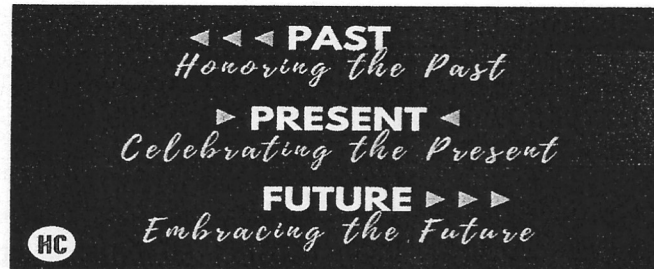




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Series: The Importance of Prayer.

*"Helping people experience the hope
found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus".*



I. Honoring the Past.

WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

A. The Bible.

B. Community.

C. Evangelism.

II. Celebrating The Present.

A. The Value of OTHERS [PARTNERSHIP]

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow."

Luke 10:1

"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go"

Philippians 4:14 "Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble."

B. Celebrating THE PRESENT:

1. Value of Partnering with Assist Church Expansion
2. Value of Forming a Vision Team
3. Value of adding to our staff & volunteer leaders
4. Value of a new Spanish ministry
5. Value of working together for our 2022 Thanksgiving Outreach
6. Value of partnering with the TLC preschool
7. Value of partnering with the City of Norwalk
8. Value in partnering with each other for our ORAs.
9. Value of partnering with other churches (BBC)

James 4:13-15

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town spend a year there and trade and make a profit' – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a MIST that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"

What are you doing with your MIST?

How can I make my life COUNT?

- Be involved in prayer (15 days prayer challenge)
- Be committed to God's Word (bible study, devotions)
- Be active for the gospel (grab an ORA)
- Be an Initiator

III. Embracing The Future.

"The present is the result of the past and the future depends on what we do in the present."

What should we do to embrace the future

1. We must Pray. Nehemiah1:1-6

v.1-3 he hears about the present situation and was heart broken

⁴ Now when I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ I said, "Please, Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps the covenant and faithfulness for those who love Him and keep His commandments: ⁶ let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel

2. We must have a vision.

Prov. 29:18 *Without a vision people perish.*

3. We must execute the vision.

Sean Covey in his book *4 disciplines of Execution* says:

"Once you've decided what to do, your biggest challenge is in getting people to execute it at the level of excellence you need."

Hebrews 11 ⁶ *And without faith it is impossible to please God*

James 2:17. *faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

4. We must be hopeful of future.

Jeremiah 29:10-11

¹⁰ *This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*