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faith not fear



Typically our annual report celebrates the ministry accomplishments of the previous fiscal year (July to June) and reports on the financial condition of the church. Since our beloved Pastor Ron went to be with the Lord one month after the close of the 2015-16 fiscal year, we thought it appropriate to celebrate his ministry. We've chosen his mantra of "Faith Not Fear" as our theme, and images from one of his favorite places, Yosemite National Park. The stories contained in this year's report celebrate this theme from his life.

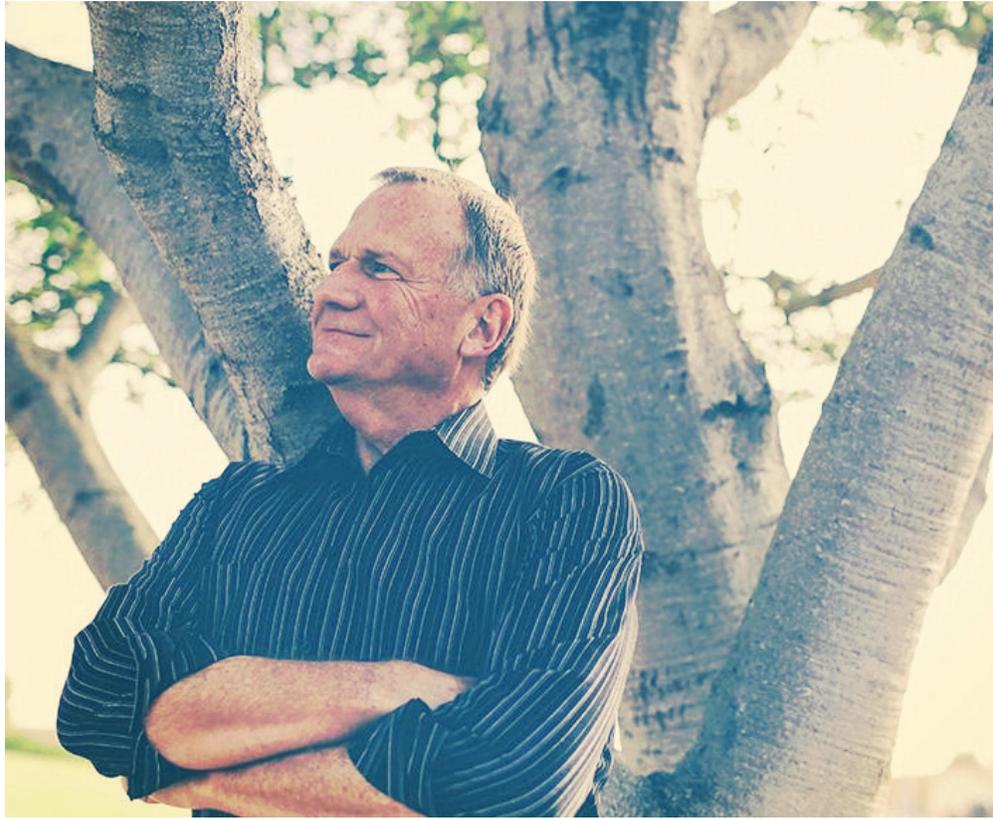
"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - ROMANS 15:13



a final tribute

'Faith Not Fear' not only became Pastor Ron's cancer battle cry over the last several years, but it became a phrase that inspired the congregation of New Life to face life full of hope. Cathi recalls the first weekend in 2004 when the New Life family was told that Ron had been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"The announcement was made and you could just feel the heaviness in the church. Over the next few months, wherever we went, even to the District Assembly of Nazarene Pastors, people would greet Ron and me with a somberness as if they were saying their final goodbyes. That's when we realized what we needed most was to be surrounded by encouragement and we felt the call to inspire people to rise up and set the attitude of hope."



Soon after, Pastor Ron began using phrases like "God is bigger than the numbers" and having the congregation repeat after him Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace SO THAT you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit..." to help instill an attitude of hope.

During his mornings of praying on his knees, Pastor Ron found his own inspiration and comfort in verses dealing with freedom from fear. Cathi recently found highlighted in his Bible Psalm 34 and notes "Praise the Lord...Seek the Lord...Trust the Lord." Over time, that verse evolved into the motto of 'Faith Not Fear' that would become the rally motto for the last few years of his cancer battle.

