

Thank you Pastor, for joining us.

We have some exciting things to share with you and we pray that if you are not doing them already this information will turn your ministry and church around to the heights you originally dreamed of.

We are aware of the competition facing Pastors to maintain and grow the church you would like to have and be able to meet the needs of the neighborhood you are serving. Yes, we know that indifference, sports, entertainment and television play a big role in church growth.

We have a heavy burden for the small church Pastors, the ones where the church can't afford to pay a Pastor, which means, that he has to have a part or full time job plus a full time church and a full time family. Every Pastor we have talked to is wondering if he is doing enough. We are here for you and the Lord has given us a plan and materials to help you to do what God has called you to do.

Normally we meet with Pastors (locally) to share this information over breakfast or lunch because; our focus is on the Pastors. The Lord has given us this information to share with them to make things go smoother and be more productive at the same time.

Currently we have partnered with a ministry called Hub. Hub stands for "Habersham United Believers" and they are working with other help ministries in the County to meet the needs of hurting people.

1. Habersham County has a population of 43580 people and have 140 churches.
2. Statistics shows, that only 26% of the population attends a church.
3. Statistic also shows, that 96% of Christians do not know how to share their Faith with someone else and follow through with leading them in prayer to receive eternal life.
4. That would imply that only, 447 people out of 43580 know how to help another person receive eternal life.

This is the reason for our 12 Church Pilot Program here in Habersham, GA.

When 12 churches teach 50 people how to be a soul winner you will have 600 people that will start harvesting souls for the Kingdom of God. This estimate of people is based on the 300,000 churches in the US that have an average attendance of 40 to 80 people. There are 50 churches closing per month.

By adding this phase, each Pastor will have multiplied himself by fifty and the congregation will have deepened their relationship with the Lord.

We have two main points to share and the first is enhancing the congregation's personal relationship with the Heavenly Father. We shared this at a Prison Ministry for the men to learn how to Snuggle into the Heavenly Father and this was helping them to realize the difference of what got them into Prison and where not to return to when they get out.

We are suggesting that with this intimate prayer time to make an adjustment in the music department. It is hard to settle down and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit when you are hearing the drum go thump, thump, thump. A pleasant, mellow sound helps calm the spirit and mind to be sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is doing and saying.

The next big thing we share is, God's Highest Priority and this is the Icing on the cake and the, God key, to church growth. Isa. 58:6-

We share a number of scriptures like, Eph. 4 – The Five Fold, Matt 25, Parable of the Talents, Matt. 23. Where Jesus burns the ears off the scribes and Pharisees and Ezek.3:17-21 where God is saying, If I tell you to warn---. This is in addition to the Great Commission Verses.

We remind them, that we Ministers will also stand in front of the judgment seat of Christ and we want the Lord to be able to say to us, well done thou good and faithful servant. We are supposed to be watching out for one another, so we are reminding all of us of God's Highest Priority.

The ministry of reconciliation is God's Highest Priority which He planned and prepared before the foundation of the world and He knew that His only begotten Son would have to die on the cross to restore man back to the relationship He had with Adam and Eve before they sinned. Remember, without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.

We are suggesting that Pastors put on hold for a few weeks what they are doing, even though it is important, and take time to teach why, 1 Peter 3:15 is God's Highest Priority, and then, the congregation can be winning souls when the Pastor has resumed what he was teaching.

If we can help the Pastor get the congregation focused on the original instructions that Jesus gave 2000 years ago, the church will grow and reach a level that it can pay a Pastor a full time salary. There are so many benefits for a church and Pastor, for the Pastor, to be able to dedicate his time to prayer, fasting, teaching, training and sending.

Acts chapter 6 shows how to delegate responsibility. Also; 1 Cor. ch.12

The statistics are showing that 96% of Christians do not know how to share their faith and that has held true for several generations, going back to when prohibition ended in the twenties and thirties. The church had an impact to start it in the first place because the booze and substance abuse destroys relationships, families, jobs and kills people through accidents etc.

Now, today, we can see the results of the alcohol abuse issues.

