Renewal of the Church’s Purpose

The Challenge of the Church

Part One - Our First Priority: Christ

A: The First Priority In The Life Of The Church

Has the church really become a part of the universal church or is it just borrowing the label? When the church truly becomes the church, it begins fulfilling its mission and purpose. Some churches are only evangelistic centers. It is very exciting to see new converts coming down the aisle. This truly fulfills the churches mission. Some churches are mission centers where we dispense goods and services to the poor and the needy. This too, is admirable and helpful to those who are down trodden. Some churches are information centers focusing on social and secular issues. Their issues are seeking social justice and preparation for the secular world. Some are program centers where entertainment takes center stage. All of these may be good, and all may be part of what we seek to be or do, but do these functions achieve Gods primary purpose for the church? The Lord ordained the church for Himself, and so the chief purpose of the church is to GLORIFY GOD AND TO ENJOY HIM FOREVER.

Read the following scriptures:

- Romans 15:5,6
- Ephesians 1:11-12
- Colossians 1:18
- Hebrews 13:15
- 1 Peter 2:9

The church is for Christ, so let the church be the church. Make sure all its activities are focused on Him and all its participants programs and issues, lovingly gather around Him. If we put Christ first, we will see the church reach upward, reach inward, and the reach outward. Set our priorities as listed:

1. Glorify Him
2. Build each other up in love
3. Evangelize the world

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Spotlight Member

Trustee Neal Robinson

“Trustee Neal Robinson was honored on June 18, 2011 at the E. W. Dorn Community Center for his outstanding work as Chairman of Trustees for many years. His many lodge members and family friends were present. In December 2012 he resigned as chairman and it will be very difficult to find a replacement for him. He would always be available for work at the church and would never expect any pay for his constant traveling to and from his home in Paulsboro to meet with community service workers and repairperson that was need on site. Neal joined the Trustee board approximately 1959 and became chairman under the late Clay Jones. He is a beloved brother and wonderful Christian man. He enjoys Sunday school, Bible study and singing with the Male chorus of the church.

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Brother Neal Robinson was born in Essex County, Virginia on May 11, 1930. There Neal attended school and at a very young age he joined the First Union Baptist Church, where he served on the Usher Board until he came to South Jersey.

August, 1953 Neal entered the US Army and served in the Far East until he was Honorable Discharged in February 1955. He made the Paulsboro area his home, and then in June 1956 he met the love of his life, Juanita Holmes. After as short whirlwind love affair, they were married in September of the same year. During the year 1957 Neal joined the Second Baptist Church of Pedricktown with his wife. He has served as Usher; Senior Choir member; past Chairman of Men’s Day; President of the Building Fund; and still sings with Male Chorus and is still on the Trustee Board.

Included in his busy life he finds time to be an active member of the Tuscan Lodge #49 Free & Accepted Masons, Tuscan Chapter #53 Eastern Stars, Past Master of Tuscan Lodge, Past Chairman of the Trustee Board of Tuscan Lodge #49. Neal retired from Monsanto Chemical Company in Bridgeport, NJ with more than 22 years of service.

Neal & Juanita are the proud parents of three sons, Aaron Neal, Mitchell Thomas and Michael Franklin, who are twins, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grand children.

Today we are here to say THANK YOU to Trustee Neal Robinson for the many sacrifices he has made in the many area's to and for the church. He gave and is still giving of his wealth, time, talents and money so freely. Although we thank him for his many endeavors, Most importantly we THANK GOD for Him.

“Let the works I’ve done speak for me.”

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Passion Week Services


Host Church: Word Church,
51 N. Broad Street, Penn's Grove

Monday: Shiloh Baptist Church
Tuesday: Hopewell Baptist Church
Wednesday: Holy Temple Church - Fresh Harvest
Thursday: Mt. Olivet AME
Friday: Second Baptist Church, Pedricktown (Male Chorus)

Happy Easter
Worker’s Council

Worker’s Council meetings are held the 3rd Saturday’s at 9 o’clock every other month. If you are president of an board, auxiliary or ministry, you are expected to attend the meetings. These meetings offer a venue for each organization to give a report for their group. Information reported should be taken back and reported to the members of the organization. If the president is unable to attend, a representative of the group should attend in their place. Next meeting is scheduled for May 18th. If you have any questions, see Trustee Earl Ransom.

Community Center

Volunteers and board member are still needed for the Center. If you have some time and are willing to commit one week out of the month, please contact Trustee Robert Gibson @ 610-952-2392 or e-mail him at Robert@ragsystems.com. Help is greatly needed.

