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BOUQUET CANYON CHURCH

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Target in Sight

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In 2016, our son, Johnathan, entered the Air Force Academy as part of the class of 2020.

Whenever he and his fellow cadets heard the number 20, they would all yell in unison, “Target in sight!”. They were going through some extremely difficult times as basic cadets and it helped to look ahead to the goal of graduation. Well, 2020 has arrived. It represents not only the beginning of a new year, but the beginning of a new decade. As we embark on this new season, do you know what you are aiming for? Are you able to shout, “Target in Sight!”?

There are a lot of goals you can have for your life. I want to challenge you to put first things first. Jesus said to “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). All other goals should be secondary.

But what does that look like? There is a great example for us in Scripture, the shepherd named David who became a king. He was known as a man after God’s own heart. The words used for being “after God’s heart” literally mean to be “according to God’s heart”. This means to be in sync with the heart of God. You could describe such a person as being like-hearted with God, or you could say that he/she takes after God. The Message version translates it as one “whose heart beats to” God’s heart. So David was a man who was all about God and the purposes of God. It is similar to the friendship that Saul’s son, Jonathan, had with David. 1 Samuel 18:1 says that “*the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.*” Likewise, it could be said that the soul of David was knit to God and that he loved God as himself. Let’s look at the qualities that made David special and adopt them as goals for our own spiritual lives.

Spiritual Targets for 2020

1. More Love for God

If you could have one thing, what would it be? Think about that a moment, and then look at the one thing David wished for: *One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple* (Psalms 27:4). David loved God. More than anything. He praised and worshiped God with all his heart. He wrote songs about God (he is credited with writing more than half of the 150 Psalms in the Bible). He loved to give sacrificially to God. But what impresses me the most is how he wasn’t self-centered, even in times of distress. Once when he was fleeing for his life and hiding out in a harsh desert, he penned these words: *Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you* (Psalms 63:3).

2. More Faith in God

In one of the most well-known stories of the Bible, a young David faced a giant of a man in hand to hand combat. Goliath was about nine feet tall and no soldier in Israel would stand up to him. But David, just a shepherd, was unafraid. When Goliath mocked him saying, “Come here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”, David replied, “*You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me*” (1 Samuel 16:45-6). David’s security was not in the weapons of war, but in God alone. That caused him to be bolder than anyone else in all of Israel!

3. More Obedience to God

One reason that God chose David was his obedient heart. Acts 13:22 says, *After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'* David lived out a life of obedience to God's commands. In the Psalms we often find him praising the greatness of God's word, as in Psalms 19:7 where he sings, *"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul."* David wasn't perfectly obedient, notably blowing it horribly when he committed adultery and murder. But this is how Scripture sums up his life: *David had done what was right in the eyes of the LORD and had not failed to keep any of the LORD's commands all the days of his life— except in the case of Uriah the Hittite* (1 Kings 15:5).

4. More Repentance toward God

A major difference between David and his predecessor, King Saul, has to do with the way they dealt with their own failures. Saul's kneejerk reaction when confronted with his sin was to make excuses: "But I did obey the Lord ..." (1 Samuel 15:20). When Saul finally would admit his sins, he would go on to repeat them, never truly repenting. But David's kneejerk reaction was to immediately

acknowledge his sins, grieve over them, and repent from them. He also had a humble willingness to confess his sin publicly. After he sinned with Bathsheba he wrote Psalm 51 for the whole nation (and now the whole world!) to see. The psalm begins this way: *A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

As we begin a new era, let's recommit ourselves to being people after God's own heart. Look over this list and determine to excel in them with God's help (next month's newsletter will look at specific ways we can do this). These are the characteristics that God esteems in his people. These are the qualities that will cause us to shine. Target in sight!

1. **More Love for God**
2. **More Faith in God**
3. **More Obedience to God**
4. **More Repentance toward God**



Annual Giving Statements

You can view your giving statement online, through Realm,

OR

You can request a printed copy by calling the church office, (661) 481-0801 or marking on a response card.

Your statement will then be mailed out to you.



Target in Sight

Jr High Ministries

Working in Student Ministries with teenagers can be very challenging at times, but also very rewarding. Our targets include training in **love, faith, obedience** and **repentance** toward God through teaching the Word of God. When our Jr High Ministry concluded its 'Stranger on the Road to Emmaus' study this year we asked them a short, simple question: Why did Jesus die? They wrote down and then read out their replies and listening to them was one of those rewarding moments in ministry. I want to share their responses with you because we should all be able to share in these moments as we grow together. Please keep in mind that they are not English scholars yet (I was just glad that I could read their writing). As they grow and continue to be taught at home and at church, their understanding of these concepts should also be sharpened, but for now I think they're on the right path. Continue reading and please be blessed by what our young people are professing...

Student 1: He died for all of our sins and he forgave us when he did die. His death was a sacrifice for us to pay off our debt. He did this because he loves us and he accepted to die and pay his life for us. He was our sacrificial lamb.

