

Our Mission: *To be a Ministry Building The Kingdom...By Building God's People...With Word...By The Book!*

OUR VISION IS TO BE...E.M.P.O.W.E.R.E.D. B.U.I.L.D.E.R.S.

Changing Lives through Love, Nurturing Faith With the Word, Preparing Kingdom Servants

E-xcellence

Whether it is worship experiences, groups, children's ministry, or a community event, we want to offer something that will be pleasing to God. We serve a great God, and He deserves our best. As a result, New Bethesda Christian Ministries will always strive to do all things with excellence.

“Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand in the presence of kings.” (Proverbs 22:29)

M-inistry that helps God's people to make peace with the past, that they may embrace their future.

Have you made peace with your past? If so, congratulations. But, if you are stuck in the quicksand of regret, this ministry seeks an opportunity to help you plan your escape. By accepting what has been we will affirm and trust God with you for what will be. If you have not yet made peace with the past, today is the day to declare an end to all hostilities to yourself and others. Walk in the grace and liberty of God's promises of a glorious future that He has in store for you. *“The Lord says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don't you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.”* (Isaiah 43:18-19)

P-artnership

We believe that life is most enjoyable when it is done together. It is our desire that you would partner with us in transforming the Villa Rica community and the surrounding West Georgia areas that we also can reach. As a partner, you are able to invest in what God is doing in the lives of others through participation, giving and serving.

O-bedient Church

We live in a world that seeks to snare our attention and lead us away from God. Because we are imperfect mortal beings, we cannot be perfectly obedient, nor does God expect us to be. God does not want holiness from you. But instead, He wants holiness for you. In order to enjoy a deeper relationship with God, we must be a church that strive diligently to live in accordance with God's commandments. What is required is a sincere desire to be obedient coupled with an awareness of sin and a willingness to distance ourselves from it as soon as we encounter it. We do not seek to conform to this world, but to conform our behaviors to God's rules. If we are not willing to give God a “Yes” we as a church will never experience a full measure of the blessing that the Creator gives to those who will obey Him. *“By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments”* (I John 2:3)

W-orthy disciples

When Jesus addressed his disciples, He warned that each one must, “Take up his cross and follow me.” His message was clear; in order to follow Him, Christ's disciples must deny themselves and, instead, trust Him completely. Nothing has changed since then. If we are to be Disciples of Christ, we must trust Him and place Him at the very center of our beings. Jesus never comes “next.” He is and must always come first. *“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)*

E-ffective “Helping- hand” ministry.

Sometimes we would like to help make the world a better place, but we're not always sure how to do it. Jesus told the story of the “Good Samaritan,” a man who helped a fellow traveler when no one else would. (Luke 10:33-34) We too, should be good Samaritans when we find people who need our help. Jesus met the lame man at the pool of Bethesda. He had sat there thirty-eight long years unable to reach the pool that was visited by a healing angel once a year. Nevertheless, his disabilities were beyond his control. But that all changed when Jesus met him there at this temple known as the “House of Mercy and Grace”. And like Jesus, we must meet people where they are. For it only until this lame man meets Jesus, does his life actually change. We can make a difference in the Villa Rica, and West Georgia community by prayer, sharing a kind word and doing kind deeds. Whether you've offered this ministry, community, the unbeliever a helping hand or a heartfelt prayer, you've done a lot.

R-esponsible

It is never enough to wait idly by while others do God's work here on earth; we, too must, act. Doing God's work is a responsibility that each of us must bear, and when we do, our loving Heavenly Father rewards our efforts with a bountiful harvest. A noted theologian Phillips Brooks advised, “Be such an individual, that if every person were such as you, and every life was a life like yours, this earth would be God's Paradise.” One tangible way to make the world a godlier place is to spread kindness wherever we go. *“Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.” (Philippians 2:4)*

E-ternal Perspective

This ministry will always seek to give eternal perspective. For heaven is our ultimate goal and purpose. As mere mortals, our vision for the future, like our lives here on earth, is limited. God's vision however is not burden by such limitations. His plans extend throughout all eternity. And are not limited to the ups and downs of everyday life. Although we will experience occasional defeats in this world, we will have all eternity to celebrate the ultimate victory over death in Life to come. *“Our Savior Jesus poured out new life so generously. God's gift has restored our*

relationship with him and given us back our lives. And there's more life to come—an eternity of life!” (Titus 3:6-7)

Doers of the Word

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers. (James 1:22). The old saying is both familiar and true; actions speak louder than words. And as believers, we must beware: our actions should always give credence to the changes that Christ can make in the lives of those who walk with him. If we are to be responsible believers, we must realize that it is never enough to simply hear the instructions of God; we must also live by them. We unapologetically function as a member of the Church of God In Christ and do adhere to the teachings and doctrines. However, we are a spirit led church and follow the leading of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. We again unapologetically declare that it is our responsibility to be doers of the Word and to be obedient to our doctrine as it reflects the teachings of the Holy Bible.

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Behavior reflects our belief

As Christians, we must do our best to make sure that our actions are accurate reflections of our beliefs. In short, we should be practical believers, quick to act whenever we see an opportunity to serve God. Sinners will never believe those who do not live according to their proclaimed beliefs. Whether we like it or not, our lives are an accurate reflection of our creed. *“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:6-7)*

Using Our Gifts

We are servants using our gifts for the glory of God. For all of God's children possess special gifts bestowed from the Father above. Nevertheless, our gifts are no guarantee of success. But our gifts must be cultivated and nurtured; otherwise, it will go unused... and God's gift to us will be carelessly squandered. This ministry is committed to affirming and helping our members to discover and nourish those talents by providing opportunities to serve and support the ministry and its mission. We are confident, that responding to the Word of God by faith will make those gifts grow. Our gifts are priceless and eternal through Jesus Christ. And will be a legacy passed on to our children. And our children and their children as many as the Lord shall call, shall use them to the glory of God's kingdom, today and forever. *“God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

Investing quality time with our families.

