

## Pastor's Corner

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### A Note from Pastor Larry E. & First Lady Lillie M. Allen PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

If you're reading this note, it's January 3, 2021 or later, and the good news is, you've been spared for another year (smile); and what was the present is now the past; and what was the future is now the present. In other words, last year is gone and there is not a thing that you can do to change it. And yes, we know that there are some things that you've done that you wish you hadn't done; there are some opportunities that you've missed that you wished you hadn't missed; and we are aware of the fact that there was time that you've wasted that you wish you could redeem, but there is nothing that you can do to change the past.

With all of this in mind, let's look in the Word of God and read what the Apostle Paul said in **Philippians 3:13-14 (King James Version)** about the past, the present, and the future. Paul says, "Listen saints, I'm an Apostle, and I still haven't **"apprehended"** (reached perfection) but I'm working on it! And to be perfectly honest with you, I'm really not too worried about it! Why? This one thing I do, I forget about the things that happened in the past, and I reach for the future, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

So, what is the Apostle Paul instructing us to do? Paul is instructing us to forget about where we've been (our past failures & past accomplishments) and start planning and preparing for our future.

What are some of the things that we should forget about as far as the past is concerned? If we've sinned, we should take time to genuinely repent and sincerely confess our sin(s); if our sin(s) have hurt others, we should humbly apologize and ask for their forgiveness; and then, we should receive the forgiveness, and **move on!** If we've been sinned against, we should forgive those that we feel have sinned against us in the same way that Christ Jesus has forgiven us and **move on!** And since God has forgiven us, we should forgive ourselves, and move on! Remember to **let it go, put it away, leave it alone, and move on!**

Well, now that we've handled the sin problem (so to speak), we can look at other areas of our lives that we should forget and **move on**. So, let's assume that we've failed, or experienced failure more than we think that we should have. Since we've failed, we should call it what it is: its failure! Now that we've called it what it is, and in an effort to avoid failing in the same area or areas again, wisdom would tell us to find a person that is more knowledgeable and more experienced than we are and ask this person to help us see where and why we failed; and then, we should make the necessary adjustments, and any and all corrections, and of course, move on! Now we're ready to do the things that should be done to cause us to have a successful and prosperous New Year in the eyes of God. And what are some of the things that we should do?  
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### Communion Sunday, January 2, 2021

- \*Nursery and childcare are available at both services
- 9:00 am & 10:30 am**
- Praise & Worship**
- Communion** Message by Senior Pastor Dr. Larry E. Allen
- For ALL children Kindergarten and up, we have our "JAM" Children's Church (K – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) w/ Pastor Stanley Robinson, Jr.**

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One, we should remember that God says that He has a plan for us (**Jeremiah 29:11 & 33:3**). Two, we should take time to have a conversation with God about the plan that He has for us! Three, we should take time to sit down and develop the plan and set some goals. As we're developing the plan and setting goals, it is important for us to make sure that our plan is in line with and falls under the guidelines and authority of the Word of God as written in **Matthew 6:33**. Now that we've developed the plan and set some goals, it will be easy for us to establish priorities that will enable us to successfully accomplish the things that we've planned. Four, just before we go any further, it will be important for us to meet with God again and get His permission to put our plan in motion. As soon as we're confident that God has given us permission to put our plan in motion, we are ready for step five. And step five is (the scary and the fun part) putting our plan in motion or going for it! As we're "going for it", we need to make sure to give God the freedom that He likes to have so He can give us the guidance, direction, and of course, make any and all changes necessary so the plan will be His plan and not ours. And finally, as we're carrying out this God given plan, and we begin to hear footsteps from the past, we must remember that we're in a race, and instead of looking back at the footsteps of the past that we hear, we'll keep our eyes on the finish line and we'll press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In closing, we pray that you'll follow the instructions that have been given from the powerful Word of God, that you'll formulate a plan, set some goals, process and analyze the plan, develop the priorities, discuss the plan with God, and once you've discussed the plan with God, and you have His permission to put the plan in motion, you'll get yourselves ready to have one of the most fantastic years that you've ever had.

We Love You,

Senior Pastor Larry E. and First Lady Mrs. Lillie M. Allen



Put It Away

Leave It Alone

Move On...

In Jesus Name, Amen!



## Pastor Johnny McChriston

just a note.....



Men's T.E.A.M. Shirts are available for purchase in long and short sleeve options and are \$30 each. Please contact Pastor Johnny or Brother Steve Martinez, should you need or would like to purchase one.

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**GET CONNECTED**

Remember to Invite someone!

Please join us!

Sunday Morning Services	in-person	9:00 am and 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Service	online	nlbcabq.org
Wednesday Evening Service	online	nlbcabq.org

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Pastor Stanley Robinson Jr.



9:00 am and 10:30 am – Sunday Morning

Bring your Pre K4 – 5<sup>th</sup> graders and join us for "JAM" Children's Church every Sunday morning!



9:00 am and 10:30 am – Sunday Morning

All Teens 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders join us for Youth Group w/ Pastor Stanley Robinson, Jr.



