

NEW DESTINY PRAISE AND WORSHIP CENTER

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September 2013

DESTINY CONNECTIONS

September Theme

“Built to Last”

- Singles & Young Adult Discipleship Class: “When Relationships Collide” — September 8, 8AM (6 weeks)
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors — September 12, 11AM - 1PM
- G³ Women’s Discipleship Class: “Missing Pieces” — September 12, 7PM (6 weeks)
- Men’s Corporate Prayer Meeting with Dr. Ogletree: “Men Building Things That Will Last” — September 21, 8AM
- Church Visitation at Believers Faith Church — September 22, 3:30PM
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors Bible Study — September 26, 11AM - 1PM

SAVE THE DATE

- Pillars of the Kingdom Leadership Meeting — October 6, 6PM
- GENESIS Meeting for New Members with Dr. Ogletree — October 19, 9AM
- Pastor’s Anniversary Revival with Prophet Todd Hall — October 24-25, 7PM

Pastor’s Corner

“For [of course] every house is built and furnished by someone, but the Builder of all things and the Furnisher [of the entire equipment of all things] is God.” ~ Hebrews 3:4 AMP

Building can be a difficult thing. We can have big plans and big dreams to build big. But, how to and when to build can be challenging for sure. All of us have major hopes for our lives and future. We must admit that we all want better and believe it or not God wants us to live an abundant life (John 10:10). That does not mean rich but abundant, it means a life of fulfillment. Needs meet dreams are a reality.

Building our families or careers is never the way we dream. It appears something goes wrong or someone ends up not going along with our dream. We must admit that sometimes we have included people who never believed in our plans to build. They were jealous, doubtful, and negative and in some cases, they even attempt to sabotage the plan. It can take years to recover or repair our dream and plan

to build.

Then there comes a time that all of us realize that our way of building is not or will not work. We have to know that God is the Master Builder. He knows our thoughts and plans better than we do. He knows the right design, the right direction and angle needed to construct our plans. He is the greatest service manager and he has bigger plans than we can even imagine (1 Corinthians 2:9).

God is the original and superior builder of all time (Hebrews 3:4). From shaping the world to designing the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, in his unique specialization of creating man and woman, and even the deepest unknown parts of the universe; God never has to estimate the cost for building or get a banker’s approval to build. God is just bad . . . wouldn’t you agree?

Unless The Lord builds the house the laborers work in vain (Psalm 127:1). Meaning what is built will be useless, unproductive,



frail, weak, not long lasting, and not guaranteed. I am tired of all my errors and mistakes when it comes to building. I’m challenged because of age and time to see my dreams become a reality. I’m hoping and working double time to do things God’s way, even suffering the cost of leaving friends and those behind who were never for me. I’m trusting God for divine direction and turning all of my plans back into the hands of the greatest builder ever known to man; and guess what . . . he still exists (Matthew 7:24). It just hit me if God created something out of this chaotic world where there was nothing and made something, what more could he do for someone like me.

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TWEEN MINISTRY

We recognize that serving the needs of our youth and young people is an ever-changing ministry. The key to an effective ministry is to constantly ask ourselves, "How is Christ relevant today to this generation?" Methods used to reach the Millennial Generation are different from those used to reach the baby boomers and the X generations. The gospel should always reach people where they are and the message remains the same. "God loved the world this way: He gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him would not die but will have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but to save the world. Those who believe in him won't be condemned. But those who don't believe are already condemned because they don't believe in God's only Son" (John 3:16-18.) Our goal is to provide today's tween's with God's word on their level and to instill a desire to grow in his word and increase their desire to bring others' into the Kingdom of God.

We utilize the LIVE curriculum, which is a bible-based curriculum that blends technology with old-fashioned talking points and discussion topics to motivate them to continue in their study in the Word, not only at church but home as well.



"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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"Where Everyday People Experience Change"



Sunday Worship Services

8am & 10am

Wednesday

6:30pm — Mid-Week Prayer Service

7:00pm — Reflection In The Word
Bible Study



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14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Genesis 28:14-15 (NIV)

This promise was given to Jacob when he first encountered the Lord as a young man at Bethel. However, many years later he must have had serious concerns about the behavior and character of his sons, and begun to doubt how his sons could be a blessing to anyone. The scriptures record some of their wickedness, deception, lies, and sexual impropriety.

The most infamous of their deeds was when they plotted to kill their brother Joseph and then sold him as a slave; but the first recorded event was after a man from a local city defiled Jacob's daughter. Jacob's sons then deceived the men of the city, two of his sons slaughtered them all in anger and then his sons plundered their wealth, capturing the women and children. (Genesis 34)

Jacob was distressed about what his sons had done and was concerned about the repercussions from the inhabitants of the land. The Lord directed Jacob to leave Canaan and travel to Bethel, where He had first encountered God as young man. Jacob then insisted his sons hand over all the foreign gods and charms they possessed and that they purify themselves.

When Jacob arrived in Bethel, his thoughts must have returned to the Lord's original promise to him, and it's likely he wondered how blessing could come through his children. But when he arrived at Bethel, God appeared to him again and reiterated His promise that His blessing was upon his family and offspring.

11 And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body.

12 The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you." Genesis 35:11-12 (NIV)

Jacob's wayward and deceptive sons suffered consequences for their actions (Genesis 49) but the Lord still established his people through them. They were the foundation on which He built.

The Lord still builds on failure within the church. Imagine a modern road as symbolic of the church. All you see is the surface of the road; but now picture the road as a cross-section, with many layers of various materials going back many generations. The earlier layers had been laid with what the builders saw as state-of-the-art materials at that time, but to us those layers now look like rubble or debris.

The old layers of road, which were once the useful and visible surface, fell into disrepair. The previous layers failed, the materials broke where they had natural flaws or lacked integrity. They failed and were covered over by new materials. The rubble and debris became a firm foundation for subsequent layers.

It's not that God builds on an imperfect foundation, because beneath the layers of debris is the solid rock of Christ. He took all our imperfections and failures upon Himself. The church is built on the solid foundation of Christ.

We belong to the Lord, so let's not 'beat ourselves up' over past mistakes or failures of integrity. Christ has covered those things. He has used our failures as a foundation, and He will continue to build on them. This is how it has been throughout history.

Ministry in Action