Senior Center

The Senior Program is still held every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The program currently averaging approximately 25 attendees. A variety of different activities are offered. If you are age 50 and over, this program is for you. Note, there is no cost to attend the program. All seniors are welcome. Come out, have some fun and support the program.

Annual Spring Fling:

Friday, June 7, 2013 - 7 PM to 10 PM
Tickets: $8.00
Age: 50 years or older (or married to someone that is at least 50 years old). Casual is Dress. Light refreshments will be served.

Come out for a great evening of fun and dancing. No tickets sold after Friday, May 31, 2013. For tickets, call Sis. Barbara Saunders @ 299-2380 or Sis. Charlotte Dorn @ 299-5146.

Leisure Club

Off to Atlanta we go!! See page 10.

Men and Women’s Day

Sunday, November 17, 2013. This year, Harold and Valerie Lacy are leading the charge as chairpersons. Member commitment remains at $125.00. More information will be forthcoming. Let’s commit ourselves to support this program and their efforts. Did you know, if you start now and add an additional $4.00 a week to your duplex. Your commitment would be paid off by November.

Youth Update:

The Youth Choir will be singing this year on Easter Sunday. The choir needs your children so bring them out for rehearsals. Also, children are needed for the Praise Dance Ministry. Contact Sis. Deidre Germany for rehearsal dates and times.

Come out to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and support our children.

Youth Day: Sunday, May 5, 2013
More information is forthcoming.

Sunday School:

Sunday school is going strong, offering classes for both children and adults. Second Baptist is blessed with great teachers. Come out and bring your children. Sunday School starts at 9:30 AM. Transportation may be available. If you have any questions, see Deacon Harvey Liles, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Saturday, March 30th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for children ages 3 to 12 years old. Families are asked to donate 1 dozen cooked colored eggs per household. Eggs are due at the church by 10:30 AM. Refreshments will be available and prizes will be awarded.

Deacons:

If you are aware of any sick, please notify the church secretary so that the church is aware. We want to be able to service all of our sick.

Remember to always pray for our church and our sick and shut-in.

Annual Day of Fasting and Prayer

Fasting begins:
Friday, March 22nd @ 4PM until Saturday, after closing prayer.

Prayer Service:
Saturday, March 23rd - 6AM to 12PM
Guest Speaker: Rev. Juan Peterson
Angel Visit Baptist Church, Mt. Laurel

Annual Deacon/Deaconess Day
Sunday, March 24th - 3PM
Guest Speaker: Rev. Benjamin Mike
Morning Star Baptist Church, Woodstown

Outreach

Food Distribution:
Second Baptist is now an Emergency Food Pantry working with SFPP (State Food Purchase Program) & TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). Hope Mobile is no longer the supplier of the food distributed on 2nd Saturdays. If you were signed up with Hope Mobile, you will need to re-register. If you were not registered but need, registration is done on 2nd Saturdays during food distribution. Distribution is from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM. Questions about the program can be directed to Cleo Johnson, Outreach President.

Watch
Koffee House is the brain child of Evangelist Carol Dowe and offers a safe social experience for boys and girls ages 10 and older. Typically, they meet the 4th Friday of the month in Fellowship Hall @ 6PM. In February, they had a “Movie Night”. This month they will be going to the Deptford Skating Rink.
Part Two - Our Second Priority

B. The Body of Christ

Our first priority is to Christ, but quickly followed by the church, the body of Christ. God says that the church is the noblest order. That it has been given love as no other body has loved, and that it is the highest place in His heart. As we look at the book of Ephesians, it shows us four reasons why the church must be our highest order, next to Christ himself.

1. Eph. 1:4 says the church pre-existed in the heart of God. "He chose us in Him before the creation of the world". He anticipated the church. Eph. 2:10 calls the church His workmanship created in Christ to do good works. This, not said of the family, government, or any other created institutions.

2. The church is Jesus’ gift to His father. Eph. 1:11, 18, the Living Bible says this, "Moreover, because of what Christ has done, we have become Gods sovereign plan", we were chosen from the beginning to be His, and all things happen just as He decided long ago... The church was purchased with His own blood, and He is the chief Shepard. But not only that, Jude 24 says "He will present us faultless with exceeding joy".

3. The church is Christ’s very own body. Jesus is the head whom the church fulfills and completes to form the total expression of God. Eph. 1:23, as participant in the church, we who are saved are in perfect union with Christ and His life flows in us. And so the church isn’t just an organization, but an organism, the completer of the cosmic Christ and the fullness of His own glory.