In 2013 the congregation was once again confronted with a cancer diagnosis of lymphoma for Pastor Ron. But unlike the first response of hopelessness, this time the New Life family responded with

tremendous hope as "Faith Not Fear" banners and buttons were displayed and ball caps were worn to show unity with Pastor Ron in his new fight. Cathi reflects, "Ron felt tremendous pride in that moment of knowing he had made a difference in teaching people to respond with hope rather than despair."

"The journey didn't end the way we had thought, but it was the right journey. God was faithful every step of the way and provided in unimaginable ways for us. When first diagnosed, Ron asked God for 10 more years and God was gracious and gave him 12 years. Ron also desperately wanted to finish strong: strong in spirit, strong in perseverance, and strong in legacy."

Thank you Pastor Ron and Cathi. Well done good and faithful servants!



Have you ever been sitting at church when you knew that God's message was directed straight at you? Early in 2006, that is exactly what happened. It was the day that Pastor Ron's battle cry of "Faith Not Fear" got ahold of the Clark family. That phrase was not only the catalyst for opening up a dance studio, but soon became the motto for every child and family who walked through the doors of Dellos Performing Arts Center (DPAC).

*"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"* - MATTHEW 19:14

dellos performing arts center

In November 2006, Pastor Ron cut the red ribbon and marked the opening of DPAC. The purpose was to create a safe place for kids to learn important lessons and help them grow into successful people. By using dance steps, kids could learn the benefits of goal-setting, hard work, teamwork, confidence and perseverance as critical life lessons. The mission of making a positive change in kid's lives became the Clark family's ministry to the community and they agreed to never turn a child away.

The idea to open a dance studio came out of a desperate desire to keep children safe. In 2004, the Clark's 11 year-old nephew had died in a tragic fire and their daughter Jillian, age 10, seemed to be emotionally closing herself off to the world to deal with her own grief. The family was heart-broken and very fearful. Pastor Ron's "Faith Not Fear" was not a denial of fear, but rather a conscientious decision to choose faith when situations are most fear-filled.

The countless hours spent in classes, rehearsals, shows and traveling to different conventions and competitions made the dance studio a second-home for many of the children and families. For many, the studio was a first exposure to God and His great love for them. Having "Faith Not Fear" on the studio walls was a constant reminder of God's love and the choice to choose to believe in all His promises in the most fearful times.

The DPAC studio is an extended family and like most families, they have shared a lot of laughter and of tears as hundreds of students have called DPAC home through the years. This past summer the studio celebrated its 10th Anniversary and many of alumni returned and shared letters reflecting on their time at the studio and the



impact the upon their lives. "Faith Not Fear" was the recurring theme of the letters as student after student explained how those words helped them through their toughest times on their road to adulthood.

The Clark family is thankful to Pastor Ron for giving them the courage to hear God's calling and the faith to respond. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).





Abigail Joy was born on April 9, 2016 to parents Brittany & Drew White and grandparents Bonnie Evans and Robyn & Richard White, long-time members of New Life. Abigail was growing and doing well although family members noticed she seemed to be experiencing rapid breathing as an infant...

"... and whatever you ask in my name, that i will do, that the father may be glorified in the son. if you ask anything in my name, i will do it" - JOHN 14:13-14



abigail joy

On August 23, at four-and-a-half months of age, Abigail visited her pediatrician to once again check on the rapid breathing. Her physician noticed the baby seemed to be wheezing. Abigail was given a breathing treatment and a chest x-ray was ordered. The x-ray looked like a possible touch of pneumonia, but her parents were hesitant to put Abigail on antibiotics. The next day, the doctor called and asked her to come back in because she just had a funny feeling. After asking for another review of Abigail's x-ray, it was discovered that her heart was enlarged on the right side. The family knew they were facing their worst fears, but Pastor Ron's words of "Faith Not Fear" instantly became not only words of comfort but the family's heart cry.

Abigail was sent immediately to Sierra Vista for tests to discover the cause of the enlarged heart, but the abnormalities were going undetected by traditional methods. Through God's wonderful provision, a visiting pediatric cardiologist was in town doing a monthly clinic in SLO County for heart patients. Clinics were generally held on Thursdays, but the pediatric cardiologist was in town on the Wednesday Abigail was sent to the the Emergency Room. With the assistance of an ECHO Specialist accompanying the pediatric specialist, it was discovered Abigail had a congenital heart disease called, Pulmonary Atresia with MAPCAS & VSD (holes in her heart and major aortopulmonary collateral arteries).

