

New Destiny Praise and Worship Center
"Where Everyday People Experience Change"
Dr. Ethan Ogletree Sr.- Senior Pastor and Founder

DESTINY CONNECTIONS

June Theme "Vision"

- 13th Church Anniversary — June 2, 8 & 10 AM
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors Movie Day — June 8, Noon
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors — June 13, 11-1 PM
- Corporate Prayer — June 15, 8 AM
- Men's Breakfast Sponsored by G³ Women — June 15, 10 AM
- Young Adult Meeting — June 15, 9:30 AM
- Caleb's Children's "Donuts with Dad" (Father's Day Celebration) — June 16
- NDPWC Bahamas Cruise — June 17-21
- Sylvester Turner's Juneteenth Parade — June 22
- Evangelist Sandra Riley — June 23, 8 & 10 AM
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors Bible Study — June 27, 11 AM - 1 PM
- Benjamin's Tween Tribe Family Night Lock-in at IT²Z — June 29
- Weigh-in for My Fit Month — June 30



Pastor's Corner

It Takes Courage to Have Vision

Greetings New Destiny, it is amazing to see what God has done for us in 13 years. I remember when I, Pam, and Ethan Jr. began on this adventure to follow God and start the church. At that time it was New Hope Community Church. Like wow, we stepped out on faith and departed from the great mega church "The Church Without Walls." We served faithfully under Dr. Ralph Douglas West.

It was a scary situation, I will not mislead you. Pam was nervous, Ethan Jr. was just starting to live his life as a young adult and a few people joined us in this unknown adventure. Elder Randle is the only one left from the original core group. Like wow, we have come a long way.

When God gives you a vision it will always be something so big that you alone cannot accomplish it. God knows how to place a level

of faith in us to chase after something so much larger than we are. The vision is incredibly large; and guess what, God does not release the secret details of how it all will work out. That's the part that gets you. Whoever I am talking to, just walk with God and believe he is in perfect control..

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beyond it"*

Through all the ups and downs I'm glad that we followed God in this journey. When I consider all the mistakes I made and the days that I looked smart, I'm reminded that God's grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9). Can I get an "Amen"? But I must say that New Destiny was in God's plan from the foundation of the world. He planned it, blessed it, designed it, and called it out of darkness into the marvelous light (Isaiah



43:7). There is no way the devil will defeat what God has called.

When I think about the one or two ingredients that have brought us this far it comes to faith and courage.

◇ Martin Luther King Jr. says, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

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Faith and courage are the two key ingredients that I know God has gifted me with.

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I'm convinced that the Hebrew writer is true in 11:1, "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen". I have done my best to model it even if I looked bad in the face of people. I'm also thankful, that like Joshua, I am able to hear the encouraging words of God "to be courageous" (Joshua 1:9). How can you accomplish a God-sized task without facing the risk factor and the opposition of the enemy?

New Destiny, for our next phase of ministry join in the movement of Faith and Courage as we build ministry and transform peoples' lives. I personally want to thank the many people who have supported us! I pray that God blesses everyone who has remained faithful and for those who will come to make the vision live. "Write down the vision; write it clearly on clay tablets so whoever reads it can run to tell others." Habakkuk 2:2

Remember, we are stronger together than apart. We are "Everyday People Experiencing Change". I'm looking forward to what God will do next . . . you don't want to miss it!



"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

We deeply care about all of our members and their families, so we are asking if you are sick, shut-in or have lost a loved one to please let us know. We would love to partner with you in prayer and minister to you during these life experiences.

Please call the church office at 281-580-8686 or visit our website, www.newdestinypwc.org under pastoral care on the home page.

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Sunday Worship Services

8am & 10am

Wednesday

6:30pm – Mid-Week Prayer Service

7:00pm – Reflection In The Word
Bible Study



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EARLY MORNING
Prayer

Saturday June 15th 8:00am



“Where there is no vision, the people perish”

(Proverbs 29:18)

The word vision means to have sight, to dream, to receive revelation, enlightenment. The word perish in this reference means to loosen, to expose, to bare, to uncover, to cast off restraint.

What the writer of proverbs is saying to us is, when people loose sight of God and His purpose for their life and their church, they cast off all restraint of holy and righteous living and begin to live undisciplined lives. When Helen Keller was asked, “What would be worse than being born blind?” She said, “ to have sight without vision.” When a person loses his vision, they become tolerant of sin and make excuses for the sin that is present in their midst. If we are to avoid such activities in our lives and churches, then we need to realize and recognize the importance of vision.

Vision is a specific call to an individual or a church, imparted by the Lord, which gives them a mental picture of a preferable future. When we understand the vision that God has given us as Christians, we will realize our uniqueness, and then we can move to become all that God wants us to be.

Galatians 5:7 says, “You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?” Where are you heading in reference to God’s plan and purpose for your life at present? Are you accepting the call and vision placed before you by God, or are you off on a tangent or thwarting His plan for your life through disobedience? If you are disobedient to what God has spoken over your life, you will not progress beyond your last act of obedience.

What Are The Qualities Of A Person With Vision?

1. A Person With A Vision Recognizes The Prize.

There is a purpose and goal for the commitment and hard work they put in. They recognize that the rewards far outweigh the sacrifice necessary to gain the prize.

2. A Person With A Vision Understands The Spiritual Conflict That Is Involved In Fulfilling His Vision.

The last thing Satan wants for the Christian is for them to fulfill God’s purpose for their life. He will do everything in his power to sidetrack you and turn you away from reaching your destiny. A person with a vision understands that there will be opposition and does not shrink back from the fight. Each one of us must be alert to his schemes and not allow ourselves to be influenced by him in any way. We must constantly 'guard our heart, watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave and strong'.

3. A person with a vision focuses on hitting the target.

A person with a vision has a definite target. They are not just boxing with shadows. They are up and running for a reason and are not just running to be running, they are running to get somewhere.

The question that each of us needs to answer now is, “Are we a people with a God-given vision ?” You and I will be driven by the visions that we have for the future. Is your vision and dream for the future a selfish one. Have you sought the Lord for his plan for your life. Is your vision for the advancement of God’s kingdom among your sphere of influence? In Jeremiah 29:11 we read that God has a future and a hope for each of us, but we must seek Him and call upon Him. A God-given vision will glorify God and not the individual or the church. The vision that God gives us is the reason for our existence.

Ministry in Action