4. Fourth, the church is number two after Christ himself. Because the church is the embodiment of Gods grace and mercy. The church is further evidence of His high character, Eph. 2:4-7. The Apostle Paul as he writes in Eph. 3:21, "To Him be glory in the church, and it Christ Jesus through all generations, forever, and ever, Amen". And no matter how weak or ineffective we may seem at times, the glory of God, the very presence of God, is in His church.

Ephesians speaks of the mystical union between Christ and His church. And yet in the visible church we see now so many flaws, but the visible church is all we can see at this time, but 1 John 3:1-2 tells us one day we shall be like him. Eph. 4:3 says "We are to make efforts to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace". We need to take a look at Eph. 4:13, which suggest when the church is out of kilter, “Tell it not in Gath”. Don’t let outsiders know of our struggles to be like Christ. The word tells us to be built up until we all reach unity in faith.

⇒ Discuss Unity and Faith
⇒ Discuss Church Leadership
⇒ Discuss Discipleship

Part Three - Our Third Priority

C: The World

Many of us have read the slogan from the cartoon Peanuts, "Today the neighborhood, tomorrow the world". Every church must reach out to its neighborhood, and to the world. Mark 2:1-12 gives us a dramatic picture of how the church is to involve itself in winning the world to Christ. There are three crucial lessons for us in this scripture listed below:

1. Unity among believers bring people to Jesus
2. Bold ingenuity and vision bring people to Jesus
3. Faith brings people to Jesus

There are some folks who still subscribe to the statement, "It don’t take all that", but God wants us to use every means possible that we might win some. As a result, many big shots and pillars of the community have failed to lead anyone to Christ. They can do it to death in church work. They attend all the meetings, hold offices in national conventions, have a scholarly approach to the bible, but yet fail to do the work of the church. There are five ways that every local church, while working out these three priorities should grow listed below:

1. The healthy church must grow numerically as well as spiritually
2. The healthy church must grow far from its home base
3. The healthy church must plant new churches nearby
4. The healthy church must encourage the existing churches nearby, and not compete with it
5. The healthy church must work in social as well as spiritual concerns in its own community

The great commission remains our marching order for evangelizing the world. The process for bringing new lambs in the sheepfold must be carefully worked out, not haphazardly, but a real strategy for winning souls. Listed below are examples of how to bring converts into the church:

1. Invite them and present the plan of salvation to them
2. When visitors come, make sure there are registration forms available
3. Make them feel welcome personally, and if they show interest, invite them back
4. From information on registration cards, contact them with a follow up call
5. The possibility of the church membership is explained. (Usually a six week membership class)
6. Show them the benefits, not the negatives to church membership.

This is one church approach to increasing the sheepfold, be creative in your local church.
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As we conclude, there are important aspects in order for the church to truly be the body of Christ:

1. The public life of the church
2. The private life of its leaders
3. The love of God

Our greatest witness is not what we see, but what we do. Can we truly say to the waiting masses, “Follow me”, Gideon said in Judges 7:17, “Watch me, Follow my lead, Do exactly as I do”. The Apostle Paul writes in Phil 3:17, “Become like me. From the Pastors, Deacons, Choirs, Ushers, and Mothers, they all have an influence on bringing souls too.

When I say that I am a Christian

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living. I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say 'I am a Christian', I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not holier than thou, I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

When you feel like you're drowning in life, don't worry -- your Lifeguard walks on water.

Submitted by Barbara Saunders

Cinnamon and Honey Remedies

COLDs: Those suffering from common or severe colds should take one tablespoon lukewarm honey with 1/4 spoon cinnamon powder daily for 3 days. This process will cure most chronic cough, cold and clear the sinuses.

INDIGESTION: Cinnamon powder sprinkled on two tablespoons of honey taken before food, relieves acidity and digests the heaviest of meals.

TOOTHACHE: Make a paste of one teaspoon of cinnamon powder and five teaspoons of honey and apply on the aching tooth. This may be applied 3 times a day till the tooth stops aching.

PIMPLES: Three tablespoons of Honey and one teaspoon of cinnamon powder paste. Apply this paste on the pimples before sleeping and wash it next morning with warm water. If done daily for two weeks, it removes pimples from the root.