That afternoon, Abigail Joy was transported to Valley Children's hospital where, after further testing, the heart defect was determined to be much worse than originally suspected. In addition, there was a 95% chance she would also have Digeorge Syndrome, a disorder caused by a defect in chromosome 22 resulting in the poor development of several body systems.

On September 1st, Abigail went through a 20 1/2 hour surgery to fix all the heart defects that took much longer than anticipated. The nurses called with updates every couple of hours to assure the family all



was going well. Late into the night, the nurse called and requested Brittany and Drew come to the surgical floor where they were escorted to a private room. The hospital representative explained that the repairs had all been made, but once they took Abigail off the bypass machine, leaks in the heart sprung up everywhere and they were having trouble stopping the bleeding.

The next three hours were intense. It was then that Bonnie could hear Pastor Ron's words and declared, "Faith not Fear." They determined a spiritual battle was taking place along with Abigail's physical battle. The family launched into intense prayers and later discovered many of their prayer warriors were awoken in the middle of the night and prompted to pray for Abigail. She pulled through the surgery, all the leaks were repaired and remarkably she had no swelling and they were able to close Abigail's chest cavity.

As expected, with a serious medical condition, Abigail has had progress and setbacks, but she is fighting and getting stronger with each passing day! Further good news is that Abigail is among the 5% who did not also have Digeorge Syndrome with the congenital heart disease. Please continue prayers and you can follow her continuing story on Facebook at Abigail Joy.



As Christian business-owners, do we have a right and/or responsibility to incorporate our faith into the workplace? Greg Steinberger, owner and co-founder of Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab, struggled with this dilemma in the early years of his company.

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."* - COLOSSIANS 3:17

doc burnstein's ice cream lab

Doc Burnstein's opened in 2003 as a privately-owned company with the mission of creating a fun and memorable experience that makes people feel good. Owner and co-founder Greg Steinberger shares a memory of receiving a coupon for free ice cream after he had donated blood. "That experience made me feel so good and I was so excited to get that ice cream!" Greg wanted others to feel that same excitement he felt that day. When creating Doc Burnstein's, he knew the "giving back" philosophy would be critical to the company's purpose, so he held monthly blood drives and initiated a 10% pledge to school fundraisers and scholarships. Yet, Greg still felt that something was missing.

"I remember a story that Pastor Ron shared about a time he felt God's prompting to do something.

Pastor Ron's first response was an internal argument with God on all the reasons he shouldn't do it. Then he realized who he was arguing with and surrendered. If you feel God calling you to do something—just do it! That's how Pastor Ron lived his life. He graciously modeled what stepping out in faith and not giving in to the fear looked like. Whether it was in his cancer battle, an earthquake preparedness seminar, a good neighbor initiative or building a school in India, when you step out in faith, God blesses that obedience," recalls Greg.

Greg knew he wanted to incorporate faith into Doc Burnstein's, but was unsure if it would be a smart business practice or even how to initiate it. In 2009, he stopped arguing with God. "Am I going to worry about not pleasing a few people or not pleasing God?" Soon after, he had "God Bless All" painted above the door for all to see and prayers started each staff meeting. To reflect their giving-back pledge to youth education, packaging incorporated Proverbs 18:15, "The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out."



The results were God's blessing! Sales went up 18% soon after. Three years later the company went public and has now expanded to three locations. "Although most embrace it, a few customers have been offended, one employee was uncomfortable and we lost a few potential stockholders." But standing for God is always well worth it. "Faith Not Fear" will always win the battle.





"Pastor Ron marked my character and challenged me to believe that God created me just the way I am and there is beauty in my character and passion," explained Robin, founder of Brighten A Corner.

"For it is God who works in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure." - PHILIPPIANS 2:13

brighten a corner

As a single mother at 19 years of age, Robin Lee allowed the hard times she experienced to develop into a tenderness to serve those who are overwhelmed in extraordinary circumstances. Robin grew up under Pastor Ron's tutelage and believed that God would one day use her for His purpose.

Long before "Faith Not Fear" became Pastor Ron's battle cry, it was something that both Pastor Ron and Cathi modeled with their lives. When Robin was contemplating whether she was ready, willing and able to begin serving in women's ministry, Cathi assured her that she simply needed to be willing. God would take care of the ready and able.

