

2018 WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2018 PASTOR'S REPORT

Matt 28 :18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This is an amazing Scripture but for me it has often been turned into a source of burden and guilt. Burden I must do and guilt I am not doing it enough. However, the key to the verse is the "Therefore." All authority has now been given to Jesus and the disciples are now finally having their eyes open to see that Jesus standing before them IS the risen Lord (They even worship him.). They and we can now rejoice in all that came in the Gospel before this point and after this point. The JOY in this "Therefore" is captured well in Jesus' parable of the Pearl of Great Price and the Treasure Hidden in a Field.

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

At our leadership retreat we discussed how discipleship is receiving the pearl/treasure and evangelism is merely sharing that pearl/treasure with others!

Here's how we felt we had received the pearl /treasure and how we can share the pearl/treasure.

Receive Pearl/Treasure - Discipleship

- Relationship with God
- Realize Unconditional Love of God for us!
- Peace, Joy, Fruit of the Spirit (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control)
- Forgiveness / Grace
- Example to follow / Path
- Knowledge Saved, give our will and life to God
- Eternal life – life now and in the future. Peace we will see loved ones again
- God's Word gives life meaning and direction
- Purpose
- Enveloped by God

Share the Pearl/Treasure - Evangelism

- Love - Be God's love to others
- Sing hymns / Carols to Seniors - other times besides Christmas -- Easter, bring candle, Communion, Scripture

- Let your light shine
- Make a list of social services to hand out to needy who come Sundays
- Invite people to participate in what we are doing at Westview - often it's not Sunday worship but other things we do that are the door into the church and to Christ
- Make them feel welcome
- Share what you learned at church with people you know
- Invite everyone, Treat all with dignity (i.e. homeless that come)
- Sunday Lunch is a wonderful way we love those who come
- The service programs we participate in are great outreach. Invite others to participate as we serve
 - o Gives others Purpose – it feels good
 - o It is a foot in the door of Westview
- We are becoming known as a Praying Church – People in our lives ask to be prayed for on Sundays, so continue to let people know we will pray for them.

Our leadership team met for a retreat on 1/26/19 and we felt God was leading us to:

2019 Dreams/Hopes

- **Westview be a Hub of Service** in the community providing various ways for people to come and serve. This will serve the community but also be a door into our church.
 - o We need better Communication of events, and what we are doing, etc. so people can know and participate (email, website, Chimes)
 - o Especially Salvation Army Volunteers, keep in the loop year-round, make email list?
 - o Provide meaningful service
 - o Have a part-time coordinator of services?
 - o How would we organize it?
- When visiting neighbors for Vital Congregation Survey about their needs, give them a flyer that
 - o Invites neighbors to an event at Westview like a Carnival / Meal / Picnic
 - o Or Trunk or Treat --lots of potential for our parking lot for outreach
- Work on better Communication to our Westview community and the community around the church so people will know of opportunities to participate.
- Garage Sale / Flea Market (people rent stalls) - as fundraiser and meet neighbors
 - o Have flyers about Westview, food and community resources
- Recycle and avoid Styrofoam (use up what we have then no buy more)
 - o Get education by GreenWaste on what we can recycle

And Continue our Hopes from 2018:

- Draw Families
 - o Youth Leader-hire to outreach at local schools & start new youth group (or consider 2 YAV interns?)
 - Radcliff – talk to principal Uli, Linscott – principal Julie
 - High School, Junior High School,
 - Work as Yard Supervisor
 - Saint Abe's – youth team using gym for basketball-coach Jake
 - o Offer a full Children's Program for all ages

- Senior Care
 - o Record service and give seniors DVD or stream on website
 - o Food
 - o Intentional Visiting by Deacons/Elders/Leaders
 - o Pastor Visits-Thank you for letting pastor know when/who needs visits.
- Update Church / Welcoming to Outsiders
 - o Beauty is important
 - o Continue to update website
 - o Sign/brochures on community bulletin boards like Chamber of Commerce
 - o Large Church Sign on outside wall – not banner
 - o Entry by sanctuary dark-need brighter LED bulb?
 - o Exit lights-fix
- Everyone Invite People More – to activities that serve as a bridge/door:
 - o Salvation Army, Relay for Life, Crop Walk, Harvest Dinner
- Honor Wonderful Westview Past and the Present as we move forward
- Possibly start another Bible Study in a Senior Complex
 - o Pajaro Vista? – Joy (Carmen’s aunt)
Has Common Room but separate, not much people traffic
 - o Valley Heights?, Google “Senior Apartments Watsonville”

In 2018 you have sought to care for so many by reaching out with love and generosity!
Here is a list of some of the things our leadership team was grateful for from 2018:

2018 Thanks

- Margo – for You, and Ministry to homeless
- Kitchen will be updated because of SonRise Kitchen
- Solid Rock and Iglesia de Cristo – Not only helps us financially, but good people!
- We are in the black again for 2018!
- Memorials - Thanks for all the hard work of our congregation to care for the families, and for our loved ones who went to be with God
- Sense of Community
- Wonderful Music
- Thank you for our Pastor Dan
- Our wonderful Leaders and Volunteers!
 - o Our leaders especially thanked: Gary, Cindy, Leslie Nagata-Garcia, Sheri, Dick, Shirley, and also all who help with Salvation Army and many more!
- Mission Trips
 - o Puerto Rico
 - o Honduras (Joanne H)
- Harvest Dinner
- Grateful for wonderful new people like: Julie and Jaqueline, Diane and Toni, Bill and Barbara Lyons, Tao and Mary, Gary and Sharlene, Michael,
- Paloma del Mar Bible Study and our new friends like Barbara and Joe
- Love that is present here!
- Guest Pastors – Mike, Rick, Pablo, Ryan
- Willingness to try new things, and MUCH more!

We have so much to be grateful for. God has truly blessed us!

You continued to care well for our members who are grieving the loss of loved ones during 2018. Thank you for all you did to organize the services, receptions and bereavement care! This year we celebrated the lives of Paul Jackson, Kenny Matsui, Louise Murata, Edna Nagata, Marie Nakamoto, Susumu Tamashiro, Betty Yagi, and Robert Yoshida.

You are a wonderful caring church family! I am very grateful for the privilege of being your pastor. Please hold our dear church in your prayers and please continue to seek God's guidance about how we can all reach more people with the immense love of Christ so that they too may have the Pearl of Great Price and the Treasure Hidden in the Field!

Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Dan