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# **PEOPLE OF THE BOOK: A THREE-YEAR VISION FOR THE CHURCH AT MOODY**

**2017-2019**

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## **YEAR TWO: ‘HIS KINGDOM WILL ENDURE FOREVER’**

**January 14, 2018**

*“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom...and the throne of his kingdom forever.”*

*(2 Samuel 7:12-13)*

One year ago, we eagerly embarked upon a journey that we prayed would re-ignite in us a fervent zeal for God driven by a deepened knowledge of and reverence for the *Word* of God. We were determined to truly become *People of the Book*. We took the first steps in fulfilling that commitment through a chronological survey of Genesis 1 through 2 Samuel 18. We have focused our studies on the *core message* that infuses every page of the Scriptures:

***Someone is Coming, Someone Has Come, Someone is Coming Again:***

***Jesus Christ!***

In 2018, we will press forward in our journey under the theme, ***His Kingdom Will Endure Forever***, which will take us through the remainder of the Old Testament, continuing to follow the chronological approach in our study.

To help us carry out year two of our strategic vision, the elders, after seeking input from the congregation and working with the evangelist and deacons, have designed this ***Action Plan*** that, if the Lord wills, will challenge each of us to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and will redound to His glory and to the strengthening of His kingdom at Moody. In a series of “*We will*” declarations, the ***Action Plan*** addresses all areas of church activity: Its three-fold mission, its facilities, its finances and its governance

## **2018 ACTION PLAN FOR THE CHURCH AT MOODY**

To achieve our vision of becoming People of the Book, in 2018, we commit ourselves to the following actions in 2018:

### **FULFILLING OUR THREE-FOLD MISSION:**

#### **1. EVANGELISM – SEEKING THE LOST**

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)*

2. **We will distribute** 300 Gospel Message packets in the Leeds/Moody area each quarter. Start: February, 2018. End: December 31, 2018. Team Leader: Jonathan Caldwell. Team members: David Miles, Tim Parker, Richard Lovell, and any others recruited by the Team Leader.
3. **We will develop** new materials and approaches to use in spreading the Gospel at the OctoberFest event. Start: February 1, 2018. End: September 1, 2018. Team leader: Jonathan Caldwell. Team members: Elders, Richard Lovell, Nathan Miles, Justin Padgett, and any others, men or women, recruited by the Team Leader.
4. **We will issue** 500 personal invitations to *Sing!* Start: April 1. End: May 18. Team Leader: Jonathan Caldwell. Team members: Everyone.
5. **We will issue** 500 invitations to our Spring Symposium. Start: February 1, 2018. End: March 5, 2018. Team Leader: Jonathan Caldwell. Team members: Everyone
6. **We will issue** 500 invitations to our Fall Symposium. Start: November 1, 2018. End: October 29, 2018. Team Leader: Jonathan Caldwell. Team members: Everyone.
7. **We will populate and refresh** frequently our web page with a rich variety of instructional and informational material that maximizes traffic to the page. Start:

January, 2018. End: (On-going). Team Leader: Tim Parker. Team members: Nathan Miles, Karen and Justin Padgett, Jonathan Caldwell.

8. **We will disseminate** via web page, email and personal contact offers for correspondence courses throughout the community and follow up diligently with those who express interest. Start: February 1, 2018. End: December 31, 2018. Team Leader: Jonathan Caldwell. Team members: Richard Lovell, Ethan Parker, Justin Padgett, and any other members, male or female, who wish to participate or who are recruited by the team leader.

## 2. **EDIFICATION: EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK**

*“...some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-12)*

1. **We will ensure** that our classes provide instruction in the faith at the highest levels (a) by obtaining excellent, scripturally sound materials that reflect the annual theme, and (b) by conducting quarterly teacher workshops. Start: Immediately. End: December 31, 2018. Team Leader: David Miles. Team members: Karen Padgett, Cindy Burns, Jonna Winburn, Nancy Miles, Linda Hartsfield, Sheri Saint and Jan Parker. Start: Immediately. End: December 31, 2018.
2. **We will encourage** all adults to participate as teachers at all appropriate levels – *teaching* the Bible is the best way to *learn* the Bible. Start: Immediately. End: December 31, 2018. Team Leaders: Elders.
3. **We will establish** a Young Adult Class in the Fall Quarter that will address Bible issues of special interest and concern to that demographic group. Start: March, 2018. Implement: July, 2018. Team Leader: Nathan Miles. Team members: Justin Padgett, Richard Lovell, Eric Mann, Ethan Parker.

### **3. BENEVOLENCE: TENDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS**

*“make every effort to supplement your faith with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.” (2 Peter 1:7)*

*“there [was] a great famine in the land...And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren...” (Acts 11:28-29)*

1. **We will ensure** that powerful bonds of affection exist among our members, including those who are shut in, through regular, frequent visitation, cards, phone calls, in-home meetings and other appropriate forms of contact. Start: Immediately. End: December 31, 2018. Team Leader: Ray Burns. Team members: Victor and Linda Hartsfield, Jan Parker, Nancy Miles, Stephanie Mann, and any other members who wish to participate or who are recruited by the team leader.
2. **We will fulfill** any financial or other material needs among our members who cannot supply those needs by any other means or sources. Start: Immediately. End: On-going. Team Leader: Ray Burns. Team members: Victor Hartsfield, Bennie Saint, David Miles, and any other members who are recruited or who wish to participate.

### **OTHER AREAS OF CONGREGATIONAL NEED**

#### **1. FACILITIES**

*“Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, ‘Is it time for you to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins? Consider your ways!’” (Haggai 1:3-5)*

**We will modernize and upgrade** God’s building and grounds so as to provide a facility that supports the three-fold mission of the church at the very highest level – we must be responsible stewards of God’s money and God’s possessions, and He demands only the best

we can offer in all things. Understanding this, **we will**, within the limits of our budgetary constraints and good judgement:

1. **Repair and repaint** all our classrooms so that they provide a bright, inviting and safe physical environment for our children. Team Leader: James Winburn. Team members: Eric Mann, Ray Burns, Victor Hartsfield, Tim Parker, Jim Campbell, Ricky Scott and all others who wish to participate or who are recruited.
2. **Select, purchase and install** new pergo flooring in the entrance lobby and the hallway to the classrooms. Team Leader and team members – see above.
3. **Re-upholster** the pews. Team leader: Ray Burns. Team members: David Miles, Victor Hartsfield.

## **2. FINANCES**

*“they gave according to their means...and beyond their means, of their own free will...but first they gave themselves to the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 8:3, 5)*

**We will meet** our budgeted weekly income of \$2,200 so that the church can be fully self-supporting, carry out its three-fold mission with optimum effectiveness and fully fund the needs of the congregation. Start: Immediately. End: On-going. *No Team Leader and everyone is a team member!*

## **3. GOVERNANCE**

*“let them be tested first, and then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons.” (1 Timothy 3:10)*

**We will survey** the congregation to determine if the members believe that we have additional men who meet the qualifications for deacon. Depending on the outcome of that survey, we will appoint qualified men to the office of deacon. Start: August 1, 2018. End: Augusts 31, 2018. Team Leaders: Elders.



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