of your property, in the knowledge and consciousness that you yourselves had a better and lasting possession.”

Hebrews 10:34 KJV – Amplified

The compassion that God manifests toward us, He bids us manifest toward others. Let the impulsive, the self-sufficient, the revengeful, behold the meek and lowly One, led as a lamb to the slaughter, unretaliating as a sheep dumb before her shearers. Let them look upon Him whom our sins have pierced and our sorrows burdened, and they will learn to endure, to forbear, and to forgive.

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Giving when it hurts is sacrifice and only as we are filled with the Holy Spirit are we able and willing to repeatedly give in this way. Jesus sacrificed the glory, honor and comfort of heaven to come here and serve us so that we would know the truth about the Father. Jesus is our example of true sacrifice and service. This year our goal is for our youth to more fully understand not only what true sacrifice is but to experience it with a heart full of God’s compassion.

2009 SHINING

“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 KJV – Amplified

The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God’s plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to “the principalities and powers in heavenly places,” the final and full display of the love of God. Ephesians 3:10.

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In the dark of night even one small candle can be seen from even a great distance. That same candle can share its fame with another and together they are brighter and light up a larger area. But if the candle tried to hide so that I wouldn’t be so easily seen, then it would never have the opportunity to share its flame. We are called to be the light of the world but too often we only allow ourselves to fully shine when we are together. This year our goal is to challenge our youth to shine all the time and to spread out and share the flame of hope and love of God with others.

2010 LEADING

“Whoever speaks, [let him do it as one who utters] oracles of God: whoever renders service, [let him do it] as with the strength which God furnished with the strength which God furnishes ‘abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah)’. To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).”

1 Peter 4:11 KJV – Amplified

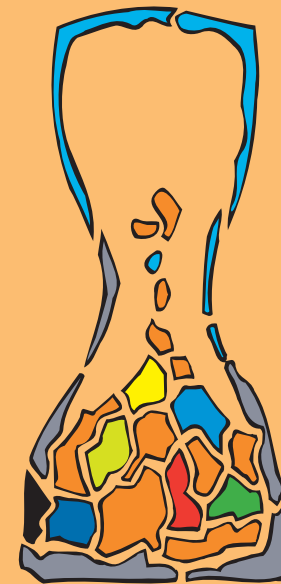
The Holy Spirit comes to convict of sin, and the faith that springs up in the heart works by love to Christ, conforming us in body, soul, and spirit to His own image. Then God can use us to do His will. The power given us works from within outwardly, leading us to communicate to others the truth that has been communicated to us.

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Everyone follows someone. Who are you following? How do you know? The answer is easy, who are you like? Actions have and will always speak louder and clearer than words. You don’t have to be an elected leader to lead but to be a good leader you need to follow Jesus Christ. This year our goal is to open the eyes of our youth to discover the leadership roles they currently have and to lead them into improving and strengthening their influence for the cause of Christ.

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YEARLY THEMES 2006-2010



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