

Partnership Post

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The Christian life, if it is anything, is a series of new beginnings. From the moment of our salvation to the day we meet Jesus in glory, our lives are one new start after another.

As I think about our church, I am reminded that PCT is also a recipient of God's "begin agains." Over the past nine years of our history, God has called and recalled us to His purpose for our existence many times. I am totally convinced we are about to embark on another of these great beginnings.

As part of our 2008 Leadership Conference, I challenged our Deacons and Elders to take full advantage of what God was offering us as a church. Our calling and purpose as a church is simple and pointed. We are a teaching church, who has been uniquely called and gifted by God to equip believers in order that they may fully and effectively serve the Lord and His kingdom. Everything we do must easily fall under the umbrella of that purpose or we must discontinue it, even if it is a good thing. Obedience to our purpose is the only way to ensure God's blessing on our church.

We are calling the 2nd half of 2008 "The Journey To Excellence". In the next few weeks you will be hearing and seeing many of the details of the journey. We will be posting specific goals and what we will be doing to make them reality. Let me speak to you about two of them now.

First of all, beginning in September we will be over-hauling our School of the Bible that meets every Sunday morning at 9:45. Our children's classes will be updated, our youth will be back on campus, and our adults will have the opportunity to choose between two different courses of study. Pay close attention as details unfold.

Secondly, July 27th is being designated as "Bring A Friend" Sunday. I am asking each of us to invite our friends to be a part of PCT on that Sunday. We are planning some very special events during the Morning Worship Celebration and I know everyone will receive a blessing for being in attendance.

Pray for your church, your pastor, and your leadership as we embark on "The Journey To Excellence." 2008 can be the greatest year in our history if we are willing to allow God to use us for His great purpose and plan.

Remember This!

July 27 is "Bring a Friend" Sunday

Angie Tucker
Staff Reporter

Elders and Deacons Meet With Pastor, Discuss 'Journey to Excellence'

The leadership of Partnership Church met together June 14th. This meeting was attended by the pastor, elders and their wives, and the deacons and their wives. The "Journey to Excellence" was presented to them. We would like you to be praying for all the leadership as we strive to accomplish what God intended for PCT.

We discussed roles and qualifications for each position of leadership. The Pastor is to lead the flock, feed the flock and to protect the flock. The Pastor is responsible for the direction and content of what is being passed on to the people of PCT. The Elders are to be called by God to obtain this position. They are to be entrusted with the ministries of the PCT. They oversee ministries as outlined by the Pastor and basically "make it happen". The Deacons are to be selected and approved by the congregation. They must be qualified to serve in this position. They are to minister to PCT.

In the Vision, upon which this church was founded, God called this an endeavor...a Journey. The definition of *journey* is as follows:

- * A traveling from one place to another, usually taking a rather long time, trip
- * A period of travel
- Passage or progress from one stage to another
- * A journey of any kind can be an exciting and adventurous task

but also something that carries inherent difficulties. There are always detours and other routes that can distract from the desired end result. We all must put our eyes on the course which God has set out for us. Remain focused and don't be easily deterred.

The leadership of PCT asks that you prayerfully consider your role here at PCT. If you aren't active in some type of ministry, today is day one for you of that journey. Don't let another day pass without taking a stand for Jesus and being an active part of His plan. There are plenty of ways you can help. Be a part of the prison ministry. Or Manna Ministry. Or Love Alive. Or become a teacher for the children. Or volunteer in the nursery. Are you making a difference?

Mary Kay Simmons and Sherry Martin

Special Report

Manna Ministry

The Manna ministry is a group of special women that goes into the domestic violence center for women and children. We take a hearty meal with us to share. Our goal is to let these battered and sometimes bruised women know that we love and care for them. They often feel as though no one cares. But Jesus cares and Loves them. No matter what they have done, no matter what has been done to them, He is there. We have started a Journal of the Manna Ministry to record what we as ladies of P.C.T. feel and take away; also to record how we have helped or not, the ladies who find themselves in this situation. Below are some entries:

I'm going thru what Saul went through, the blinders have been cast off of me from the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan is trying to put the blinders back on. I'm fighting and praying that God will help bring me thru this. It is awesome to see things different now that the fish scales have peeled off my eyes.

-Angela

My name is Judith and I would like to say that your ministry is a blessing to all of us. I am a very spiritual woman and my spirit bears witness with all of yours. I know you are truly blessed the individuals for all your care and concerns. I pray for God's blessings on you all even the children for their faithfulness.

-Judith

The manna ministry has been a blessing on our lives. We feel as if we've been given a responsibility to be there for the ladies and for that we have been so blessed to have been put in their lives once or for months. The ladies are always so glad that we can take the time out of our lives to share with them. Being able to sit and break bread with these ladies and see the hint of hope in their eyes that someone does cares. It's just something you can't put in words, the assurance that are where we are suppose to be doing just what the lord has put in our hearts to do.

We're Back!

IN THE TRENCHES

Michael V. Wilson

After a lengthy hiatus the Partnership Post is back again. Some of the old format has been retained, but some is new. The main thing (at this point) is our new newspaper-style, foldout, double-sided printing, courtesy of Dawayne Ennis, who got our big printer up and running on the network. Thanks Dawayne!

Angie Tucker has joined the Post as a staff reporter. She'll be writing a monthly column for us from now on. Others are also exploring the idea of writing for us on a regular basis. In addition we'll have 'special reports' from time-to-time.

The Post also welcomes input from you, the members of PCT. Letters-to-the-Editor can be sent to 'michaelvwilson@hotmail.com' or given to me at church. Write about whatever you want; things going at PCT or around town, suggestions, witnesses, praise reports – the list is endless. If you've got pictures you'd like published send those in too. Anything that glorifies God is welcome!

Nancy Hubbard

Special Report

The Friendship Center is a non-profit provider rendering assistance to the indigent, and job training and placement to those in need. The Center feeds an average of 180 people a day, as well as providing groceries for over 14 families on a daily basis.

We offer Auto Repair training in our auto shop. We have a thrift store, and give out clothes and other things if needed. Additionally we provide state certified Nurse Assistant training – free of charge. **We accept donations of all kinds;** money, clothing, home appliances, furniture, even cars at 620 West 4th Street.