Coconut Shrimp Recipe

Ingredients

1/2 pound medium shrimp
3/4 cup pancake mix
3/4 cup milk
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup flaked coconut
Vegetable oil

Directions

1. Peel the shrimp, rinse and pat dry. Set aside.
2. Combine pancake mix and milk in a small bowl until combined.
3. Dredge shrimp in the flour, shaking off excess. Dip shrimp in the batter until coated, then dredge shrimp in the coconut.
4. Pour vegetable oil in a heavy saucepan to a depth of 2 to 3 inches. Heat to 350 degrees. Fry shrimp 5 or 6 at a time about 45 seconds on each side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Repeat until all shrimp are cooked.

Makes 4 appetizer servings.
South Jersey QB one to watch
(11/2012)
Bobby Deren
NJVarsity.com Senior Recruiting Analyst

Down in southern New Jersey, a dual-threat quarterback in the class of 2014 is starting to show himself as a worthy college prospect. Junior Robert Green is in the midst of leading his Kingsway squad to a playoff appearance in its first season as a Group 4 school.

This is Green's first season as a starter, but the 6-foot-3, 175-pounder has very good size and a strong arm.

"I played running back since I was about 12 years old and then I transferred over to quarterback," Green said. "I just stuck with it in high school."

Also a basketball player, Green has the mobility to get out and use his feet. However, the Kingsway offense is run-oriented, which limits Green's opportunities to air things out.

Yet, he has shown the ability to throw the deep ball and has provided very good accuracy when called upon.

"Our offense likes to run the ball, but I feel like I can make every throw they ask of me," Green said. "I am just going to keep on working on that and hopefully my stats will show it."

Recruiting has yet to really get going, but as soon as colleges get a look at Green's size, physical tools and junior highlight reel, he is very likely to warrant some interest.

On Green's end, he has also not been that proactive when it comes to looking into prospective colleges.

"I'll probably start looking into it after the season. I haven't really started with it yet," Green said.

When asked about his best assets as a quarterback, Green went into detail about his strengths as a quarterback.

"I think definitely my arm, I can throw the deep ball. I also have accuracy down the field. Usually in the deep posts I feel like I can stick the throw every time, even if the receiver only has a step on his guy. I feel like I can always hit him."

Drew Swims to Weekly Honor
Cabrini Student Athlete of the Week (2/2013)

RADNOR, Pa. – Freshman women's swimming student-athlete Alexis Drew has been selected as this week's CabriniAthletics.com Student-Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sunday, February 3. Drew was instrumental in helping the Cavaliers women's swim team notch a victory over Ocean County College.

Drew posted a pair of victories, recording personal best times in both events. The rookie captured the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 2:17.23, besting the second place finisher by over 18 seconds. Later in the meet, Drew added a victory in the 100-yard butterfly, capturing the win with a time of 1:09.56.

The Cavaliers' 99-71 victory was the first in a dual meet since a season-opening 56-37 win over FDU-The College at Florham.

Drew and the Blue and White swim teams will return to the pool next weekend as they participate in the 2013 Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships. The three day event opens Thursday, February 14 at Grove City College and runs through Saturday, February 16.

Drew - AMCC Weekly Awards

GIBSONIA, Pa. – Cabrini swimmers Alexis Drew and Evan Strickland have been named to the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Best of the Rest list for their performances against Ocean County College on Saturday, February 2. This marks the second consecutive week that Drew and Strickland have garnered the honor.

Drew, a freshman, captured a pair of wins, posting personal best times in both events. Drew recorded a time of 2:17.23 in the 200-yard freestyle. She added a victory in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:09.56.

Congratulations to
Reverend and Mrs.
Jozei Hullex

May God bless you with many happy years!!!!!!!

Wedding: Saturday, March 2, 2013
Bible Study - Seven Churches in Revelation

Literal Locations in Asia Minor

The seven churches in Revelation refer to seven literal churches described in Revelation, Chapters 2 and 3. These early Christian churches were located in Asia Minor during the era of the Roman Empire. Although the actual churches ceased to thrive in the centuries of Muslim control after the Romans, the archaeological remains of all seven locations currently exist in present-day Turkey.

Then and Now

The seven churches in Revelation are located in western Asia Minor (present-day Turkey), accessible by way of the Aegean Sea and the ancient trade routes between the West and East. For various reasons, whether trade, military, or pure hedonism, these cities were major cultural hubs throughout history. During the first few centuries after Jesus Christ, these Roman-controlled cities were also important in early Christianity. Here are the seven churches of Revelation as described by the writer John in the late first century AD.

1. Ephesus – The desirable church that left its first love (Revelation 2:1-7). Ephesus was the influential capital city of Asia Minor on the Aegean Sea. Ephesus is now known for its huge metropolis of ancient streets, arches and ruins.