**A note from...**

**Brother Adam Jacobs, Evangelism Director**



## 5 Keys to Energize Your Evangelism this Year (Continued from left)

### 5 Keys to Energize Your Evangelism this Year

Starting off the new year, many establish new goals, whether in areas they feel completely confident in or in areas where little notice has been taken. Sharing your faith is key to growing closer to God, but it is often an aspect of discipleship in which believers feel they have a lot of room to grow. Whether you are a rookie or a pro at witnessing to others, here are five tips to energize your evangelism goals in the new year.

#### 1. Celebrate the Privilege

Romans 10 reminds us that people cannot *believe* in Jesus unless they have *heard* about Jesus. It goes on to celebrate those who share the good news, calling them beautiful. Evangelism is not just an important idea; it is a command (**Matthew 28:16-20**). In order to begin sharing our faith, we need to recognize the high privilege and honor it is to share the most important message in the world—the only message that can bring about salvation (**Acts 4:12**)!

#### 2. Learn a Tool and Use It

I encourage you to use an evangelism tool (such as a tract), not just for you to efficiently *share* the gospel but for the people you are sharing with to efficiently *understand* the gospel. A tool is valuable because it allows the person hearing the gospel to be able to reference back to an illustration or booklet as opposed to simply trying to recollect different points you have made and possibly getting confused. Tools help you be concise and clear. They help us to work smarter, not harder.

#### 3. Pray for Your Sphere of Influence

Pray every day for 3-5 people who reflect the people, places and passions that surround you. Keep the list of people in your wallet or phone so you can see it regularly. Make specific goals for sharing with them and follow through by initiating plans that week. Then, make new goals the following week. Meet with someone over coffee or lunch, share this list with them, ask them to make a list too, and commit to praying for their sphere of influence. People who involve others in their prayer life not only sow more seeds but reap more fruit. Praying for one another is the surest way to encourage one another.

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#### 4. Recognize that Lost People Do Not Know How to be Saved.

In **Acts 2**, Peter preaches to a crowd. How do the people respond? Verse 37 says, *“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* The people were both convicted and confused. Peter responds clearly, *“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”* One difficulty people have when they share the gospel is that they do not ask for a response. We cannot assume people know what to do next. People do not know how to be saved. There is no middle ground. We all stand guilty or innocent. It is your responsibility to clearly ask them to respond by either receiving Christ or rejecting Christ. Because of this, make sure to choose an evangelism tool that includes a call to respond.

#### 5. Teach Someone Else How to Share the Gospel.

**Matthew 28:16-20** commands us to make disciples. A disciple is truly made when they can turn around and make a disciple themselves. Paul’s ministry is a great example. **2 Timothy 2:2** identifies four generations being impacted by the gospel: *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”* God used Paul to teach Timothy who taught faithful men who then taught others. You do not need to be the most skilled evangelist to be able to teach someone else how to share. You can simply have that person invite you and a friend to coffee, share the gospel and afterwards debrief the meeting. We are believers because someone shared with the person who shared with us. Shouldn’t we continue this glorious cycle? I think we should!!!!

**Adam Jacobs**  
**Evangelism Director**  
**Live for Jesus!!**





**Happy New Year Saints!** A fresh and rewarding perspective awaits us because we serve a Might God. **Deuteronomy 7:9** says, “*Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.*”

God has shown us the path towards righteous living. He has kept his promises to us: yet have we always kept ours. 2021 offers us an opportunity to renew our faith, raise our voices in song and bring worship to those who would.

We welcome all who would be interested in the music team to contact Brother Preston 505-999-8085. Celebrate Jesus in song with us each Sunday morning 9:00 am & 10:30 am worship service.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday!



It is of the Lord's *mercies* that we are not consumed, because his *compassions* fail not. They are new every *morning*. *Great* is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

*How can we pray for you today?*



If you or someone you know has been sick, hospitalized, shut-in, have a need or in need of a visit and would like prayer, please contact one of our Pastors or you may reach us at (505) 352.2628.

We will soon be updating our Church Directory and we want to ensure that we have your current contact information that will help us stay in touch.

Be sure to grab a form next Sunday, January 10, 2021 If you would like to fill your form out online, please visit [nlcbcbq.org](http://nlcbcbq.org) and on the home page will be a link to fill out the form.

Please contact us (505) 352.2628 with any questions.

+ *encouraged!*



## *Staying Connected!*

If you may have wondered how to stay connected or how to get involved serving one another? Here are just a few ways we can love, encourage, and do for one another in ... LOVE through Christ Jesus!

1. **One of the most loving things we can do is to... PRAY for one another!** (1 Thessalonians 5:25)
2. **Stay connected with one another... Greet one another, comfort one another, seek good for one another!** (Romans 12:10)
3. **Serve one another in Love...Together!** (Ecclesiastes 4:9)
4. **Encourage one another through a phone call, cards, texts, socially and more!** (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
5. **Pursue one another with Godliness!** (2 Peter 1:5-7)

*A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.*

*Proverbs 27:9*

