

PRESSING ON

OBJECTIVES FOR 2009

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”

- Philippians 3:10-11

1. Evaluate those things that are behind

- a. Phil 3:13 – forgetting those things which are behind
- b. Phil 3:4-8 – His flesh is all loss, what remains is Christ (1 Cor 3:10-14)
- c. These things were instituted by God in time past
- d. What we’ve learned in 2008
 - i. Means to an end - New meeting place, new website, promo cards
 - ii. Success - 1 Thes 2:19 – You are our crown of rejoicing
- e. Evaluate where you are at in your understanding.

2. Edify strengths and weaknesses – Phil 3:8-9 – edification

- a. Phil 3:8-9 – His own righteousness is weak, God’s righteousness is strong
- b. Phil 4:12-13 – I can do all things which strengthens me through Christ
- c. Eph 4:14-16 – be no more children...every joint supplies
- d. We need to identify what it is we can do and do it
- e. What questions do you have? Is Christ effectual in you?

3. Equipped to press on toward the high calling

- a. Phil 3:9-11 – Attain the resurrection
- b. 2 Tim 1:8-10 – called us not according to our works
- c. Col 3:1-2 – set your affections on things above
- d. Philemon 6 – the communication of your faith may become effectual
- e. 1 Thess 1:4-9 – turned from idols to serve the true and living God

4. Press on in 2009

- a. Objectives – Eph 3:9; 2 Cor 5:19-20
 - i. Clarify Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery
 - ii. Equip others to teach of right division
 - iii. Effectual teaching on communicating the gospel
 - iv. Establish Grace Ambassadors in the community
 - v. Establish regular newsletter and awareness of website
- b. Obstacles
 - i. Tradition - Popes – Celebrities
 - ii. Contemporary Christianity – circus church
 - iii. World distractions – temporal mindset
 - iv. Apathy – pleasure over pursuit, ignorance is bliss
- c. Success: What it looks like – 1 Thess 2:19
 - i. people understand and believe the gospel
 - ii. people believe their bibles (over vain tradition and wisdom of the world)
 - iii. people are set free in understanding by the preaching of Jesus Christ
 - iv. doctrine is effectual to produce 2nd and 3rd generation