Soon after, the vision for "Brighten a Corner" was birthed at a New Life video conference. The ministry began serving the Central Coast in 2002. Brighten a Corner reaches out to people in need and does something to "brighten" their life. Whether they are fighting cancer, grieving loss, surviving homelessness, or dealing with special needs, the ministry brings hope and help to people. From remodel and reconstruction projects to celebratory concerts and events like "Prom for Jared," Brighten A Corner rides in like the cavalry to make a difference.

Brighten a Corner focuses not only on the recipient, but on the giver. The ministry is committed to help people put feet to their faith in the humble hope that, working together, they can make a difference for people who are facing extraordinary circumstances.

In the early years, Brighten A Corner was under the umbrella of New Life Church which not only supported but nurtured the ministry to continually grow until they could branch out on their own. Since its inception, over \$2,000,000 worth of service projects have been performed under the Brighten A Corner ministry.



"Pastor Ron marked my character and challenged me to believe that God created me just the way I am and there is beauty in my character and passion," explained Robin. "He would tell me, 'Have faith and do not fear what others will say about you.'"

For more information on Brighten a Corner, please visit www.brightenacorner.com.

statement of position

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ASSETS

Current Assets	\$1,259,224
Non-current investments	\$323,819
Property and Equipment (1)	\$2,656,781

TOTAL ASSETS **\$4,239,824**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities **\$138,034**

Net Assets

Net investment in Property and Equipment **\$2,656,781**

Permanently Restricted **\$122,241**

Temporarily Restricted **\$118,472**

Unrestricted Funds

Emergency Operating Reserve \$283,000

Capital Reserve \$590,816

Cell Tower Funds \$164,440

New Capital Projects \$109,331

Retained program revenue \$521

Education Fund \$10,000

Undesignated \$46,188

Total Unrestricted Funds **\$1,204,296**

NET ASSETS **\$4,101,790**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$4,239,824**

(1) Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) report the purchase price for property rather than the current value, hence the reduction from values in last year's annual report to bring our reporting in line with GAAP.

statement of activity

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INCOME	Actual	Budget	Difference	Percent
General Church Receipts	\$3,568,993	\$3,500,000	\$68,993	102.0%
Other Church Receipts	\$15,305			
Total Income	\$3,584,298	\$3,500,000	\$84,298	102.4%
EXPENSE (1)				
Program Services				
Executive Leadership (2)	\$349,533	\$378,283	-\$28,750	92.4%
Worship Arts	\$287,015	\$329,329	-\$42,314	87.2%
Missions	\$463,097	\$428,872	\$34,225	108.0%
Care Ministry	\$264,320	\$271,948	-\$7,628	97.2%
Adult Ministry	\$146,938	\$264,204	-\$117,266	55.6%
Youth Ministries	\$301,269	\$283,489	\$17,780	106.3%
Children's Ministry	\$311,109	\$345,710	-\$34,601	90.0%
Total Program Services	\$2,123,281	\$2,301,835	-\$178,554	92.2%
Support Services				
Plant Operations	\$582,226	\$613,323	-\$31,097	94.9%
General & Administrative	\$539,154	\$584,842	-\$45,688	92.2%
Total Support Services	\$1,121,380	\$1,198,165	-\$76,785	93.6%
Total Expense	\$3,244,661	\$3,500,000	-\$255,339	92.7%
INCOME-EXPENSE	\$339,637	\$0	\$339,637	

(1) Expenses are net expenses, off-set by \$248,150 program revenue

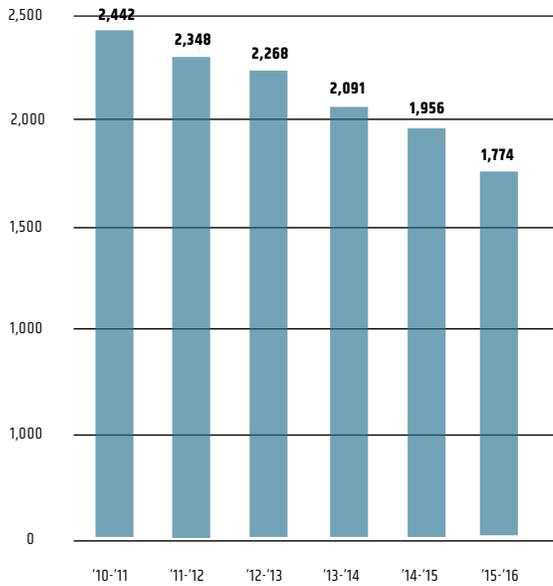
(2) Executive Leadership includes the Senior and Executive Pastors, leadership development, and community outreach

