

Shepherd's Care Ministries

Church Renewal Ministry

Biblical Directive One:

Living out the truth of why the church exists.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them..."

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace is given according to the measure of Christ's gift..."

"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."

Jesus taught us that the church will be built upon a rock... one cornerstone foundational to our faith declared by the Apostle Peter for all mankind, ***"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*** Our communities of faith, all people who have been or will become the living body of Christ Jesus, have struggled to understand the full impact of what it means to have Jesus as the head and final authority over the church. Today, the church remains divided over issues of traditional practices and doctrine, which has caused many believers to cease responding individually or corporately to accomplish the good works which Jesus has called every believer to as their purpose.

In living out the truth of Directive One, we want to bring Biblical counsel and training to communities of faith and individuals inside these communities, who are still unaware of the basic truths quoted from *Ephesians 2 & 4 above*. To accomplish this we offer pastoral ministries as Intentional Interim Pastors and Consultants for clergy counseling & mentoring, leadership development and laity preparation for each person to know what part they play in the body of Christ. A detailed description of this ministry is given in our document, *A Renewal Ministry Overview*, and in brief listed below.

In this path of ministry, we come alongside the church for a limited amount of time to provide clear assistance in discovering the renewing power and reforming nature of the Holy Spirit, for making known to all how to become "Christians According to Jesus" for bringing new life to dead traditions.

- A realistic assessment of the church.
 - *Revelation 2 & 3; 1Peter 4:17 - 5:9*
- Peacemaking through conflict resolution and reconciliation.
 - *Matthew 5:9, 23 - 24.*
- Restoration of a Biblical systems approach to discipline and accountability for the entire body's edification and participation.
 - *Matthew 18:15 - 17.*
- Servant - Leadership training for becoming the priesthood of all believers.
 - *1Peter 2:9 - 10.*
- Renewal and restoration for dying or unhealthy churches.
 - *Titus 1:5*
- Strategic planning for practical ministry.
 - *Luke 12:22 - 34, 14:12 - 14.*
- Moving the congregation outside their current comfort zone in the church.
 - *Matthew 7:21 - 27, 16: 24 - 26; Mark 8: 34 - 38, 10: 28 - 31, 42 - 45;*
- Implementing spiritual change to complete renewal.
 - *Colossians 2: 8-10, 3: 10-11*
- Examine traditional practices for Biblical infusion of life.
 - *Ephesians 4; 2Corinthians 13: 5 - 10;*
- Teaching/Training in in all areas as a cohesive Deliverance Ministry for anyone entering the community of faith.
 - *Mark 6: 7 - 13; 1Corinthians 12: 4 - 11, 27 - 31.*
- Trauma Response Training for Local & National Disasters.
 - *Jeremiah 17:13-17*
- Training for Lay-Counseling teams in why and how the Holy Spirit gives us the use of Spiritual Gifts for entering into the areas of spiritual warfare & healing inside and outside the church as needed.
 - *1Corinthians 12:4-31, 13: 1 - 13.*

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