



Neighborhoods to Nations

The New Testament Church Newsletter

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS *Sowing and Reaping*

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” - Galatians 6:7

There are principles in life that act like laws. Sowing and reaping is one of them. You can account on it, trust in it, and realize that God has put it in place to teach us lessons on how to get the best fruit in every season.

Do not be deceived. In other words it is easy to do so. We wonder why we have a habit or our children act out a bad attitude. Do not wonder or be confused, *for what we sow we shall reap.*

This is the first lesson here. *What* we sow, we reap. If we sow anger, we will reap it. Keep in mind we always reap more than we sow! If we sow laziness by example, we will get laziness in abundance all around us.

We always reap the kind of seed we sow. We can't sow an apple seed and reap an orange tree! What we see in our lives or those of our children still living at home that we don't like is often a reflection of what we have sown (or allowed others to sow) in our lives.

The second lesson leads us further down the road to understanding how this works. *Where* we sow we also reap.

If we sow to the flesh, we reap in the flesh, but if we sow to the spirit, we reap in the spirit. In other words, where will we plant good seeds? We must always plant in good soil - in an atmosphere of a surrendered heart and soft conscience.

It is imperative that we train our own conscience and those of our children to be

soft towards God's Word and receptive to His truth.

The third lesson follows, which is *how* we sow we also reap. The Scriptures make it clear that we are to sow in diligence and perseverance, never giving up.

It is easy to sow a few seeds, and then give up when they don't appear quickly. We are to keep planting, regardless of what we see. We cannot give up, *for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.*

If we take this principle and apply to our spiritual lives we would bear much more fruit. We must discern the seeds we are planting, the soil in which we put them, and also the weeding that must take place so that the fruit matures properly!

Sharing the Gospel *Crucified unto the World*

“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified unto me, and I to the world..”
Galatians 6:14

The closer we walk with Jesus, the purer we become and more separate we are from worldliness. Thus, the world is crucified to us, or in other words, holiness is not yielding to temptation.

However, that is only half the story. The work of the cross is two-fold, not just *separate from the world, but now given to the world.*

The cry of the believer has to be two-fold; save me from the evil of this age and keep me pure, but also *show me where you are opening up avenues where I can serve and influence others within my culture.*

As we allow our character to build a platform within the culture, we are then able to share the gospel that is accompanied by good works so that others may glorify God.

Let us pray that we can see the opportunities God opens before us to share the gospel as a result of being crucified to the world!

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Highlights for Intercession

- *Lord, help us to sow good seeds that we might reap good fruit!*
- *Lord, help us to walk closer to you that we might be separate from the evil that surrounds us!*
- *Lord, help us to give ourselves to our culture by walking uprightly and sharing when you open up the doors of opportunity!*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT HOME AND SCHOOL - *Sowing and Reaping*



Christian Education must include the priority of a Biblical worldview and the spiritual strength necessary to sustain it

"...he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." - Galatians 6:8b

A child needs physical health in order to fulfill their calling. Thus, parents and teachers should be concerned with teaching them good nutrition, habits of exercise, and ample opportunities to play sports of all kinds.

Children also need vocational skills that will prepare them for future occupations that span the landscape of the

culture in which they live. Thus parents and teachers help guide a child based on the gifts and talents they possess and their interests as they mature in years. Taking aptitude tests such as the SAT and ACT are helpful here as well.

These two ingredients are understood by many parents and teachers as being critical, but two more are even more critical. They are *worldview* and *spiritual strength*.

Worldview involves how to think from a Biblical perspective. It involves logic and how to reason, helping one to fend off deception in any area of life.

Spiritual strength involves a daily walk with Jesus that inspires one to use a Biblical worldview properly, as well as the skills they possess and the health they acquire.

In other words, *Christian education, and not just education, is a priority.*

THE GLORY OF GOD SOUTH SHORE - *Joint Church Prayer*



Once a month, the churches on the south shore continue to meet for prayer, worship and an exhortation on revival from the host pastor.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1

As we move from church to church each month, the unity seems to build. We sense God's presence, and His approval.

The exhortations from the area pastors are precious and powerful. It is as if

God has been preparing all the churches for this time of encouragement and blessing!

The worship is powerful, touched with the flavor of variety contained within the various churches and their callings. If you haven't attended one yet, you need to plan to do so!

But the real purpose for our meeting, and the most precious part is when the small groups

begin to pray and focus on various needs within our churches and culture. There the power of the night is evident, and there everyone leaves with a greater desire to return the next month!

This summer both joint prayer meetings will be in Carver!
- July 28 at Crossroads Church
- August 25 Church of the Vine

We hope to see you there!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTIAN HERITAGE SERVICE June 30!



Call 2 Fall, a nation wide call for churches to pray on their knees for our nation, takes place on June 30, the Sunday before Independence Day - we will again participate!

More than 30 years ago our church began a tradition of having a special service where we rehearse the Biblical roots of our nation's liberty, and call everyone to pray for her.

Over the years we have read the Declaration of Independence, taught its

truths, and rehearsed why the freedoms we enjoy can be lost in one generation if we no longer remember them.

Throughout these years we have honored those who have served, having them stand by their service branch flag, and had public officials attend as well to honor their service.

In honor of the upcoming 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims - in 2020 - we will be highlighting both Pilgrim and Patriot as well as tracing the parallels of the truths in the Mayflower Compact and Declaration of Independence.

Invite a neighbor, friend or veteran to attend this service!

