

ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP & GLOBAL NETWORK

MILLEMMIUM MINISTRY CONCEPT

Ministry Beyond Church

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Greetings From the Servant Leader
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Grace to you and greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We want you to know that if you are looking for a loving, free, fellowship, and a worldwide network of churches, then you need look no further! ELFM is made up of serious ministries... By that we do not mean to be sour or stale (no joy or sweetness) but if your people really want to learn and know truth, and if you want the people of God to live according to the word of God, and if you want to know beyond any doubt that the people you minister to are saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, and grow to evangelize the word of God, Eternal Life Fellowship Ministries & Global Network is for you!

ELFM was formed to allow the Holy Spirit to bring churches and ministers of like faith to network and support one another under God's sovereign Lordship. The word "fellowship" is understood to be those interpersonal relationships among believers made possible by loving and active work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. ELFM provides support to local churches and ministers in a variety of traditional and modern ways. The overall vision is summarized in ROMANS CHAPTER 12, and as illustrated by Jesus in JOHN 13:35 "By this all men know that they are my disciples, if you love one another."

ELFM is a growing fellowship of over 125 local independent churches, individual ministers and denominational churches. The purpose for this collective is designed around networking, fellowship, and partnership. The nucleus of the fellowship formed over 20 years ago, under Apostle Dr. Jerry Herron and Open Arms International Ministries when many ministers indicated that they needed support among one another.

Through the years the fellowship grew and met in various locations and had varying formats. Despite changes in leadership, the transition of Apostle Herron, the Pandemic, and the ever-evolving needs of the church, our focus has remained to "reach people and sustain their growth through being consistent in teaching God's word, through being practical in meeting the needs of the people and through being realistic in our expectations of the people. We call this "Church CPR."

We have been a part of a growing and active apostolic word from the Lord. As a worldwide fellowship and as ELFM continues to expand, God has called for leadership to give vision and direction. Therefore, I wanted to share with each of you the MILLENNIUM MINISTRY CONCEPT and vision...

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MOVING BEYOND CHURCH

“THE MILLENNIUM MINISTRY CONCEPT”

Where are the 5 gifts (Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Evangelist, and Teacher) Jesus gave the church? Where are the five ministries we should be working in? (Miracles, Healings, Helps, Governments, and Tongues) 1 Corinthians 12:28 Taking the emphasis off buildings/property and placing it on the people and the work of the ministry.

What percentage of the church budget should go towards the building & overhead vs. the part of the budget for reaching lost souls, making disciples, and training people?

Is it the senior minister's job to do everything (be a one-man band) or to facilitate? Should the Romans 12:6-8 gifts be in operation in the local church today? Is it the pastor's job to make all nursing home, hospital, and home visits? Should all the 1st Corinthians 12:8-10 gifts be in operation in the local church today? Why are there so many Jezebel spirits in the church today?

Saints, please read this prayerfully! Please keep an open mind; you will not agree with everything presented but allow it to cause you to think and pray! Looking at where we are now and what we are doing or not doing is a good way to determine if there is room for improvement. If there is someone you know that needs to hear this, please send it to them, or print it out and hand it to them! Let's look at something from "Within the Church" we call the church and from "Beyond the Church", what Jesus wants the church to be.

Remember this is not a directive! It is a vision to work towards! If it does not fit or will not work in the ministry God has given to you, that's OK!

Fellowship Summary

Eternal Life Fellowship Ministries & Global Network is a Christian Community...

United by Faith while respecting all Christian denominations.

Called to serve those in need... Worldwide!

We are CPR to local churches (Consistent - Practical - Realistic)

Inspired to think, finding Grace in the mysteries of God.

Sharing our ministry foundation & LifeShapes, expanding our knowledge and growing.

Reaching People & Sustaining People, Supporting the whole person. Mind – Body – Soul!

Our overall vision for the ten years...

We are to be a **welcoming, loving, and accepting** Christian community **challenging and engaging** people of **all ages and stages** to grow spiritually through relevant worship, learning, fellowship and outreach.

