

STATE OF THE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS 2017

PAUL'S CORE STRATEGY

- ✘ When we first meet 10 years ago I presented Paul's core ministry strategy as the model for how we were going to structure the ministry 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 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 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 all ages in Pauline sound doctrine and the principles of the Grace Life (II Tim. 1:5; 3:16).
- ✘ **Be the Body**—seek to build up and support our one another in both triumph and tragedy (I Cor. 12:25-26).
- ✘ **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 (1 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 (2 Tim. 4:5).
- ✘ **EVERYTHING WE DO AS AN ASSEMBLY NEEDS TO BE TIED INTO ONE OF THESE 5 SCRIPTURAL PRIORITIES.**

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EDIFICATION

- ✘ Website contains nearly every message from the last 10 years.
- ✘ Leader is study and advancement of Pauline truth.
 - + Grace History Project
 - + Right Division 101
 - + Preservation & the King James Bible
 - ✘ From This Generation For Ever Class
 - ✘ King James Bible in America Paper (Jan. 2017)
 - ✘ Acts 12:4 Don't Passover Easter (Spring, 2017)
 - ✘ A Tale of Two Constantine's: Rethinking Codex Sinaiticus (Summer, 2017)
 - + Reformation Conference

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF BEING THE BODY

- ✘ In the last 10 years we have had all sorts of Fellowship events.
 - + Ladies Conferences & Bible Studies
 - + Sisterhood Events
 - ✘ Ladies Tea, Board Sign, Coffee & Canvas, Chocolate Tour, Soap Making, Tart Baking, and Apple Picking
 - + Picnics, Grill Outs, & Concerts
 - + Christmas Fellowships & Easter Breakfasts
 - + Church Outings
 - ✘ White Caps Game
 - ✘ Zoo
 - + 10 Bible Conferences

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF BEING THE BODY

- ✘ Marriages & Funerals
- ✘ Many people have come and gone for various reasons but we have remained faithful to God's word rightly divided.

ACTION ITEMS FOR YEAR 11

- ✘ Restructuring of Children's Church
 - + 8/27—our new plan was presented to the assembly.
 - + 11/12—goes into effect next Sunday
 - + There will be growing pains and adjustments we ask for your patience.
 - + Parents please review the handouts from that meeting.
- ✘ VBS Committee
- ✘ Publish the dates for 4 Quarterly teen events.

FINANCIAL REPORT

✘ Daryl Doornbos Treasurer

REMINDER REGARDING BOARD MEETINGS

- ✘ The board wants to hear from you. Please submit any proposals for the board's consideration in writing before the meeting.
- ✘ Meetings will have an open agenda portion and a closed agenda portion.
 - + Open Portion runs from 9 to 10
 - ✘ Monthly financial report
 - ✘ Hear new proposals
 - ✘ Review old business
 - + Closed Portion runs from 10-11
 - ✘ Used at the board's discretion.

HELP PROMOTE OUR EXCITING MINISTRY

- ✘ Use social media to promote the assembly and its studies.
 - + New website
 - + Live streaming
 - + YouTube
- ✘ Develop a strategy for publishing the Grace History Project & other series.
- ✘ Talk to your friends and family about the gospel of grace and invite them to church.
- ✘ Embrace the need for fellowship and support of likeminded saints.