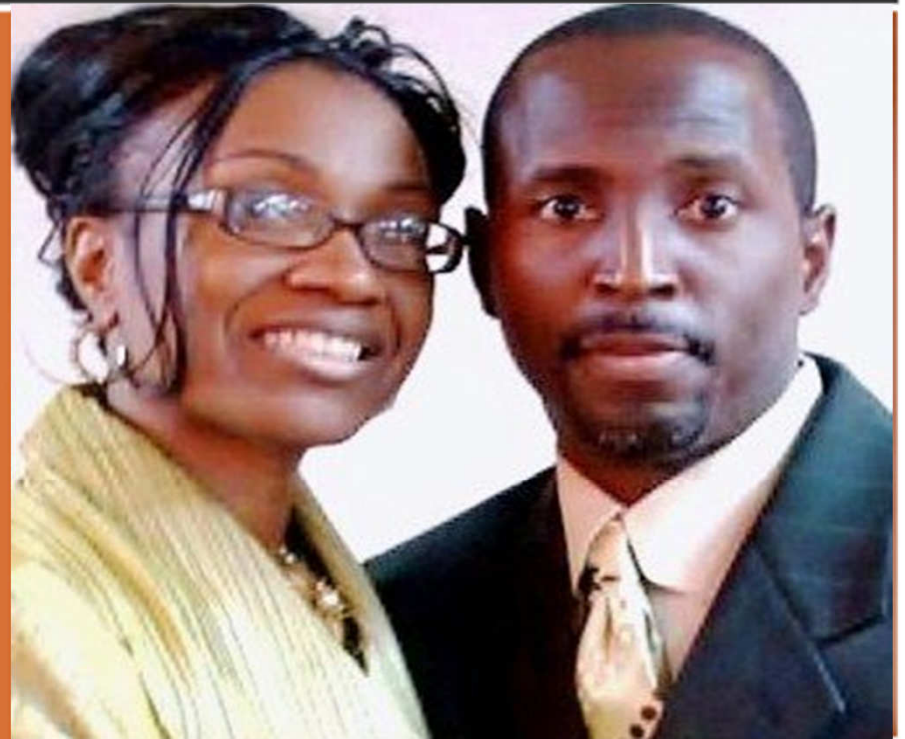


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Theme: We Declare Victory!

Vision defined:

"Vision for ministry is a clear mental image of a preferred future, imparted by God to His chosen servants and is based on an accurate understanding of God, self and circumstances."

(George Barna: THE POWER OF VISION)

Why Vision?

From Dream...To

A goal or a dream that exists only on a piece of paper, or only in your imagination, is really nothing more than a whim.

It becomes a life-vision when you decide that you will invest the time, the energy, the effort, and the money to make it happen.

**The question is: how do
you do it?**

**How do you get from the
place where you're
dreaming about a victory to
the place where
you're celebrating a
victory?**

1. Surround yourself with the idea.

- Saturate yourself with it.
- Let it be the first thing you think about in the morning, and the last thing you think about at night:

The "VISION" Verse:

Proverbs 29:18

- Where there is no vision (Heb = khazon), the people perish (KJV)
- Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint (NIV)
- Where there is no vision, the people run wild (Modern Language)
- Where there is ignorance of God, the people run wild (Living Bible)
- Where there is no prophecy the people cast off restraint (RSV)
- Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint (ESV)

The New Living
Translation uses
the phrase
*"divine
guidance."*

Vision Means?

- In other words, when we talk about having a vision for your life or for the life of Chosen Generations we're really talking about connecting with God's plan for our life.
- **This isn't just about your goals and what you want for yourself, it's about what God, wants for you.**
- The Bible says of King David that he ***"served God's purpose in his own generation."*** (Acts 13:36)

2. Take early action every day.

Vision that is worth pursuing must be PURSUED every day.

- Every day you need to take steps that will move YOU forward



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3. Settle in for the long haul.

Bill Hybels once use this exact phrase. He said if he was on his death bed, one of the last things he would say to church leaders is "Settle in for the long haul."

- We want success, and we want it now.
- We want happiness, and we want it now.
- We want fulfillment, and we want it now.
- And when we don't get it now, we're tempted to throw in the towel.

Near the end of Paul's life, he wrote some of the most poignant words in the New Testament. He said...