Capital Expenditures **\$118,752**

NEW LIFE PRESCHOOL

Income	\$476,270
Expenses	\$487,204
Income/Expenses	-\$10,934

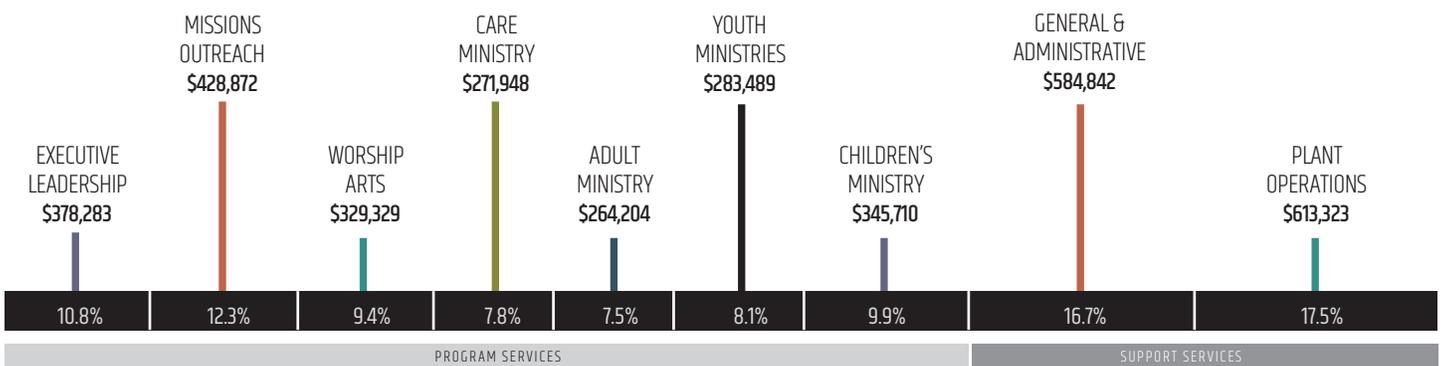
Trends



attendance



contributions



allocation

\$3,500,000 100%

2015-16 accomplishments

WORSHIP

- SERIES
True Riches • Becoming • Follow the Star
Children of God (1 John) • Mysteries of Easter
Clash • Being the Church (James)
- First Friday Country Gospel
- Prayer Gatherings
- Art Show
- New Life Choir
- Hanging of the Greens
- 72 Baptisms

FAMILIES (YOUTH & CHILDREN)

- Generation Change
- Summer's End Beach BBQ
- JHM C-Groups
- HSM Area Bible Studies
- Reindeer Games
- Gingerbread House Party
- Freshman Frenzy
- Vertex Open House
- Hume Lake Camps
- Bonfires
- VBS
- Fun Days of Summer
- Team 56 small groups
- 13 Child dedications

ADULTS | CARE

- SUPPORT GROUPS
Grief Support • Cancer Support
Widow's Fellowship • Hikanos
Divorce Care • Single Moms
Praying Wives • Prostate Cancer Support
Roller Coaster Mamas
- CLASSES
Financial Peace • Life Matters
Power Tools for Life • That the World May Know
Sharing Jesus without Fear • Going Deeper
Developing Spiritual Character • First Steps
Foundations • Daily Bread with Chef Michael
Pathways • Land of the Bible
40 Days in the Word • Finding Balance with Food
- GROUPS
Men's Fraternity • Moms & Mentors
Faith Cafe • Prime Time Exercise
Women's Time Together • Marriage Builders
- MINISTRY TEAMS
Doll-makers • Blanket Ministry
Library • Sozo Prayer • King's Crew
- EVENTS
GroupLink • Men's Breakfasts
Mens BBQs • Prime Time Dinner
Men's Christmas Morning Prayer
Hume Lake Women's Conference
Israel 2016 • Passover Seder
Prime Time Retreat
Secret Church Simulcast
M&M Movie Night

MISSIONS | OUTREACH

- Global Leadership Summit
- 4th of July Picnic
- Crisis Care Kits
- Fall Family Festival
- Lord's Pantry
- Get on the Bus

PROPERTY | EQUIPMENT

- New Lobby TVs
- New Life Center projectors
- Video equipment upgrade
- Room 13-14-15
- Campus maps
- Termite treatment
- King's Crew

ADMINISTRATION

- New web site
- 2014-15 Annual Report
- Online giving reached 33% of income



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