Student 2: Jesus dies on the cross to pay our debt of sins. He did it because he loves us all. Our sacrificial lamb came back to life. We should put faith in our relationship with him. We need to ask for forgiveness of our sins that he died for so we can be accepted by him as we accept him into our lives.

Student 3: Jesus was the sacrificial lamb because he died for our sins because death comes after life. He wanted a relationship with us so he paid our debt because he loves us and he forgives us and we accept we are sinners because of faith.

Student 4: Jesus was the sacrificial lamb and paid our debt for it says in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son and whoever believes in him shall not die but have eternal life." He paid the ultimate price for our sin which is death. He paid our debt so we could be forgiven and in his death there was life. We must have a relationship with him. We need to love him by faith we show him that we love him. Another way to show God we love him is by accepting him as our Lord and Savior.

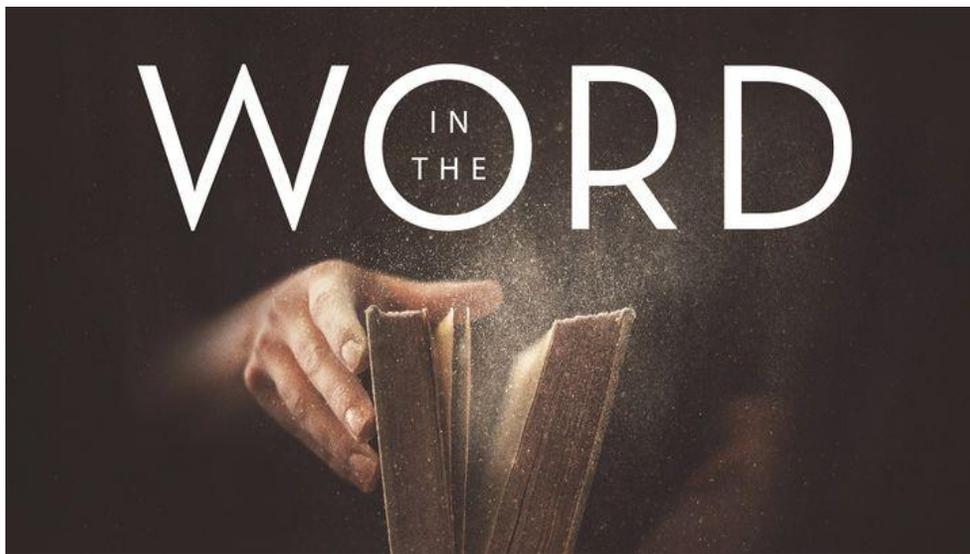
Student 5: Centuries ago people would sacrifice a lamb for their sins because the wages for sin is death. God sent Jesus because he loves us and wants to have a relationship with us because Jesus paid our debts to give us eternal life. Now that he died for us our sins are forgiven. Jesus accepted the death penalty because he had faith in God.

Student 6: Jesus is the lamb. God is the lion and Jesus is the lamb who sacrificed himself for us. Therefore he is the sacrificial lamb. Jesus died so we have opportunities to have forgiveness of sin. Jesus died for us so when death comes we have freedom to go to heaven and be free from pain and suffering. Jesus died so we can have life here on earth. Jesus died so we can have a relationship with him and God. Jesus died and made the payment for our sins. Jesus paid the whole price of debt to wash us clean. Jesus died because he loves us. Jesus died so we can have forgiveness. Jesus died so we can have faith in God and believe him.

Student 7: Jesus was our sacrificial lamb so he died on the cross.

Please keep our youth and their leaders in prayer as we gear up for 2020!

Victoria Robinson



Pastor Billy's recommended Daily Bible Reading for 2020

Let's get into the Word in 2020. Or rather, let's get the Word into us! Here are some recommended Bible reading plan options. Click on the titles to explore these plans and get signed up. You can also invite friends to join you and go through a plan together.

[One Story](#) (Reading amount: Moderate). Many at BCC have followed this plan. It covers most of the Bible in one year, but mainly focuses on the narratives of Scripture. What is great about this plan is that it gives an overview of the Bible while also providing cross references that help you make important connections. This plan gives you one day off each week.



[The Bible Project - Whole Bible](#) (Reading amount: High). This plan will take you straight through the Bible in one year. What is great is that on some of the days there is a supplemental video to watch which provides great background. The videos are produced by The Bible Project, and they are an amazing educational tool.



[The Bible Project - New Testament](#) (Reading amount: Low). Looking for something less difficult to keep up with? Try reading only the New Testament in a year. This plan includes the same educational videos as above.



[Bible in One Year](#) (Reading amount: High). This plan takes you through the whole Bible and includes commentary from Nicky Gumbel (the founder of Alpha) and his wife, Pippa. This plan is really amazing and I highly recommend it.