We will achieve this vision through the accomplishment of seven goals:

Refreshing our Worship Experience
Renewing our Passion for Engagement
Reclaiming our Commitment to Community
Reframing our Story through Communication
Reinvesting our Financial Resources
Reconciling relationships with others
Restoring persons thought to be lost
Recommitting our lives to the Father

PART 1 - CHURCH BUDGETING

"Within the Church" Looks Like This:

Most ministry budgets look like this: 95% or more of all money coming into the "Church" goes to pay for the mortgage on the building, the utilities, and the staff. (All money is spent to support the Church). However, there is no local evangelism budget. There is no money to buy tracts, sponsor websites, testimony books, or any other tools for the saints to use to reach the community with the Gospel message. There is no money in the budget for feeding the poor or helping the needy. (If a person has a passion for doing this, they are told to do a fundraiser or pay for it themselves.) There is no money in the budget for prison ministry.

(Again, if a person has a passion for and wants to do this type of ministry, they are told, "raise your own funds." The leaders of this ministry spend and waste most of their energy raising money, when they should be doing ministry.) Youth groups and youth church have no place in the budget. (Again, the leaders of these ministries carry the burden to raise money when they should be doing ministry.) The "Church" wants leaders to connect with them in ministry, but they will not support financially the things these leaders are called to do in ministry from the tithes and offerings given to the church. (If feeding the poor and needy, going into prisons, reaching youth and youth, and providing tools for local evangelism are not part of the church budget, then we are failing to be good stewards of the tithe and offerings entrusted to us.) The budget includes leadership retreats, leadership dinners and banquets; at the same time there is no money for feeding the poor, going to prisons, reaching youth and youth, and supporting local evangelism. There is no money in the budget for multimedia or social media departments. Now let's look at these same areas "Beyond the Church..."

The church budget would look like this: 25% goes to the mortgage payment; 25% goes to utilities, staff and other fixed monthly expenses; 10% local evangelism; 10% missions; 10% for the poor and needy and prison ministry; 10% youth ministry, and 10% for youth ministry. (When a person goes to buy a new home, they are told to stay in a safe range, do not spend more than 25% of your income for the house payment. When building a church building or renting as good stewards, we should use this same principle. In recent years, banks started lending people money to buy homes where their mortgage payment was out of the safe range exceeding 50% of the total income, and this has led to the highest default rate and repossession rate of homes in American history.

When you spend more than you make, you're going to always be in trouble!!!! If a safe ratio of 25% of total income is good for a homeowner, it should also be a good rule for the church to follow.) Evangelism is part of the budget. Feeding the poor or helping the needy is part of the local church budget. Prison ministry is in the budget of the local church. Youth groups and youth' church are in the budget of the local church. Multimedia department is in the budget of the local church and can freely give CDs and DVDs to members for training and outreach.

The fivefold-ministers and people with a passion to reach their community will no longer leave the local church and start their own ministries. Their passions, their areas of ministry are now being supported through the tithes and offerings of the local church. Ministry leaders no longer carry the unnecessary burden of doing fundraisers, wasting their time and energy that should be used to do the work of the ministry. "

Let's Look at The Word:

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of, the age." Amen.

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Hebrews 13:3 "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them -those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the body also." Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Luke 14:13-14 "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

Luke 12:42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give their portion of food in due season?"

If the things mentioned in the scriptures above were important to Jesus, then they should be important to us. We need to all be good stewards of God's money, investing it in the things that Jesus came to accomplish. If we are not investing God's money in Building the Kingdom by reaching the lost, feeding the poor and needy, going into prisons, reaching the youth and youth, equipping, discipling, training and mentoring the saints, then we need to repent! change! and start doing things differently!

PART 2 - BUILDING DESIGN

"Within the Church" looks like this:

The primary focus of the building is the sanctuary. It is usually the biggest part of the building and is used in most churches only one time a week on Sunday morning. In some churches it is used once a week for worship practice, some do Sunday night service, and a few will hold mid-week Bible study in the sanctuary. But for the most part, the sanctuary is the biggest expense to most churches and the least used space. (Could there be a better way? Could buildings be designed with more of a focus on reaching the community?)

