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2013: Year Of Faithful Obedience

This year I will live out the gospel in word and deed:

My one soul to pray for: _____

My one family to love on: _____

My one Mission to commit to: _____

My one body to build up: _____

Signature

Date

“I have chosen the way of faithfulness.”
Psalm 119:30

As we continue this wonderful new year, I just want to take another opportunity to remind you of our vision as a church for 2013. Our hope and goal for this year is that we would not simply be a people who acknowledge the truth of the Gospel, but that we would become a people who are committed to living the Gospel out on a daily basis as a natural outpouring of our hearts that have been changed by the wondrous love of God. With that in mind let me remind you briefly of what we are trying to be this year.

We are calling **2013 the Year of Faithful Obedience**. We base that on Romans 1:5 which states, “we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations.” The idea being that we have been given all we need through the Holy Spirit in Jesus to live out the kind of obedient lives we are called to as disciples. Specifically we are going to do this in four areas.

First, we are going to each pick one soul to pray for. Quite simply we are going to pick someone we know who does not yet understand the wonderful grace available through Jesus, and we are going to pray for them daily and engage them in loving relationship with the stated goal of showing them the reality of the love of Jesus that they might find redemption in Him.

Second, we are going to pick one family to love on. The very nature of God is that of a servant, and since we are supposed to be like Him in every way that means that we too must become servants. Specifically we are going to find a family that we know and spend the next year loving on them and serving them that they might have a visible reminder of God’s love for them, and that we might practice the very actions that Jesus commanded of us, to serve and love each other that people might see His love.

Third, we are going to pick one mission to commit to. Jesus very clearly told us that we were to go into all the world teaching people who He was, making disciples and baptizing them in Jesus’ name. What this practically looks like is that we will prayerfully decide on a mission as a family or as individuals and commit our time, effort and resources towards it this year. Maybe that is reading at the elementary school, or helping with Full Weekends, or sponsoring a child through Compassion. Regardless, it is an intentional effort to actively participate in spreading God’s word and love to the world.

Fourth, we are going to pick one body to build. One of the saddest truths in the church today is that the people in the church are not that united. I believe the reason they are not united is that they do not have a deep love for each other. They do not have that love because they are not friends. Sure they know each other at the surface, but not deeply. We are hoping to change that this year by actively seeking to develop one close friend in the church. To take a risk and open up and develop a deep relationship with another believer that would build up both of you.

Will you take the challenge? Will you make 2013 the year of Faithful Obedience? 

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
SS 9:45
Worship 11:00
FBCU 6:00
Youth 6:00
Praise Service 6:30
Choir 7:30

Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 6:30

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry
- Youth/Children’s Minister

Memory Verse

“I have chosen the way of faithfulness.”

Psalm
119:30

Sound Bytes

*He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out!"
-Luke 19:40 (ESV)*

There is a new song out by Colton Dixon called "You Are" that I find myself humming all the time these days. While it's not uncommon for me to do this once I learn a new song, what is unusual is for me to recall the words as I do almost every time this melody pops in my head.

The line I love the most says this: "If I had no voice, if I had no tongue, I would dance for you like the rising sun." Two thoughts enter my mind when I hear this line. The first is how much my heart agrees with it. My love for Jesus should be so apparent that even if I had no other way to communicate it, it would still burst out of me in every direction. The second is that this is exactly the response all creation shows its creator every day. Its purpose is to bring glory only to God, and we can receive joy from it.

My challenge to you, as well as myself, is each and every day to let the world know just how much love you have for your Savior. Even if you're not eloquent with words, even if you don't have the best singing voice, even if you're not the most creative person, God has gifted you with specific gifts and talents you can use to show the world what He's done for you and means to you.



This month is Mac 'n' Cheese Month. We will have the special offering on February 24th. Feel free to bring your donations anytime during the month if you prefer.

Stewardship

	Budgeted	Received
Month:	17,958.33	18,323.36
Year:	17,958.33	18,323.36

February Announcements

- Saturday, March 2 is the annual State VBS convention at University Baptist Church in San Antonio. It is from 8:30– 4:00. This is a great place to get information about and training for this year's VBS. Contact Cathie Griffin or the Church Office before February 24th if you are interested in attending.
- If you are interested in joining a coed softball team please contact the Church Office. We may have a team that plays once a week starting in May. We will have more details when we get closer to the date.
- Contribution reports from 2012 have been mailed. If you have not received one and feel you should have, please contact the church office and we would be happy to help you.



The WMU would like for our church family to come and celebrate with prayer and donations to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, 2013 Week of Prayer for North American Missions which will be from March 3rd to 10th. The theme for this year is Whatever it Takes Reaching the One, Acts 8:26-31, and our goal is \$2,000.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is to support the North American Mission Board Missionaries as they serve to meet the ultimate goal of leading others to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They need our financial support and our strong connection to the Father through prayer because without it their ministries will not be able to bear spiritual fruit.

Each day thousands of North American Mission Board Missionaries are spreading the gospel, offering hope, and sharing the love of Christ to the homeless, shining the light of Jesus in prison, planting churches, sharing Christ in drug rehab centers, ministering to different ethnic groups, and providing food and clothing for people who are struggling to support their families.

We are a "sent" people as Romans 8:3 says, "For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering."

Please come and be a part of our church's mission ministry as we celebrate Annie Armstrong Easter offering. ~LaVon Johnson

love is gentle,
love is kind

The WMU will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a supper for our members, spouses, or friend on February 15, 2013. Pray for all the members and their families as we gather in fellowship.

Church Workday

The WMU is planning a work day in March to begin construction on the witness Dolls for the South



African Mission Trip. Everyone is invited to participate. Please let LaVon Johnson know if you are interested in being a part of this workday. There is lots to do and any and everyone can help. This is a fun project which will benefit the children in South Africa who so desparately want to know about Jesus. Come and be a part. I will have more information about it in the March Newsletter.

~LaVon Johnson