

FUTURE VISION Sunday August 29, 2010

"Future Vision 2020" - outlining where we want to see APC go in the days to come

As a church we have always emphasized the need to be a people who are strong in the Word and in the Spirit. We want to live the Word empowered by His Spirit. And we also desire to be a people who will have impact and influence on the world around us. You've heard our vision statement almost every Sunday – "to be salt and light in the city of Bangalore, a voice to the nation and to the nations". In this city we desire to see at least 5 locations (North, South, East, West and Central) with each location ministering to about 50,000 people.

There is a lot that goes into the functioning of a local church – evangelism, discipleship, mentoring, member care, etc.

Our emphasis is to build PEOPLE not run PROGRAMS. Building people takes time.

This morning I just want to touch on some key themes that I envision becoming more and more important for us as a local church in the days to come. We will see our emphasis, efforts and energies being focused on these key areas in the coming days.

Becoming A People of one mind

It is important for all of us to be of one heart and one mind – a people who are in "one accord". When we are walking in agreement, we are a people of power. Agreement is the place of power. When all of us are pulling in the same direction, we can go further and farther as a local church.

Haggai

The book of Haggai bears a very important message to us as the people of God.

Haggai 1:5-10 2:7-9 2:18,19

Essentially what God is telling His people in Haggai is "you build my house and I will build yours" When we build His house He promises to fill it with His glory – greater glory! From the day we begin to make this our focus, He says – He will bless us!

Therefore it is important for us to see the House of the Lord build. When we talk about the House of the Lord we are referring to the local church and the House of God in the city – the city wide church. We must have a passion for the House of the Lord.

There are 3 specific areas that I want to address, as we talk about our future vision.

1, Manifesting the supernatural

John 1:14 John 1:16 John 2:11 John 14:12

The life that Jesus lived is the "normal Christian life"

The Lord Jesus walked in what we call the "sonship glory" full of grace and truth. Out of what is in Him we have received – grace upon grace - unlimited grace.



His sonship glory was manifested through miracles. Jesus said that those who believe in Him will do His works – we too will manifest sonship glory through miracles.

A, We desire to see Every believer manifesting the supernatural. Every one ministering in the power of God

B, We desire to be a community where we are "naturally supernatural". It is normal for us to manifest the power of God. This is the normal christian life.

C, The supernatural can be expressed through different ways – prayer, prophetic, deliverance, etc. We desire to be a people of prayer – more people serving at our Prayer center, We like to see Prophetic teams, Healing teams, Deliverance teams emerge with people serving and ministering in these areas.

2, Unity in the citywide church

In 2006 at a pastors prayer summit God said "I want you to shepherd the city".

John 17:21-23 Jesus prayed that we would be one so that the world will know Him. Unity in the Church is key to reaching the world.

The key to unity is walking in the glory of God.

John 17:22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

Glory = the sonship glory that Jesus walked in. The glory which is a manifestation of who God is (His character) and what He does (His power).

As a church we must pave the way for unity in our city. We must take responsibility and leadership in encouraging unity in the Body of Christ in practical ways. This will be a major are of effort in the coming days. We desire to see partnership (a) between churches and (b)partnership between churches and Christian ministries.

As we begin to do this in our city, we must encourage other towns and cities to do likewise and take it to the nation.

3, Outreach & Missions

Psalm 2:8

Our desire is for us to become an outward looking church – a church that is reaching our city. Nation and nations for Jesus Christ.

I believe that three areas will be important in this:

A, Marketplace invasion – equipping believers to make a difference on the 7 mountains, winning souls, dicipling people and transforming culture in the marketplace.

- **B, TV & Publications** we are already working on this....getting our publications in different Indian languages. We are also dubbing our English TV programs into Hindi and Kannada in order to equip the Body of Christ.
- **C, Church planting** this has to happen intentionally. Aside from our Bible college students going out, we would like to see people from the congregation taking up church planting mission on purpose. Example choose to relocate on business to a specific town or place and there plant a church.



CALL TO PARTICIPATE

We would like all of us to participate in building God's house – our local church, the citywide church and the Body of Christ in our nation.

Requires every ones involvement Requires sacrifice of time, talents and money

Becoming A community with Kingdom Culture

Will you abandon yourself to seeing the House of the Lord being built.

About Jesus "the zeal of your house has consumed me"....(Psalm 69:9) "my food is to do the will of the Father and finish His work"...(John 4:34)

ALTAR CALL





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