Now let's look at this same area "Beyond the Church"...The building designed in warehouse style, multipurpose format, no frills, no fancy chandeliers, just a basic practical building. The building focus is to reach the community; to offer things for free that the community desires. The building is open and being used 24/7. America has a God; it is called sports!

The building is designed as the bait to reach people in their area of passion: Building design features (indoor basketball, indoor skate park, indoor batting cage, and indoor volleyball; these things will vary depending on needs of the community). This design of building will be a big part to helping plant churches that are more practical and cost effective. This design will be conducive to fun entertainment (cookouts, block parties, campfires) and meeting the needs of the community, the poor, the homeless (food pantry, care packages) all linked to sharing the Word with them (living it out before them) in "small" bite sized pieces. The building is designed as a community center to reach the community.

Everything offered at the community center is free to the community the "Church Beyond the Church" does not ask for money from the community, but instead provides what the community needs as a point of contact and ministry) The main part of the building is used 24/7 for reaching the community while also serving as the sanctuary, no frills, no fancy chandeliers; just a very practical building where space is being used in the best way.

This type of design is great for youth groups and youth church. This type of building design gives 5-fold ministers and people with a passion to reach their community a platform within the local church to work from to reach the community. (Very often people with a call on their life and passion for doing the work of the ministry leave the local church and start a ministry outside of it because there is no room within the local church for their vision and never any money to help.

Many local churches say they want leaders but will not support their vision. A local church can have many visions being fulfilled all at the same time, all moving in the same direction if we would learn to work together as the team Jesus gave the church in Ephesians 4 11-12. For those of you reading this that do not believe there are apostles and prophets today, at least being open-minded enough to see that pastors, teachers and evangelists can work together as a team to reach a community.) All of the above is paid for with the tithes and offerings of the local church, with no fund raisers.

Let's look at the Word:

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you."

Would the Apostle Paul consider being a sports person to those that love sports? Would the Apostle Paul meet people in their area of passion to get their attention so he could then give them the Gospel message? Could we reach more souls for Jesus if we would change the design and purpose of the buildings we use? Can we be better stewards of what God has given us to use? Do we need to take our focus off the building and put it on the community, the people? Isn't Jesus all about people?

PART 3 - ORDER OF SERVICE

The Church "Within the Church" order of service for each month looks like this:

1st Sunday: The Pastor Speaks

2nd Sunday: The Pastor Speaks

3rd Sunday: The Pastor Speaks

4th Sunday: The Pastor Speaks

This continues with same pattern for the year. A few times a year a special speaker is brought in, sometimes an evangelist (at least in title, not function), and often another pastor. 97 percent of Christians "In the Church" have never led a lost soul to Jesus, and that is because they never share their faith. Why? (Could there be a better way?)

Now let's look at the Order of Service as we move "Beyond the Church"

The senior ministry visionary for this work is to facilitate the following to provide the platform for all, the gifts Jesus gave the church to work together to equip and disciple the saints:

1st Sunday: Pastor

2nd Sunday: Five-Fold (Apostle/Prophet)

3rd Sunday: Pastor

4th Sunday: Five-Fold (Evangelist/Teacher)

5th Sunday: Pastor (Youth Day)

This continues with same pattern for the year. During each of the above services, the house evangelist gets 30 minutes to do a "faith building segment". This time is spent encouraging everyone in the body to tell others about Jesus!! During each of the above services, the house prophets can go to the microphone and share "thus says the Lord". This is when we hear what God is speaking for us at that moment in time.

Annual Calendar:

Week 13: Evangelist does a complete service

Week 26: Prophet does a complete service

Week 39: Evangelist does a complete service

Week 52: Prophet does a complete service

THE VISION'S END RESULT: The sheepfold receives the fullness of the 5 gifts and a balanced diet. The sheep need a shepherd. It is important that they hear from the pastor every other week. Special speakers are still invited in, but the focus is to bring in speakers that are anointed to help us in our weak areas.

Examples: If our church is weak in reaching the lost, we bring in an equipping evangelist. If our church is weak hearing what God is saying for today, we bring in a prophet to teach about hearing the voice of God. Each of the 5 gifts or callings is responsible to identify and rise up others within the body with like-calling. For example: The teacher trains up other teachers, then on a Sunday when the senior teacher is to speak, they introduce and has the student teaches that day.