Since then, the church, for the most part, has had a muzzle over its mouth and went to a don't talk politics and religion mode and by doing so, we have lost praying in schools, and other areas and basically, we have lost the United States if we don't wake up and speak up now. 2 Chron. 7:14 and Isa. 40:31

Since you are a Spirit filled congregation we want to invite you to do two things. You are familiar with Romans 8 and Acts 1:8 which means that you know how to pray in the Spirit with the help of the Holy Spirit---

First; start praying for all the Pastors of Habersham County. There are 140 that we know of. Please pray for your city, county, state and our country.

Here are some of the excuses that we get from Pastors when we are sharing God's Highest Priority. Note; These are reasons to pray for them too.

- a. I am too busy and we have too many programs already. My question is, is any of these programs more important than God's Highest Priority. That was what Matt. 23 was all about.
- b. One Pastor said, I can't work with you because, you are not using KJV only, you go to a church that speaks in tongues and you believe that a person can lose their salvation. My response is, if we are teaching that you must be born-again then we are in 90% agreement as Jesus wants us to be. He prayed in John 17, "Father I pray that they will be one as you and I are one". Paul said that we are co-laborers together in Jesus Christ. (Note; We are a non-denominational ministry)
- c. Another Pastor said, we don't do brochures or flyers any more. One Pastor in Colorado said, we used those brochures 30 years ago. Question; Can you imagine a Farmer going out to harvest a crop where he did not till the soil, sow seed or water? (Help the 96%)
- d. Our denomination has a different way of doing things. Our thought is, is what you are doing in Harmony with God's Highest Priority?

Prayer point number Two:

That you will chose to be obedient to our Lord where He says in, 1 Peter 3:15, to simply, get ready, to be ready and teach every person in your congregation how to lead another person to the Lord.

In the generations that we mentioned, millions of people did not go to Heaven that could have **IF**, the church had been doing what Jesus had instructed it to do 2000 years ago.

Together, you and I can stop this trend now.

At the point of physical death, a person's eternity is established forever with no recourse and you and I can make a difference if we start getting ready today.

If we were in a Hospital bed or convalescent home we can still lead people to the Lord, We need to be ready!

Here are some examples that I have experienced.

Convalescent home, Leon, Tom at work (a verbal)

Each of us need to find a comfortable question to ask to start the conversation with someone on this subject.

The question I ask the most these days is, do you do any Bible Study? I refer people to the Acts 20/20 website (www.acts2020.org) so that they will have some where to go to get started studying God's Word and receive Eternal Life. We give you permission to do the same.

Note: The bottom line and main point that we are sharing is;

Pastor, is your present program more important than God's Highest Priority which you could do easily in four weeks, and then, your congregation could be Harvesting souls while you resume what you were doing. This will be the most valuable and productive time that you have ever spent as a Pastor. You will need to plan on a New Believers class for the new converts that will be coming to your church.

In Closing:

Pastor if you like what you have seen and heard we invite you to open the Acts 20/20 website and down load the "Learning to Share God's Love" booklet and then download the "You can Receive" brochure and put your church information on it (following the how to instructions) because this is a word item and if you don't use the arrow key to go up and down it pushes everything out of place.

We are a seed store and all these things are free to help you to grow your church to bring Glory to the Father. John 15:8

Also, there is a 16 Lesson Bible Study that we have taught New Believers over the years and you may down load it as well or order the e-book version.

Pastor, we invite you to partner with us in Harvesting souls for the Kingdom of God and the potential of turning our Nation back to God.

And will you pass the word to everyone you can that we have these resources for them too.

May the Lord bless you and anoint you so that your church will double in size every twelve months because you decided to follow Jesus' instructions, today.

Your Acts 20/20 Ministry partners in the work of the Lord.

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Food for thought:

If, 96% of Christians do not know how to lead someone else to the Lord, what happened? The Word is teaching that every born-again Christian is supposed to know how?

We are sharing God's answer to this issue.

Test question. If you want to see where your congregation is, just ask them, how many of you had the opportunity to lead another person to the Lord in 2014. Watch how many hands go up and that is your answer to what you should do next.

Thank you for listening to us. May the Lord bless you.