- *The time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is store in for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)*
- This should be the goal for each and every one of us, to be able to say, "I finished the task. I saw it through. I didn't quit."

Vision Assurance

“CALLED TO CLIMB”

God has called us to another level

**“I Press On Toward the Goal for the Prize of the
Upward Call of God in Christ Jesus”**

Philippians 3:14

"All men dream; but not equally.
Those who dream by night in the dusty
recesses of their minds
Awake to find that it was vanity;
But the dreamers of day are dangerous men,
That they may act their dreams with open
eyes to make it possible."

(Quoted in LEADERS, THE STRATEGIES FOR TAKING CHARGE, Bennis & Nanis)

*Dreams are cheap
but
Vision comes at a
price!*

KEY TARGET AREAS:

- S** - **Serving** the Needs of the Community
- U** - **Uniting** the Church in Small Groups
- M** - **Magnifying** God through Worship
- M** - **Maturing** Believers Through Discipleship
- I** - **Impacting** the Youth of our Community
- T** - **Telling** Others about Jesus

Expand reach of Missions



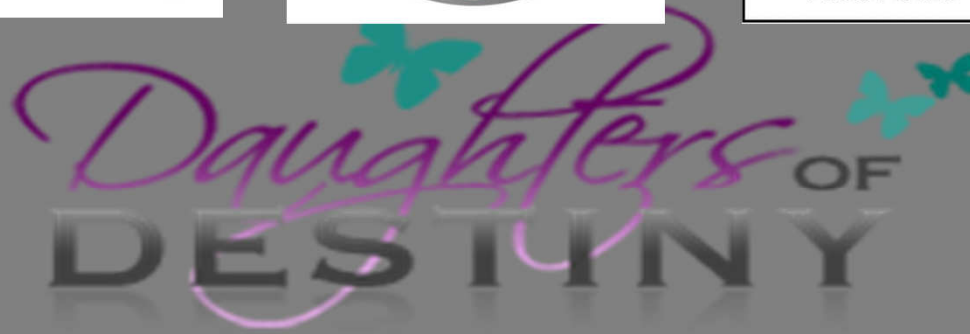
- Youth Missions Trip- LA
- Continued support of March of Dimes
- Support of Missionaries through church partnerships to reach the unreached: Uganda, Haiti & Honduras
- Unreached people groups are ethnic groups without means of evangelizing their own people. Researchers for the U.S. Center for World Mission have identified as many as 10,000 cultural groups which could be considered unreached.

Expand reach of Local Community Outreach

LOCAL OUTREACH

- Prison Ministry & Street Evangelism
- Celebrating Mothers in our community via Community Mother's Day Breakfast
- Community Harvest Festival - Oct 30th
- Outreaches to local senior citizen centers
- Thanksgiving- We will be a community Turkey Giveaway Pointe' 100 Turkeys

Small Group Participation



Increasing Worship Experience

- Projector & Video Screen
- CD Duplicator- 3 Tier
- Flag Team (in progress)
- Youth Dance Ministry (in Progress)
- Media Technology (cameras and video recording for DVD's)
- Worship & Arts Productions (Easter, Christmas, and community Concerts)



Maturing Believers Through Discipleship

- MIT (Ministers in Training)
- School of Ministry (where leaders are trained)- Each leader going forward 2011 will complete leadership 101 and receive certificate
- Family Ministry
- Financial Stewardship
- Education & Training



Description of a Disciplined Person

H – Heart of Gratitude

I – Identity in Christ

L – Love for God

L – Love for Others

S – Spirit Led Life

Impacting the Youth of our Community



- Operation Christmas Child -Locally Adopt 20 Families
- Campus Ministry Bible Study
- Teen-N-Jeans
- Youth Community Choir
- Community Easter Egg Hunt
- In His Shoes-Youth 30 hour Famine
- Free Christian Pre-K Academy 25 students
- Youth Website



A Transformational Learning Adventure

- **Prayer** – Increase prayer line usage to include bible study for the un-churched
- **Catch Their Attention** – weekend services! *Starting with Lunch in the Word Friday bible study*
- **Go Serve** – Congregation does community service projects. Hands on Atlanta
- **Reach Out** – Invite the un-churched to come serve with you. Family & Friends day; Relevant services i.e. Divas-N-Denim; PHG WOE Conference
- **Celebrate** – Rejoice together in all God has done!



