

Vision for 2011 - Living Out the Gospel

Our theme passage for this year will be Philippians 2:12-18.

“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.”

Working Out Our Salvation

In 2011, we want to provide opportunities for everyone in our church to work out their salvation, growing in holiness and Christlikeness. All of our main ministries will continue with the goal of personal transformation—growing people in their love relationships with Jesus Christ.

Holding Out the Word of Life

We want 2011 to be a year of increased gospel outreach. We have been brainstorming ways to do that together as a church, but the emphasis needs to always stay on each of our own personal efforts to share the good news about Jesus.

We will hold some big church events, the Men’s Wild Game Dinner, Family Bible Week, and others—maybe a Fall Concert Outreach and/or movie nights, but what is most important is that we each be ready and willing and bold to share Jesus with our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family.

Standing Out

I would love to see the people of LEFC be different from the people around us. Not “goody-two-shoes” or legalistically “good” like the Pharisees. But genuinely content, joyful, hopeful, and loving. The world is looking for people who are attractive like that. Let’s pray that we would stand out—not for what we don’t do, but for who we are in Christ.

Pouring Out

Paul saw his and the Philippian church's service as an act of worship. In 2011, how will you pour yourself out in worshipful service to the Lord? In what ways can you get involved in the ministry of your church?

When 2011 is over, we want "to rejoice and be glad" together in the Lord for what He has done in and through us.

In His Grip,

Pastor Matt