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Connecting Church To Home

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What Bethel Needs In 2010

As I look at the new year, I face it with mixed emotion. 2010 will be an exciting year. I believe God has many things ahead for us to accomplish. I believe there are many precious souls to be reached. I believe there are spiritual goals we must reach among our already existing flock.

There will be some negatives. Several of our precious families may be transferred or move away. This is a necessary part of our type of area, but it still brings sadness to see them go.

Not only so, but the "holes" in our fellowship & ministry will need to be filled. So, lots of work is before us along with many wonderful opportunities.

So, what do we need to do? What elements will be necessary to insure the victory in 2010?

I. Perpetual Prayer Warriors

I believe that every ministry which brings the glory to God is built on prayer. Without it, nothing will be accomplished with "fruit that remains."

I do not mean the casual, "Lord, bless our church." I mean a committed band of prayer warriors who daily hold up the pastor, staff, leaders, and the people of Bethel Church before the Lord. People who get a hold of

the "horns of the altar."

II. Persistent Bible Students

One reason Bethel has grown is its concern for the Word of God. Like the Bereans in Acts 17:10-11, we have and must continue to search the Scriptures. To think we have arrived in this area is foolish. A hunger and thirst for His Word is essential to real growth.

We need to build more small group studies (like our Tuesday group study). Sunday School must be a place where searchers can find the answers. Worship Services must continue to center around the preaching of His Word. It is by the "foolishness of preaching" that people will be saved and grow in Christ.

III. Passionate Witnesses

Jesus left us with a command, "Go into all the world and preach (proclaim) the gospel to every creature (person)." We are to begin at Jerusalem (our local area), and filter out from there to the "utmost parts of the earth."

Not to be reaching people with the good news of salvation is sin. If we are to be obedient we must do His bidding.

The simple arithmetic of the matter is that if only 50% of our Sunday Morning attendance

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Upcoming Events

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| JAN | 1 | HAPPY NEW YEAR! |
| JAN | 3 | MISSIONS SUNDAY! |
| JAN | 9 | Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am, in the Fellowship Hall. |
| JAN | 15 | Angel Food Ministry Order Cut Off. |
| JAN | 23 | Angel Food Ministry Order Pick Up 10:00 am - 11:00 am |
| JAN | 30 | Casa De Dios-Wedding Reception |

Weekly Schedule

| <u>SUNDAY</u> | |
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| Sunday School | 9:30 AM |
| Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Casa de Dios | 1:45 PM |
| Choir Rehearsal | 4:30 PM |
| Evening Service | 6:00PM |
| Bible Time (Grades K4-6) | 6:00PM |
| <u>TUESDAY</u> | |
| Prayer Meeting (Casa de Dios) | 8:30 AM |
| Ladies Bible Study (Jodene Clark's Home) | 6:30 PM |
| Prayer Meeting (Casa de Dios) | 7:30 PM |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | |
| Youth Group (Auditorium) | 7:30PM |
| Bible Class & Prayer (Fellowship Hall) | 7:30PM |
| Kid's Time | 7:30PM |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | |
| Men's Bible Study & Fellowship (Auditorium) | 7:30 PM |
| Casa de Dios Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) | 7:30 PM |
| <u>FRIDAY</u> | |
| Youth Group (Casa de Dios Fellowship Hall) | 5:00 PM |
| <u>LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH</u> | |
| Ladies Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) | 10:00AM |