This will work for all 5 gifts the same way. In the case of the gift of the evangelist, the senior evangelist will train others to do the faith building moments during every service, bible study, and home group. In the case of the prophet, the senior prophet will be training the prophets and making room during the services for their gifts to come forth. This on-the-job training or mentoring is being totally missed in most of the Body of Christ today. Jesus did not send the disciples off to a school; He trained them on the job!!! We have experienced over and over and over again, when the evangelist sows, speaks regularly into the hearts of the sheep, the sheep will share their faith. We have seen churches go from 3 percent of the body sharing their faith, to over 50 percent. Christians start sharing their faith when an evangelist is heard from on a regular basis.

Let's look at the Word:

Ephesians 4:11-12 "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Jesus gave us 5 gifts to equip the church. If Jesus gave them, we need to recognize each gift and use them.

II Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We need to study the Word and grow. For some, that study may include going to a school. For others it will be studying the Word, listening to God and walking it out in everyday life. (One way does not make you any more qualified than the other way. What's important is what God's way is for you!)

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you." Again, for some, study will include school. For others, it will be on-the-job training with the best teacher, the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 4:18-19 "And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he said unto them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus said follow Me; you do not have to know anything; just follow Me. Be willing to learn of Me and I will make you fishers of men. (Again, On-The-Job Training.)

1 Kings 19:19 "So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him." Elijah had to take the first step towards mentoring Elisha. As leaders, we need to ask God who our Elisha's are. We need to be willing to be a father or a mother to someone called to do the same as what we are called to do.

Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." What we teach from the pulpit is what our church members will become. If the members of our church are not witnessing, then we need to change what or how, or who is teaching it.

PART 4 - SHOULD MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL BE PAID?

Let's look at the Word:

1 Corinthians 9: 1-18 "Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not ye my work in the Lord? 21 to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. 3 defenses to them that examine me is this. 4 are we no right to eat and to drink? 'Are we no right to lead about a wife that is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 only and Barnabas, have we not a right to forbear working? 7 what soldiers ever served at his own charges? Who planted a vineyard, and eat not the fruit thereof? Or who feeds a flock, and eats not of the milk of the flock? 'DO I speak these things after the manner of men? Or say not the law also the same? or it is written in the Law of Moses,

Thou shall not muzzle the ox when he treaded out the com. Is it for the oxen that God cares" or says he is assuredly for our sake? as, for our sake it was written because he that plows ought to plow in hope, and he that threshed, to thresh in hope of partaking. If we sowed unto your spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things? ¹² fathers partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ. ¹³ now ye not that thy that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? ¹⁴ verily did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel. "Until have used none of these things: and I write not these things that it may be so done in my case; for it were good for me rather to die, than that any man should make my glorifying void. ¹⁶ or if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; for woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. on or if I do this of mine own will, I have a reward: but if not of mine own will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. ¹⁷ What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel without charge, so as not to use to the full my right in the gospel. Based on the Apostle Paul's words above, it is very clear that those who preach the Gospel are entitled to be supported or cared for by those that they teach or sow into.

The Church "Within the Church"

The senior minister, whether his title is pastor or apostle, is usually paid. (Sometimes the senior minister is not paid at all because all the money coming in goes for the building payment and utility bills.) Sometimes a youth pastor is paid (not often). Sometimes an associate pastor is paid (not often). Sometimes the worship leader is paid (not often).

In our short years of ministry, we have found that most churches are struggling to pay the mortgage payment, the utility bills, the minister's salary, the staff salaries, and there is never any money to reach lost souls or do ministry!!! Could there be a better way?

Let's look at the Word Again:

1 Corinthians 9:15 "But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were good for me to die, then that any man should make my glorifying void." The Apostle Paul is saying, "I am entitled to be paid, but I never claimed it. I would rather not have it for the Gospel's sake." Could Paul's way be a better way?

1 Corinthians 9:6 "Or I only and Barnabas, have we not power to forbear working?"

Acts 18:3 "And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation, they were tentmakers."

Acts 20:34 "Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me."

Acts 28:30 "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house and received all that came in unto him."