2. Smyrna – The persecuted church that suffered poverty and martyrdom (Revelation 2:8-11). Smyrna was located north of Ephesus in a powerful trading position on the Aegean Sea known for its harbors, commerce, and marketplaces. The primary ruins of Smyrna are located in the modern Turkish city of Izmir.

3. Pergamum – The worldly church that mixed doctrines and needed to repent (Rev. 2:12-17). Pergamum is located on the plains and foothills along the Caicus River in Western Turkey. It was considered a major city in Asia Minor since the 3rd century BC, and became a Greek and Roman hub for temple worship.

4. Thyatira – The false church that followed a seductive prophetess (Rev. 2:18-29). Thyatira is located in western Asia Minor about 42 miles inland from the Aegean Sea. The ancient city was known for its textiles and dyeing trade, and is now known as the Turkish city of Akhisar.

5. Sardis – The "dead" church that fell asleep (Revelation 3:1-6). Sardis is located on the banks of the Pactolus River in western Asia Minor, 60 miles inland from Ephesus and Smyrna. Popular ruins include the decadent temples and bath house complexes.

6. Philadelphia – The church of brotherly love that endures patiently (Revelation 3:7-13). Philadelphia is located on the Cogamis River in western Asia Minor, about 80 miles east of Smyrna. Philadelphia was known for its variety of temples and worship centers.

7. Laodicea – The "lukewarm" church with a faith that's neither hot nor cold (Rev. 3:14-22). Laodicea is located in the Lycus River Valley of western Asia Minor, a primary trade route between the cultures of the West and East. Laodicea was known as a primary hub for the Roman aqueduct system.

Their Ultimate Significance

The seven churches in Revelation are literal churches from the first century AD. However, the seven churches in Revelation also have spiritual significance for churches and believers today. Indeed, the primary purpose for John writing his letters to the seven churches was to deliver Christ's "report card" for the churches of that time. However, a second purpose for John’s inspired writings was to describe seven types of churches (and individual believers) that would surface time and again throughout history. These short letters to the seven churches of Revelation act as quick and poignant reminders to those who call themselves "followers of Christ."

Followers of Christ, read these chapters in Revelation for yourself. We are the church. Where do you see yourself? More importantly, where does Jesus see you?

Learn more about the book of Revelation, currently be taught in Bible Study every Wednesday at 6 o’clock.
Kid’s Puzzle

Bible Maze

START

FINISH

Kids Bible Wordsearch

Animals in the Bible
Puzzle #1

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

LEOPARD
LION
MOLE
MOUSE
NIGHTHAWK
OSTRICH
SHEEP
UNICORN
WOLF

BEAR
CAMEL
DONKEY
GAZELLE
GOAT
HART
HORSE
IBEX
JACKAL

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Adult Puzzle

The resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

Bible Crossword No.3

Across
1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)
8 mother of Jesus
9 The angel said "He is ____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet ____ (Matt.27:28)
12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
14 Jesus was ____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
15 The 12 companions of Jesus

Down
2 Jesus shed His ____ for our sins
3 Judas Iscariot ____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)
5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou ____ me" (Matt.27:46)
7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
11 They laid the ____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
12 Jesus wore a "crown of ____"
13 our Lord and Saviour

more puzzles at http://biblewordgames.com
Second Baptist Church, Pedricktown

Travels to

Greensboro, NC & Atlanta, GA

Monday, August 19th to Friday, August 23

Package includes:

All Transportation

Lodging:

1 Night Lodging @ Drury Inn & Suites - Charlotte, NC
2 Nights Lodging @ Drury Inn & Suites - Norcross, GA
1 Night Lodging @ Drury Inn & Suites - Greensboro, NC

Meals:

4 Deluxe Continental Breakfasts
4 Dinners

Itinerary:

1/2 day African American Heritage Tour
Visit King Historic District
(including birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)
Ebenezer Baptist Church
King Center

Atlanta University Complex
Home of five historic black colleges

Full day tour of Atlanta
Cyclorama
CNN Network
Centennial Olympic Park
Visit Margaret Mitchell House & Museum
(writer of Gone with the Wind)

Jonesboro
Visit the Stately Oaks Planation

Pricing

$935.00 - Single Occupancy
$781.00 - Double Occupancy
$741.00 - Triple Occupancy

$50.00 deposit due immediately
Balance of payment due July 15th 2013

See Bill Brokenbaugh for additional information