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Church

PREPARING FOR GROWTH



What does it take for a church to GROW? No doubt a lot of things must be in place for a church to GROW; obedience to the word of God being the foundation. We love to sing the song, TRUST AND OBEY FOR THERE'S NO OTHER WAY! The main verse most Christians believe we must obey to GROW would be Matt. 28:19-20. I AGREE!

In our last business meeting we discussed a new way for our church to be obedient to that scripture. Church growth experts are telling us that New Churches grow faster than long established churches. One way for long established churches to change that is to start NEW UNITS. Sunday school is one way but even church members are not attending Sunday as much as in days gone by. HOWEVER, one new unit that has proven to be a real GROWTH unit is HOME BIBLE STUDY.

At the business meeting we asked everyone to pray about this until our next meeting on Sept. 19th. We are asking church members to seek the Lord's leadership in having a Home Bible Study. The day of the week will be decided by each home. The material will be provided by the church and each home will have a facilitator to lead the discussions. Just think about this. If we have 30 homes with 10 people in each

study we will more than double our weekly outreach in bible study. We will certainly be fulfilling Matt. 28.

LifeWay published a recent article encouraging churches to start new Growth GROUPS. Here are some of the reasons for doing so. GROUPS WERE JESUS' WAY OF MAKING DISCIPLES (Acts 2:42-46). GROUPS PROMOTE EFFECTIVE MINISTRY because they are the easiest way to establish relationships that connect people to a common cause. GROUPS GROW CHURCHES because they provide multiple entry points into church life. GROUPS provide a comfortable environment for people who prefer dialogue about faith rather than a sermon. BOTTOM LINE, GROUPS GROW PEOPLE AND CHURCHES!

Several people have told me they are excited about having one in their home or being a facilitator in someone's home. Would you ask the Lord about providing a home or being a facilitator? If you have lost neighbors this would be a great way for you to lead them to Christ and be obedient to Matt. 28.

Remember to pray for Linda, Susan and I as we travel to Japan for ministry this month.

Going into the world,

Bro. Larry

Psalms 125:2

² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

Dear Church family,

September marks the beginning of a new year in Sunday School Ministry. Praise the Lord for seeing many of you present during our Leadership Commissioning time this past Sunday. May the Lord give us a steadfast heart as we enter into a new year of Sunday School, Discipleship and outreach opportunities!

I am thankful to the Lord for our Sunday School Ministry. God has truly blessed us with faithful, dedicated Sunday School Workers. I am excited about the eleven Adult Bible Study classes we will have this year. Thank you for your commitment to teaching God's Word. Thank you class members for the wonderful discipline you've developed in your personal life in attending Bible Study during the Sunday School hour.

This year, we will be promoting some Preschoolers into the children department, and five Six graders will be promoted to the Youth Department. Thank you for doing such a wonderful job in teaching God's Word to our children!

CHECK OUT THE PREPARATIONS AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Sharing in Testimony during Worship Service

Sunday, September 5

Why Do I Teach Sunday School?
Jeanie Loomis

Sunday, September 12

Why Do I Attend Sunday School?

Sunday, September 19

How has attending Sunday School helped my spiritual growth?

Sunday, September 26

Why should you teach Sunday School?
Rachel Saldana

Be praying for these individuals as they prepare to share with us throughout the month.

SEPTEMBER 10-12

I Want My Church to Grow Weekend

A weekend of Learning, Inspiration and Engaging.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Teo Cisneros
Vice President of Development for Baptist University of the Americas.



Weekend Schedule...

BANQUET CELEBRATION

Friday 6:30 P.M.

We want to encourage everyone to be present at this banquet. We want to learn together what God has in store for us as we continue growing His Church with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Be sure to get your **free banquet ticket** no later than Sunday, September 5th, or stop by the office to request your ticket. Picking up your ticket will help us know how many will be attending.

LEADERSHIP ENGAGE

Saturday, September 11

9:00 – 12:00 noon

All Sunday School Workers need to be present this morning. We will unite our minds and hearts in looking at those things God will want us do this year for "I Want My Church to Grow" through Sunday School.

We will conclude our morning with cold salads.

COMBINED BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Sunday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Taquito Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Combine Bible Study Meeting in the Fellowship Hall to learn about

"*Breaking Barriers for Church Growth*" with Rev. Teo Cisneros

Worship Celebration
10:45 a.m.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE...

Due to a long weekend of activities, Sunday, September 12 Evening Service will be cancelled.



GETTING READY FOR BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study Class will begin:
Sunday, September 19th - 5:00 p.m.

DANIEL: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

Facilitator: Linda Smith
Textbook: \$14.95

Friendships of Women

We took a break during the summer months.
We are ready to begin.
Looking forward to seeing you
Every Tuesday, starting September 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Join me in the Fellowship Hall.
Lunch fellowship following!

Daughters of the King

Sunday, September 26
6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Leader: Marcia Loomis
Topic: "Landmine of Compromise"
Don't miss it!
Bring finger food for our fellowship.

Please Make A Note...

While Pastor is out on his Mission Trip to Japan,
Please observe the following Schedule:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 1st
Prayer Service Leader
Lonnie Reece

Wednesday, September 8th
Prayer Service Leader
Sandra Cisneros

Wednesday, September 15
Singing, prayer and testimonies
Lonnie Reece & Sandra Cisneros

SUPER SUNDAY
Super Sunday
Sunday, September 19
6:00 P.M.

We ask for all Teams to be present to discuss issues pertaining to your ministry activities and responsibilities.

Ministry report

Anchored Love Ministries

Business Meeting
Sunday, September 19
7:00 P.M.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you for all the items you brought throughout the month of September to assist students at the Baptist University of the Americas.
The Missions Team

ON THE MISSION FIELD

Pray for
Pastor Larry & Linda Smith and Susan Olander
As they go on the mission field to Japan.
Pray that God will use them as they share the transformational message of the Gospel!

300 from various cities in Texas attended this years' "Circle of Friends" Annual Women's Encounter. The women went home rejoicing and shared with their congregations how God blessed them during those two days.

Thank you for the delicious desserts you shared for the Friday evening banquet. A big thank you to John & Jane Willis for blessing the conference with your servant hearts!

Because of the generous giving of God's people, a \$600 grant was given this year to a BUA third year Student: *Noemi Molina*. She is a four year diploma student and Pastors' Wife here in San Antonio.

Thank you for embracing this ministry and walking this journey with us!

God is good and His faithfulness endures forever!
Sandra Cisneros, President

MONTHLY STATISTICS

Date:	S.S.	Attendance:	Worship Attendance:	Giving
8/1/10	106		154	10,087.35
8/8/10	110		160	5,755.32
8/15/10	119		182	7,853.31
8/22/10	115		190	T.B.A.
8/29/10	T.B.A.		T.B.A.	T.B.A.

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Want my Church to GROW

**A weekend of
Learning, Inspiration and Engaging.**

**September 10, 2010 Friday Night at 6:30 p.m.
September 11, 2010 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00
p.m.**

September 12, 2010 Sunday 9:00 a.m.