II Thessalonians 3:8-9 "Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us."

The Apostle Paul worked and was a full-time minister of the Gospel!! Can we learn something from Paul's example? Can a person work today and still be a minister?

Now let's look at what the "Church Beyond Church" could look like... Let's say God brings together a team of 5 people that Jesus has given to the church as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers that are willing to make the same sacrifice as the Apostle Paul. Each member of this team either is a business owner or works somewhere in the community. Each of this 5-person team is willing to work a secular job and is willing to answer the call to be one of the gifts that Jesus has given to the local church. By these 5 people being self-supporting like the Apostle Paul was, much of the local church's monthly expense has been eliminated, leaving more money to reach the community!

By this 5-person team working together in ministry, the burden is removed from being on one person. By these 5 people: One apostle, one prophet, one evangelist, one pastor, and one teacher working together, the saints can be properly equipped by receiving from all 5 gifts that Jesus gave the church. Do we have any like the Apostle Paul today that are willing to do ministry without getting paid?

I have a couple of questions for you: If Jesus has given you to the church as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, would you be willing to do the work of the ministry without getting paid for it? Would you be willing to follow Paul's example?

PART 5 - WHO SHOULD VISIT AND PRAY FOR THE SICK?

Who should do hospital visitation to pray for the sick? Who should visit the sick and lonely in nursing homes? Who should visit the homes of sick members of the church to pray and encourage them? During a church service, who should pray for the sick?

The Church "Within the Church": The pastor does all hospital visits. The pastor visits the sick in the nursing homes. The pastor visits members in their homes to encourage and pray for them. During the church service, the pastor prays for the sick.

COULD THERE BE A BETTER WAY?

Let's look at the Word:

Ephesians 4:11-12 "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to other divers kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues."

Romans 12:6-8 "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teaches, on teaching; Or he that exhorted, to exhortation: he that gives, let him do it with simplicity; he that runneth, with diligence; he that shows mercy, with cheerfulness." Now let's look at what the "Church Beyond the Church" could look like... The senior pastor and the senior teacher work together to develop a plan to implement during midweek services and home groups to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. (The apostle, prophet, and evangelist are worked into this plan to help; the pastor & teacher equip the saints during midweek services.) The members of the church are taught about the 3 sets of gifts listed in the scriptures above. The members of the church are taught about the

Ephesians 4: 11-12 gifts to help them understand and determine if they may fall into these gifts that Jesus gave the church. Every member of the church will be taught how to identify their gifts in the area of Romans 12: 6-8 (prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, mercy) and be encouraged to use them in the church, and more importantly, to use them in everyday life to reach their community with the good news.

Every member of the church will be taught how to identify their gifts in the area of the 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10 (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues) and be encouraged to use them in the church, and more importantly, to use them in everyday life to reach their community with the good news. The senior pastor identifies other pastoral gifts that Jesus has given the church and mentors them.

While at the same time, identifies those in the body with the gifts of faith, healings, miracles, and mercy; training them and taking them into hospitals, nursing homes, and home visits giving them on-the-job training, discipling them and then releasing these responsibilities to the people that have the gifts to operate in those areas. The pastor also builds altar worker teams to pray for the sick during church services. The pastor is no longer responsible to do all the ministry, but instead is responsible to equip the saints to do the ministry. This new job description lines up with the Word of God, to equip the saints!

Question: If you were sick, in the hospital, nursing home or at home, who would you want to pray for you? Would you want someone with the gift of faith, or healings, or miracles to pray for you?

Just as the senior pastor would build teams, the senior prophet would build teams. The senior prophet would first identify other gifts of the prophet that God has placed in the body and mentor them. The senior prophet would also look at the gifts of all the members of the church.

The senior prophet would pull on those people that operate in the gifts of prophecy, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and build a team of prayer intercessors and watchmen.

(Prayer is talking to and hearing from God; it is very prophetic in nature.) When the real prophet and watchmen are at work in the local church the false prophets and jezebel spirits will be met at the door and stopped before they do damage. It takes the true prophet to identify and defeat the false.

