



THE BIBLE TABERNACLE

SERVING THE MASTER, BY SERVING MAN

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“CELEBRATING CHANGE”

“FORGET THE FORMER THINGS; DO NOT DWELL ON THE PAST. SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING! NOW IT SPRINGS UP; DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? I AM MAKING A WAY IN THE DESERT AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND, TO GIVE DRINK TO MY PEOPLE...” *ISAIAH 43:18-19a*

In any organization, it is important that successful change, initiatives, best practices, and lessons learned be visible to everyone.

The Bible Tabernacle has a responsibility to help identify and promote successful changes by showcasing them. To do that, we use the communication vehicle of this “Newsletter” to help do that.

“Celebrating Change” is the theme of our ministry for this year. We thank God for the vision of embracing the changes in our lives.

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THIS STATEMENT?

“Well that’s not the way we use to do it.”

People often say that they’re afraid of change. Some people dread change because they don’t want to give up old patterns or habits, or “the way we’ve always done things.”

There are many changes occurring in our ministry and we would like to share some of those changes with you.

In our effort to better equip individuals and families for their re-entry into society; we have instituted some programs to address some of the relevant life issues of those who come to us for help

The greatest need of all who come to us is a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. **THIS IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH EVERYTHING ELSE IS BUILT.** It is important that one see themselves as God sees them. **THERE MUST BE A “CHANGE” IN OUR PERCEPTION OF WHO WE ARE.** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, the old is gone, behold the new.”

**WITH THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP,
COME NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.**

BIBLICAL SELF-ESTEEM CLASS

Self-esteem or self-image is the view a person holds of himself. It is the estimate one makes of one’s self.



Sometimes that estimate is accurate; sometimes it is not. Low self-esteem is a feeling of worthlessness or inferiority about oneself. **TRUE HUMILITY IS BEST DEFINED AS SEEING AND ACCEPTING OURSELVES AS GOD SEES AND ACCEPTS US. THE BIBLE TELLS US WE WERE CREATED BY GOD AND THAT WE NEED TO LIVE OUR LIVES WITH HIM AT THE CENTER.** We are not gods who can independently run our own lives. We are not to “think more highly of ourselves than we ought” (*Romans 12:3*). But the Bible also reminds us that each of us has been given gifts. It is wrong to think poorly of ourselves when we are God’s gifted children.

BIBLICAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS

There has to be recognition of stewardship. So there is a Biblical Financial Management Class: This class addresses such things as setting up a budget, how to write checks. It also deals with what the Bible says about, Planning, Taxes, Tithes, Borrowing, Lending, Saving, Retirement, Children and much, much more.



Biblical financial principles applied yesterday, they apply today, and they will apply tomorrow. His principles apply if you have a little or a lot, if you are married, if you are young or young at heart.

VICTORY IN CHRIST CLASS

The Victory in Christ Class looks at the issues of addiction. We recognize that everyone who comes to us has a need to recover or overcome something in their lives. Our vision is to explore and magnify all the possibilities that God has for the individual.

THOSE WHO TEACH THESE CLASSES ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AND MOTIVATED. THE CLASS PARTICIPANTS ARE DELIGHTED

In conjunction with these classes we are also exploring THE LIFE OF FAITH through the study of great men and women of faith in the Bible. With this we are looking at, and studying the meaning of "COURAGEOUS FAITH."

As we study and apply God's Word in these areas of our life we are seeing changes in the way individuals think, in the way they act and interact. We thank God that He is changing lives through His Word.

It is only because things change that new things are able to come into existence. Without change, we would be forever stuck in the present world. Because change is built into every kind of existence, means that all existing things are infected with the ability to become something new. And, to the extent that lives are less than ideal, it is only the fact that change occurs, that allows us to HOPE for better lives.

Change is a requirement for hope and therefore that change exists, is constant, inevitable, and is a reason for celebration.

**WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS
AND SUPPORT.**

**"WE PRAY THAT YOU TOO WILL CELEBRATE
THE CHANGES IN YOUR LIVES THAT
THIS NEW YEAR WILL BRING."**

MORE MINISTRY UPDATES

Hopefully you have not forgotten that we began the remodeling of our MEN'S FACILITY in 2003.

We ran into some unforeseen difficulties and we have had some challenges along the way. But, we are now nearing completion of this project.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME
PROGRESS PHOTOS.**



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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



TODAY

**FUNDING IS STILL NEEDED. WE ARE BELIEVING
GOD THAT ALL THE FUNDING NEEDED WILL COME
SO THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT A LOAN.**

**WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
FOR THIS PROJECT.**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR US TO BE FAITHFUL TO OUR LORD AS WE SERVE HIM HERE IN OUR MINISTRY. AND WE REMEMBER YOU IN OUR PRAYERS, TOO! WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE, YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR VERY FAITHFUL AND KIND GIFTS THAT ALLOW US TO KEEP ON RECEIVING THOSE IN NEED. THAT THEY MAY HAVE SHELTER, MEALS, A COMFORTABLE BED TO SLEEP IN, TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL, TO HAVE ACCESS TO MEDICAL HELP AND MANY OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE. THESE NEEDS ARE BEING MET DAILY BOTH HERE IN VENICE AND IN OUR CANYON COUNTRY MENS AND BOYS MINISTRIES.

**HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE
THAT YOU CARE!!**

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