SMALL GROUP CORNER: *Small Group Ministry*

Spontaneous Small Groups

Pockets of believers from within our church meet as they are led by God to do so. Let us pray that in the near future strategic groups form!

Strategic Prayer

Prayer groups continue: women on Friday mornings at Carol Soucy's, men praying for one another at monthly breakfast meetings, and small group prayer meeting at various places. Check the office for more information.

Home Groups: New Bible Study will start July 10th at the Bowman's home in Sagamore Beach going through the The Truth Project on Wednesday nights. Check the bulletin for details!

Adult Fellowship / Family Periodically Chuck and Jean Lindberg host families with children at their home. The church hosts fellowships of various kinds both at the church and in homes. Watch the bulletin for times and places.

Men's Groups

Men and Sons Breakfasts and Men's Night Out take place monthly but will be less frequent with softball and other activities occurring during the summer.

Ladies Bible Studies and fellowship! Watch the bulletin for new events!

Youth Group

Arise Youth Group meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:30 PM) with Ben Harris. If you are a teen and not going, we welcome you to join!



Small Group Ministry is an important part of the discipleship process within our church. We have several groups which may expand in the fall!

Seriously consider attending a group that will edify you in your walk with the Lord!

VBS AT TNT! *In the Wild - July 22-26*

VBS is always an exciting time. Many were first introduced to the gospel as a child attending Vacation Bible School.

This summer in July our church will host its Vacation Bible School with theme of being *In the Wild*. What does God teach us about Himself through nature?

From animals to plants and all kinds of wildlife, the nature of God and Christ will come alive for children.

Helping can be a lot of fun as well. We need volunteers to teach lessons, serve snacks, oversee recreation and serve Jonathan and Jennifer Thompson as they lead our summer VBS again!



Sign up now so that we can be prepared for a great time!

Invite you neighbors and those with children in grades K-6!



Last year's staff of VBS!

Join us for this year's VBS In the Wild on July 22-26

HISTORIC TOURS - An exciting way to learn about revival past / present

When the children of Israel crossed over the Jordan, Joshua wanted to make sure they remembered what God had done, so he had them place twelve stones in Gilgal.

Standing on the spot where God once moved immediately inspires you to think of Him moving again! That is why historic tours are important.

Leo and Nancy Martin (Jenney Museum) conduct tours of Plymouth regularly each week and Cheryl Doherty will be again directing Pilgrim Progress to reenact the Pilgrims going to church.

Pastor Jehle conducts various historic tours that highlight God's providence, but two in

particular will take place this summer in August. One is of the State House in Boston and the other a local revival tour of Bourne and Cedarville that helped to birth our own church. Watch the bulletin for all the details!

You will want to sign up for these tours so that God can build your faith for another Revival!



Tours of the State House in Boston as well as a local revival tour of Cedarville and Bournedale will be conducted by Pastor Jehle

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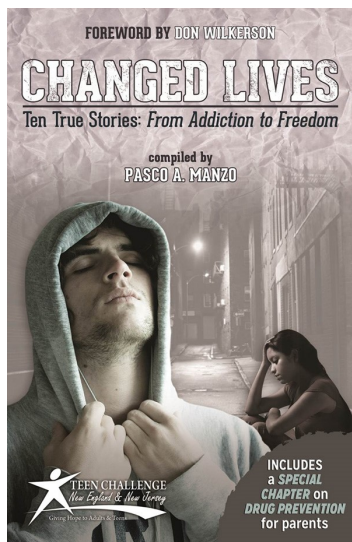
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Our Mission

The members of The New Testament Church wish to fulfill the call of God upon Plymouth and its geographic area in restoring the light of the gospel to impact every area of life. We desire to bless our neighborhoods locally and the specific nations of the world as God directs by performing the works of Jesus, empowered by His Spirit.

Our Vision

The calling of the Church of Jesus Christ is to be the agency through which God shows the world His manifold wisdom. We at The New Testament Church desire to be part of the bride that Father God can present to the Son while at the same time being a glorious temple built of living stones. We want to bring the seamless, all encompassing, life-changing message of Jesus Christ to others, discipling those who respond "to love the Lord with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind... and to love their neighbor as themselves."



Changed Lives
by Pasco Manzo
Free copies available of
Volumes 1-5
in the Lobby Bookcase

BOOK REVIEW

By Paul Jehle

Changed Lives - that phrase alone should cause each one of us to pay attention. That is the crux of the gospel.

In these volumes, now five are published, Pasco Manzo, the director of Teen Challenge New England, has compiled numerous stories of individuals who have been delivered from the drug addiction by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Each story contains the heart breaking reality of addiction and the **trap** of how our sin nature leads us to bondage. Drug addiction is now an epidemic that will have lasting negative consequences.

Each story also contains a set of circumstances that brought a man or woman face to face with their sin and need of help. **Confession** led to freedom.

The stories will tell you how each individual eventually **surrendered to Christ** and how this made all the difference. Their lives were filled with bondage and slavery to sin and are now filled with freedom and the love of Christ.

Each book also features information on cutting edge issues facing the addiction crisis such as *prescription addiction* (book four) and

death by fentanyl (book five). There is nothing more up to date on the epidemic we face than reading the stories.

I recommend that each family that has teen children read through these stories this summer together. Have a discussion on how to avoid yielding to temptation so that communication is at a premium.

Follow this up by visiting Teen Challenge and volunteering with them or in some way to counter what is happening in our communities. *Let's make an impact through service!*