Just like the senior pastor and prophet, the senior apostle, teacher and evangelist will identify those with like-calling and mentor them. The senior apostle, teacher and evangelist will also identify the spiritual gifts of each member of the church and train them for the appropriate areas of ministry based on their gifts.

Part 6 – Community Outreach

Youth Ministry: Youth need to be in the Sunday service every other Sunday under the corporate anointing. Youth' Church should have two teams under the leader so no one is out of service for more than one Sunday a month. Leaders that give out need to receive. They need to be in at least half the Sunday morning services. Having two teams will give everyone a chance to be poured into, helping to prevent burnout. Children need to spend part of the time under the corporate anointing to experience God with the adults.

Video & Audio Ministry: All services should be recorded, and members encouraged to FREELY take messages home and listen to them at least 3 more times The first time a person hears a message, they only retain 6% of what they hear!!!!!! After hearing the message three more times, they will retain over 50% of what they heard.

God has anointed certain. people to teach certain messages.

As leaders, when we hear a great life-changing message, instead of trying to teach it ourselves, we need to just make copies of the person's message that God has anointed to teach it, and freely give them to every member of the church. If faith comes by hearing, we need to feed the sheep more than just on Sunday morning. We need to give them good quality life-changing messages for free that they can take home and listen to. As leaders, we should also provide our members the Bible on CD that they can listen to in their cars and homes. Again, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. The use of audio and video should be a normal part of the equipping process of every local church!! This training material should be provided freely at no cost or at most, \$1 for a CD or DVD, which will more than cover the cost of making them. Video and audio of our church members' testimonies can be recorded and freely given out as a tool to reach the lost.

Altar Call: Every service should have a "clear" call for salvation. At the end of every service, prayer should be offered to anyone that wants it for any reason they need it; to bring them forward and have the altar teams lay hands on them and pray for them. No one should leave with a need that has not been prayed for. At the same time as calling people forward for prayer, end the service and release those that need to go. We do not need to hold people hostage. (Over the years, I have seen on many occasions people come to church hurting and leave without the chance to be ministered to.

We often give altar calls that are very specific to our message and people feel their problem does not fit the call, so they leave with a need.)

Church Boards: There needs to be a spiritual advisor board to advise on the spiritual side of doing ministry. There needs to be a business advisory board to advise on the business side of doing ministry. (As a businessman when I make investments, I seek advice from those that have been successful in business.) We need to use great wisdom, knowledge and understanding in the father's business. Sometimes our business skills will say one thing and the Holy Ghost will say another. At these times, we lay down our skills and follow the Holy Spirit.

Worship: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty -all forms of biblically correct worship to be practiced such as: music, song, run, shout, jump, dance, drama, skits, flags, Shofar, and quiet time just waiting on the Lord listening to His direction. God moves on different people to worship Him in different ways. As leaders, we need to be careful not to allow our personal preferences, traditions, and religion stop someone from worshipping God the way God is leading them to worship Him. Saints, please pray about all the above and the following:

Communion: Who can partake of communion?

Communion is when we remember Jesus' death on the cross. So, who's it for? Obviously, it's for all those He died for. It's for everyone. But I want to single out two groups who can especially benefit from communion: "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." ~ Jesus (Mk 2:17)

The Sick

Sickness and death are part of sin's curse (Genesis 2:17). In Deuteronomy 28:15-68 there is a long list of curses that result from disobedience to God's commands. These include "severe and lingering illnesses" along with "every kind of sickness not recorded in the Book of Law" (v.59-60). There is no sickness that is not part of the curse. Even modern-day sicknesses (e.g., anorexia, HIV, DVT) are covered. During His time on earth Jesus healed every sick person who came to Him (Mt 12:15, Mk 6:56). Not one person went away unhealed. Jesus did this to demonstrate His complete and irresistible power over sin and all its effects. So, before you eat and drink, examine yourself to see if there are things in your life – sickness, disease, afflictions (Is 53:4, AMP) – that Jesus carried in His body and paid for in His blood. If you are sick, proclaim His death and triumphant victory over sin and death! Identify your illness as a defeated enemy and lift up the Name of Him who is above every sickness. He was wounded that you might be healed and cursed that you might be blessed (Gal 3:13, 1 Pe 2:24). Take your Jesus' Medicine and be well!