Make no mistake: caring for your family requires time-quality time. Your family needs both quality and quantity time. So, as a responsible Christian, you should willingly invest large quantities of your time and energy in the care and nurturing of your family. New Bethesda Christian Ministries is a family-oriented church that seeks to strengthen and value the family as treasures of heaven. We seek to encourage you to ensure that God remains squarely at the center of your household. When you do, God will bless you and yours in ways that exceeds your imagination. *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (I Timothy 5:8)*

L-ove as though we “know God”

“He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (I John 4:8)

God loves you. He loves you more than you can imagine; his affection is deeper than you can fathom. God made you in His own image and gave you salvation through the person of His son Jesus Christ. And as a result, you have an important decision to make. You must decide what to do about God's love: you can return it... or not. We desire to show his love on purpose. As a ministry we desire to open our heart to God's love. For His love shown through us transforms us. And when we share it, it transforms our neighbors, our community, our church and ultimately our world. Accept His love; return His love; and share His love every chance you get.

D-illigence in Service

God's Word reminds us again and again that our Creator expects us to lead discipline lives. God doesn't reward laziness, misbehavior, or apathy. To the contrary, He expects believers to behave with dignity and discipline. In God's plan we were created to be disciplined workers in the service of Jesus Christ. Life's greatest rewards seldom fall into our laps; to the contrary, our greatest accomplishments usually require lots of work, which is perfectly fine with God. Therefore, we seek to be disciplined believers worthy of the plans He has for us. *“Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord” (Romans 12:11)*

E-nthusiam For Christians

We want to be a ministry enthusiastic for Christ. John Wesley advised, “Catch on Fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn.” When we fan the flames of enthusiasm for Christ, our faith serves as a beacon to others. Our world desperately needs faithful believers who share the Good News of Jesus with joyful exuberance. We want to be such believers that the world notices our love for our God and His people. And as a result of this enthusiasm, we truly give honor and glory to God. “So, roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, and be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better than; you do now.” (I Peter 1:13-15)

Richly Blessed Through Generous Giving

God's Word commands us to be generous, compassionate servants to those who need our support. That is the sole purpose of this ministry. As believers, we have been richly blessed by our creator. We, in turn, are called to share our gifts, our possessions, our testimonies, and our talents. The theme of generosity is one of the cornerstones of Christ's teachings. If we are to be disciples of Christ, we, too, must be cheerful, generous, courageous givers. Our Savior expects no less from us. And He deserves no less. Our desire to build a debt free-worship center for the betterment of the community and the Kingdom is a leading initiative for this ministry. And the only way we can achieve this task is through generosity. We seek to worship God with grateful hearts and helping hands as we support the church that He has created. Let us witness to our friends, to our families, and to the world. When we do so, we bless others-and we are blessed by the One who sent His son to die so that we might have eternal life. We seek to be a generous church. We unapologetically ask those who call New Bethesda Christian Ministries their home to invest 10% of their total income into what God is doing here. We want to be generous to others because God has been generous to us. The church belongs to God; it is His just as we are His. When we help build God's church, we bear witness to the changes that He has made in our lives. Our church's vision is to purchase this worship space we are currently in, by building strong relationship, partnerships, fund raisers, and through our personal giving which is tithing and offering. We seek to be a one hundred percent debt free/ tithing congregation. "Only participation in the full life of a local church builds spiritual muscle." (Rick Warren) *"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building."* (I Corinthians 3:9) Seeking God's Will.

"Teach me to do your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness." (Psalm 143:10) God has a plan for our world and our lives. God does not do things by accident; He is willful and intentional. Unfortunately for us, we cannot always understand the will of God. Because we are mortal beings with limited understanding. Nevertheless, we should always trust the will of God despite our ability to comprehend it. We choose to be a congregation that entrust this ministry as well as our lives to Him fully. For when we entrust our lives to Him without reservation, He will give us the courage to meet any challenge, the strength to endure any trial, and the wisdom to live in His righteousness and in His peace. "If the Lord will" is not just a statement on a believer's lips; but it is the constant attitude of a believer's heart." (Warren Wiersbe)

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SUMMARY

Our Mission Is To Be A

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Explanation of Our Mission Statement:

Our mission is to be a ministry purposely focused on building the Kingdom, by building God's people, with the Word of God, which is the Holy Bible. This is our sole purpose as a church. We must be intentional about why we are serving God's people through the church itself.

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Explanation of Our Vision Statement:

We accomplish our mission by having vision. The vision which is what guides the church itself. Our vision is to be empowered builders for the Kingdom. We do this by first focusing on this ministry changing lives through love. We must show the love of Jesus Christ as member of the body of Christ. For Jesus said that, "What you do to the least of them... you did it as unto me." And it was at the pool of Bethesda that the lame man was able to experience a life changing miracle because Jesus loved him where he was. Secondly, we must nurture believer's faith with the Word of God. Because the Word of God nurtures our spiritual growth and teaches us to depend on God, through our faith in His ability to help us move from relating to Him to obeying His commandments through Jesus Christ. And lastly to prepare our members to be leaders who are humble to be servants of the Kingdom. For Jesus declared that the least shall be great and the great shall be least. Therefore, we are reminded as a church that our overall service, vision and mission has nothing to do with us. But has everything to do with God. And this is why as a ministry we are careful to minister to the honor and glory of God through Jesus Christ.

Empowered Builders Short Summary

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