



Sermon Series Notes

Vision 2012 Ministry Vision

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* I certainly do not have time to share all that is going on in connection with CCSP, so if I do not mention your ministry, please know that it's not because I do not appreciate it.

* Continue to strive in being an Acts 2:42 ministry.

- Increase life groups, small groups, opportunities for genuine fellowship.

- Daniel Henderson will be with us three times in 2012, some spent with our leadership.

- Communion will continue to be celebrated monthly, as well as 3 weekends during the year. We also want communion scheduled regular in life groups (Are we scheduling this?)

* Share the gospel; 329 **recorded** first time decisions for Christ in 2011; 99 rededications.

* Sports Ministry Youth Sports (15 and younger): Baseball, Golf Soccer, Sports and J316 Soccer Camps, The Good Fight Club – Karate/Grapppling; Adult Sports (16 and older): Men's Beach Soccer, Men's and Women's Fitness Clubs, Men's Prison Soccer and Softball, Men's Softball League, Running Team, Soccer and Softball Fellowships (Co-ed), The Good Fight Club – Karate/Grapppling; Other Events: Calvary Chapel St. Pete Annual Golf Tournament, Sports Short-Term Mission Trips.

* Men's Discipleship Ministry (Scott Rodriguez)

* 4KIDS of West Central Florida, (will be) a Licensed 501(c)3 non-profit Christ-Centered foster care agency. By acquiring a license directly through the Florida Department of Children and Families we have the ability to recruit, support, train and license our own foster parents. Because we are Christ-Centered, we recruit through the churches and minister to and counsel our foster parents using Biblical Wisdom and Standards.

* Kindergarten...praying about elementary school (?)

* More shared teaching ministry, esp. Wed evening service; Healthy for the body, opportunity to gifted men, good for future vision when my ministry here is complete the church is not left without leaders already familiar with the body, not to mention the body being familiar with them.

* My desire – increased racial diversity, not just people attending, but people involved in ministry (see Rev.5:9). Note: We are not going to **make** this happen...Asking people of diverse backgrounds to get involved, and for our leaders to welcome their involvement and give them opportunities in response to their faithfulness...

* Summer sabbatical for me; Daniel Henderson's encouragement, as well as the Calvary Board.

THE STORY OF CCSP

* Left Liberty with intentions to go full time with a youth evangelistic ministry that grew out of the ministry I had been involved with for several years known as 'Youth Aflame.' After stepping out believing this is what God had for me, there were bumps in the road, and I had a terrible lack of peace about my decision. I went back to Liberty and finished, and after graduation I got a job working at the Lynchburg Airport. I spent the next year+ thinking I had perhaps totally missed God's will for my life. During this time I was invited to play drums for a friend of mine named Scott Anderson. Scott had also attended Liberty, and had spent the previous summer interning for a youth ministry in St. Petersburg, Florida. This youth pastor had just started a brand new church called Calvary Chapel, and Scott was to do a concert a concert on a Sunday evening. Able to fly for free, I agreed to play. Now with some brand-new friends in Florida, I soon flew back down to visit. In time, the founding pastor (a Liberty grad himself) invited me to move down and join the staff (as a tent maker). After counsel from people I respected, and of course prayer, I felt this is what the Lord wanted me to do. I applied for a job with Piedmont Airlines in Tampa, and God opened the door. I was coming to this new church plant to develop a middle school ministry. It never happened. After arriving, I was given the task initially of developing a couple's ministry. Problems arose with the leadership of this new church, and it was preparing to close its doors. I disagreed with that decision and was eventually handed the keys...

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED

* Not through clever marketing strategies (give examples).

* Not as a result of my personal giftings/abilities (Acts – they were unschooled, ordinary men).

* The grace of God.

- See Eph.2:8-10; John 3:27 (context); I Cor.4:7; 3:5-11; Matthew 16:18; Zech.4:6.

God has a plan for your life...find a place to serve, offer yourself to the Lord, and watch what He will do....