Sinners

In the old covenant, sinners and unclean people were kept far away lest they contaminate the righteous. If there had been communion back then, they would not have got it! But Jesus was a friend of sinners. He went into their houses and broke bread with them. He met with thieves, adulterers and murderers and "contaminated" them with His righteousness. Sinners were radically changed by His awesome grace.

By saying "communion is only for the worthy" we have turned a new covenant blessing into an old covenant curse and denied grace to those who need it most. If communion is only for the deserving, who can qualify? Outside of Christ there are no worthy people! If you think you are worthy because of your religious performance, then you disqualify yourself, for Jesus did not come to call the self-righteous.

Here's the good news: Jesus is still a friend of sinners! He died for us while we were sinners and He reconciled us to God while we were His enemies (Romans 5:8,10). People who hesitate over communion – both saints and sinners – do so because they are distracted by their imperfections. They draw back like Old Testament lepers because they believe that they are unclean. But you have been redeemed by the most precious commodity in the universe – the infinitely precious blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:19). If God loves you enough to die for you, then in His eyes you must be really something special. And you are!

Communion is not a time for self-examination but Jesus-examination! The only thing that will empower you to overcome sin is the grace of God and it's not stored in your navel. Look to Jesus! His blood bought your forgiveness and His death triumphed over all your sin. See yourself crucified with Him (Galatians 2:20). Reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to Christ (Romans 6:11). He is our perfect high priest, a Lamb without blemish or defect. Don't draw back but come boldly to the throne of grace for Christ Himself qualifies you.

The next time someone says, "Communion is only for the worthy," don't be distracted by your sin – it's been done away with by the blood of Jesus and God remembers it no more (He 8:12). Instead, remind yourself that Christ died for the unworthy. Tell yourself, "He died for me, and because of Him I am now the very righteousness of God, holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4) Glory to God and thank you Jesus!"

Part 7 – Our Vision

Ask the Father to show us how to get "Beyond the Church", beyond what we are now doing. Ask the Father to show us how to be the church He planned for us to be. Ask God to show us how to work in unity using the full fivefold ministry, the team Jesus gave to equip the saints. Ask the father to deliver us from traditions and rules of man. Ask the Father where your place is in the body. More importantly than anything, pray as the Holy Ghost leads you!!

If the concept of "Church Beyond Church" has stirred you up, got you to thinking and praying, and caused you to look at ways we can improve, or if God has spoken some things to you in regard to how we can improve what we are doing, please send me an email. I would love to hear from you! I can see a day when much of the contents of "Ministry Beyond Church" are used to help us as we plant new churches all over the world.

Moreover, I encourage ALL leaders of ELFM, to orchestrate a private forum with your presbytery, prophets, intercessors and prophetically inclined leaders to record and chronicle the word of the Lord for 2014. Furthermore, I encourage each of you to plan out your yearly calendar and share it among the assembly to facilitate an organized schedule for greater inclusion of our partnership churches and encourage greater fellowship among us all. Such a meeting should:

- Chart your specific ministries' prophetic direction
- Stir faith for expansion and growth through evangelism
- Reveal and expose demonic plots and schemes
- Measure readiness of overall leadership training
- Illuminate possible streams of provision and increase
- Heighten awareness concerning God's intention towards the ministry
- Provide a sense of focus, concentration and insight for 2014 vision and beyond
- Help identify staffing needs and vacancies that need to be filled
- Get Gods mind on stagnated areas of ministry or plateaus of progression
- Embrace the vision of leadership

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OUR CORE VALUES

Love - for God, our Church, our families, our community and the World.

Dedication - to undertake God's work using our energies, innovations, and collective resources.

Integrity - through truthfulness, sincerity, and honesty in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Humility - and Grace in serving the Lord and His children.

Faithfulness - to read God's word, study it, meditate on it, and obey it.

DISCIPLESHIP

We value DISCIPLESHIP: A life-long commitment to the whole person! (Mind – Body – Soul!)

We value RELATIONSHIPS: The environment for every disciple to live out the principles of Romans Chapter 12.