Areas of Concentration

- Ministries
 - Design to Achieve the Vision. “Press On”
 - Winning, Building & Equipping
 - Discipleship
 - Assimilation
 - Consistent with Mission & Core Values
- Staffing
 - Professional & Volunteer: Sufficient to Implement and Sustain the Vision
- Facilities
 - Designed to Enhance the Ministries
 - Designed to Allow for Numeric Growth in all Areas
 - Maintained to Protect Assets for Future Use

Facilities Improvements

- Continue to improve Functional Office Facilities for Efficient Staff Usage
- Optimum Utilization of Classroom, Youth and Fellowship Hall Areas
- Revitalize Facility Image to Community
- Address 'Critical' Repair Needs



Existing Facility Upgrades & Improvements:

- Remove Physical Restrictions to Growth
- Children's Ministry – Need space for Nursery
- Add Covered Entrance
- Increase Parking
- Provide Larger Community Area Outside Sanctuary
- Youth Center/Fellowship Hall Update

What Are We Doing?

“As a result of our innovations, we've had 9 new ministries start and people are excited to start more. We've attracted new people that want to be involved in a church that is outreach/service oriented, and in one month we took in 10 new members.

Young Men- Lucan Fuller

- Daughters of Excellence- Keisha Fuller
- Elders Council- Elder Dunson
- Church Secretary- Cassie Lee
- MIT- Missionary Kelson
- Admin Asst to FL- Kym Roberts
- Media & Technology- Keith Jones
- Minister of Music- Elder Blackwell
- Worship & Arts- FL

Accomplishments

“It was an amazing experience. I only hope that other churches will be able to get involved next year so we can reach even more people. Thank you!”



Conclusion

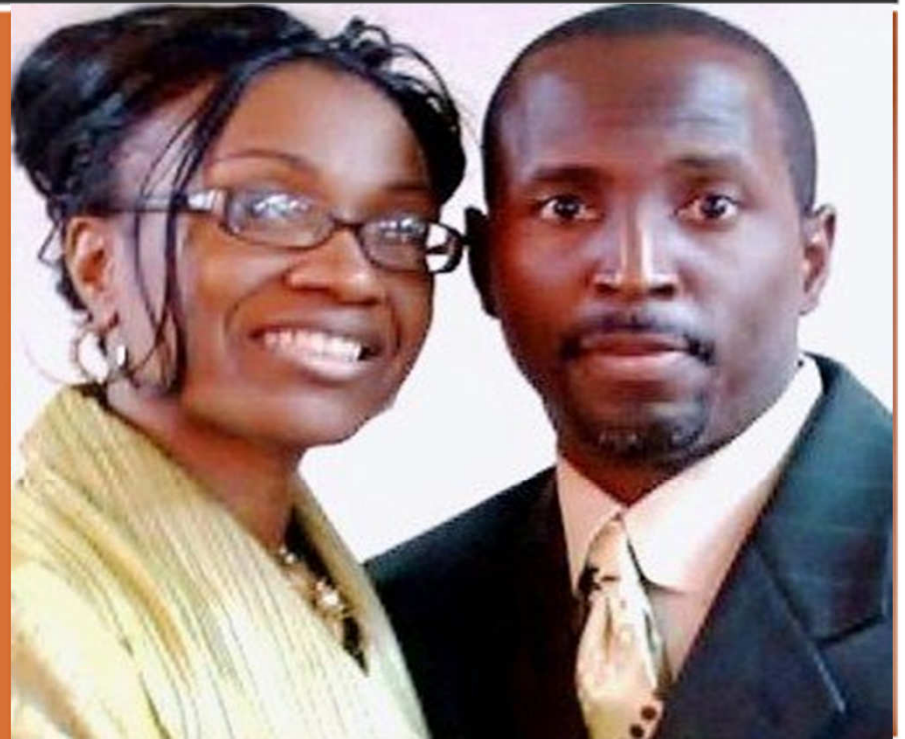
- As we conclude today this series on vision, it is my prayer that God will capture your heart with a dream of who you can be and where you can go and what you can do for his glory.
- God, increase our vision, so that we will aspire to do great things for you.
- God, help us to share our vision, so that we can take others with us on a journey into a great life of living for you.
- God, help us live our vision, every day, day-in and day-out, until we cross the finish line, until our race is done.

Questions?

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