

2014: A Year To ...
Worship ... Proclaim ... Consecrate ... Commit

December 27th & 28th, 2014

“Why do we exist as a church?”

❖ We exist to:

Worship the Lord and celebrate His presence

Proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of Jesus Christ

Consecrate our lives to Him through obedience to God’s Word

Commit ourselves to His service both in the church and beyond

Today, we are recounting God’s blessings this last year and how these four areas were lived out!

❖ Worship

“Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.” Psalm 145:2

- ♦ Worship is expressive.

Psalm 98:1-6

Psalm 63:4

Psalm 47:1

Psalm 46:10

- ♦ Worship is to be seen in our daily lives. *Romans 12:1-2*

- ♦ Worship is to include our children.

Psalm 8:2 “Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.” NIV

❖ Proclaim

“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4

- ♦ The gospel of the kingdom is to be proclaimed throughout the whole world *Mark 16:15*

Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

- ♦ The gospel is to be proclaimed beginning here where we live. *Acts 1:8*

- ♦ The gospel is the power of God by which people are saved! *Romans 1:16*

❖ Consecrate

“He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.” Psalm 145:19-20

- ♦ We are to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Lord. *Ephesians 4:1-3*

Colossians 1:10 “so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

- ♦ We are to no longer live our lives as unbelievers do. *Ephesians 4:17-24; 1 Peter 4:1-5*

- ♦ We are to continue learning God’s Word. *2 Peter 3:11,18*

John 8:32 “and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

❖ Commit

*“My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.”
Psalm 145:21*

- ♦ We are to serve one another using the gifts and abilities God has given us.
1 Peter 4:10 “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”
- ♦ We are to do good to everyone, especially those in God's church.
Galatians 6:10 “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
- ♦ We are to give of our resources as we have opportunity.
1 John 3:17-18 “But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”
- ♦ We are to serve the next generation and teach them God's truth.
Psalm 78:4-7 “We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments;”

Psalm 145:10

*“All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,
and all Your saints shall bless you!”*

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