We FOCUS: on fostering a discipleship process that leads each person to develop an individualized spiritual development growth plan including personal, small group and mentoring relationships

SERVICE

We value SERVICE: A way to meet the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional needs of our community and the world.

We value EVANGELISM: The intentional activity of sharing and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We value AGAPE LOVE: The prime motivator of all the church is and does. Love for Christ, each other, our community will be the reason for everything we do.

FELLOWSHIP OBJECTIVE

Is to live an Acts 1:8 lifestyle which promotes a Christian culture where individuals, groups and ministries order themselves around kingdom purposes and where venues are established that support communities through the word of God.

THE MILLENNIUM MINISTRY CONCEPT

ENLISTMENT – GOD'S PASSION

ENCOURAGEMENT – GOD'S PRESENCE

ENLIGHTENMENT – GOD'S PLAN

ENABLEMENT – GOD'S POWER

EMPOWERMENT – HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

OUR MAIN FOCUS

THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS & THE GREAT COMMISSION

PILLARS OF THE FELLOWSHIP – LIFE SHAPES

THE CIRCLE - CHOOSING TO LEARN FROM LIFE
THE SEMI CIRCLE - LIVING IN RHYTHM WITH LIFE
THE TRIANGLE - BALANCING THE RELATIONSHIPS OF LIFE
THE SQUARE - DEFINING THE PRIORITIES OF LIFE
THE PENTAGON - KNOWING YOUR ROLE IN LIFE
THE HEXAGON - PRAYING AS A WAY OF LIFE
THE HEPTAGON - PRACTICING LIVING A VITAL LIFE
THE OCTAGON - LIVING A MISSION-MINDED LIFE
THE DIAMOND – WINNING IN THE GAME OF LIFE
THE FLAME – BEING THE LIGHT OF LIFE

VISION STATEMENT

As a ROMAN'S CHAPTER 12 (r12) Christ Action Impact Church where lives are changed! We strive to reach, teach, and send all to become a visible community of Christ-like relationships, building a spiritual legacy of encouragement and faith for our local community and the world.

ELFM is called to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Five-Fold Apostolic Ministry and Faith. To maintain the worship of God, and to inspire in all people a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness, and a consciousness of their duties to God and their fellow human beings. We pledge our lives to God and covenant with one another to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community. (UP-IN-OUT) Thus, we cannot live and without giving the best of our time, talents, and treasures.

In this Fellowship...

WE DO "SECOND CHANCES"
WE DO "GRACE"
WE DO "JOY"
WE DO "REAL"
WE DO "MISTAKES"
WE DO "I'M SORRY"
WE DO "FORGIVENESS"
WE DO "HUGS"
WE DO "FAMILY"
WE DO "COMFORT"
WE DO "ENCOURAGEMENT"
WE DO "PRAISE & WORSHIP"
WE DO "CARE"
WE DO LOVE... YOU!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES & GLOBAL NETWORK is to be a ROMAN'S CHAPTER 12 multi-dimensional ministry to win souls for Christ through witnessing, evangelism, teaching, serving, nurturing and stewardship for the advancement of God's Kingdom. To minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional and environmental needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through word, faith and works. At every dimension of connection and in every fellowship church, ELFM shall engage in carrying out the will of the Holy Spirit as principled in Romans Chapter 12, out of which the LAWML evolved: that is, to seek out and lead the lost to Christ, Our mission is to go and make disciples! By serving the needy through a continuing program of (1) preaching and teaching the gospel, (2) feeding the hungry, (3) clothing the naked, (4) housing the homeless, (5) cheering the fallen, (6) providing jobs for the jobless, (7) administering to the needs of those in prison, hospitals, nursing homes, asylums and mental institutions, senior citizens' homes; caring for the sick, the shut-in, the mentally and socially disturbed, (8) living healthy lifestyles and (9) encouraging thrift and economic advancement of individuals. (10) Provide a home church for people from any economic, racial, or social background, welcoming everyone into a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ. Our calling is to love and care for all

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP
DISCIPLESHIP
WORSHIP
STEWARDSHIP
MINISTRY
PASTORAL CARE
GIVING