[Search for other plans](#) - Maybe you'd like to see what other plans are available. Feel free to browse. Many plans are short, only lasting a week or so. This might be the way to go if you will be joining a Rooted class. Do a short plan now before Rooted, then figure out how to stay in the Word once Rooted is over.

Changes to our Leadership Board

Bouquet Canyon Church's Staff and Deacons for 2020

Staff: Senior Pastor - Billy Ford
Admin Pastor - David Beaver
Children's Mins - Susie Bastidas
Music Mins - Joseph Gent
Youth Mins Coordinator - Andrew Bastidas
Office Admin - Margaret Robinson

Elders: Billy Ford
Gary Newman
John Ogg
Ray Robinson

Deacons: Adult Mins - Kurt McCullum
Buildings & Props - John Ogg
Care Mins - Sonja Wendt
Church Clerk - Temp - Victoria
Connecting Mins - Randy Critser
Family Life - Diane Lindsey

Missions - John & Thalia Uhrig
Moderator - Ray Robinson
Outreach - Tina Louise Penn
Prayer Ministry - Charli Tuttle
Student Ministries - Victoria Robinson
Treasurer - Joseph Robinson

We very much appreciate the service of our retiring deacons:

Greg Meza for Care Ministries, along with
Carolyn Ehlers for Connecting Ministries, and
John Ehlers for Finance/Treasurer.

We are also very appreciative that **Diane Lindsey** has agreed to continue running Family Life, and that Connecting Ministries will now be led by **Randy Critser**.

We are excited to see what God will be doing this year as we all step out in faith and serve the Lord.



Please join us for our Annual Church Business Meeting
on
Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 4 pm



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed Happy New Year	2	3 2p Primetime Life Group	4 6:30p Harp & Bowl Intercessory Prayer
5 9 & 11a Worship 9:30a Teen Sunday School Class	6 10:20a Prayer Meeting	7 6:45p Men's Bible Study	8	9 7p Leadership Board Meeting	10 2p Primetime Life Group	11
12 9 & 11a Worship 9:30a Teen Sunday School Class 10:40a 101 Class 1p Copperhill Life 6:30p Saugus Life	13 10:20a Prayer Meeting	14 8:30a Ladies Connect Group 6:45p Men's Bible Study	15 6:30p Stellar Kids Junior High Adult Studies High School 8:30p Young Adult Grp	16	17 2p Primetime Life Group	18 6:30p Harp & Bowl Intercessory Prayer
19 9 & 11a Worship 9:30a Teen Sunday School 3p Rooted Kick-Off	20 10:20a Prayer Meeting 7:30p Missions Meeting	21 6:45p Men's Bible Study	22 6:30p Stellar Kids Junior High Adult Studies High School 8:30p Young Adult Grp	23	24 2p Primetime Life Group	25
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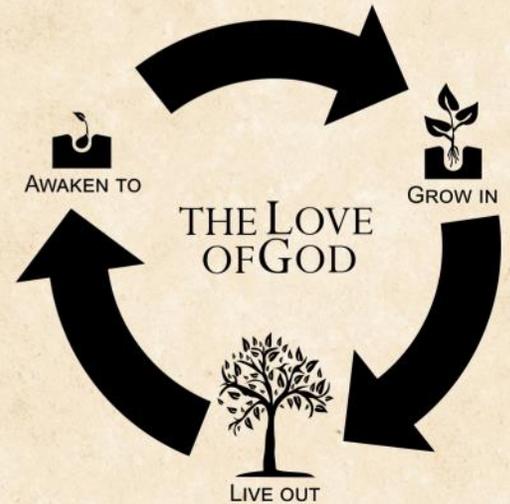
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OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH IS TO DO THREE THINGS
REALLY WELL. WE HELP PEOPLE...

AWAKEN TO THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE LOVE OF GOD, AND
LIVE OUT THE LOVE OF GOD.



OUR CORE VALUES SUPPORT OUR PURPOSE AND HELP TO
MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND BALANCED MINISTRY.

Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.
- Proverbs 4:23

IT IS OUR AIM THAT THE "HEART" OF BCC'S MINISTRY WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY:

HARVEST VISION – We will keep our eyes on the harvest fields, those who don't yet know God in the sphere of influence He has given us (John 4:35).

EMPOWERED MINISTRY – In order to be a help and blessing to all people, we will operate by the love of God, consistent prayer, excellent training, and the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18).

AUTHENTIC WORSHIP – We will love and honor God by living lifestyles of genuine worship, faith, and Christ-likeness. We will not simply offer our community a philosophy, but will be a place where people can experience genuine encounters with the true and living God (Matthew 22:37).

RELATIONAL COMMITMENT – We will be a dedicated spiritual family, devoted to one another and maintaining a culture of love, grace, and forgiveness (Romans 12:5).

TRUTHFUL TEACHING – Devoted to the truth of God's Word in Scripture, we will present it in a way that makes sense and helps people to grow into spiritually mature disciples (1 Timothy 4:13).