

SENIOR PASTORS REPORT FOR 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

A church in the land without the Spirit is rather a curse than a blessing. If you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way; you are a fruitless tree standing where a fruitful tree might grow. Charles Spurgeon

I have truly admired the work of Spurgeon over the years, his words are often penetrating and convicting. I have been very mindful lately that as believers (and as a Church) if we move ahead without the Spirit of God then even though we may be doing the correct thing, still we are wasting our energies. Please be praying that we will be deliberately following the Spirit and pray that we would not be as ***“a fruitless tree standing where a fruitful tree might grow”***. We were born again to produce **fruit NOT foliage!**

As we approach this new fiscal year may we do so with a new vision to live as Ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20) with a Spirit led desire to make disciples by fulfilling the “Great Commission” (Matt 28:18-20).

This past year we were encouraged to be “On Mission”? We emphasized these areas, Repentance, Prayer, Service, Holiness, God’s Word, Obedience, Following the Spirit, Generosity, Fellowship & Unity, Being ministers of the Gospel, The disciplines of the faith and Living for Christ.

Much of our “On Mission” call was internally focused, because when we are built up spiritually some of the natural outcomes include **obedience** and **outreach!**

This coming year we will be encouraging you to **take your mission on the road!** Living out your mission, which we hope involves leading people to the Savior! Our goal this year is to provide for you some **points of entry** to do this very thing. How do you take your on mission ON the road?

Certainly I want you to pray as this year unfolds that we would **in our community with the Gospel!** **But pray first** that we would be moved by the Spirit into living holy lives wholly for God’s glory for as Spurgeon said, “In proportion as a church is holy, in that proportion will its testimony for Christ be powerful.”

I Praise God for the privilege of serving as your Senior Pastor here at TMCC and I thank the Lord for the fellow pastors I am privilege to serve alongside! When I see all the wonderful ministries taking place at ‘**The Ten Mile Church**’ my heart is encouraged. This year I heard from both the speakers of **man camp** and the **ladies retreat** that we have a very special body of believers here. Jim Grassi even told me over the phone that he wished the other churches he ministered to had a men’s ministry like Ten Miles! What a blessing, but brothers and sisters in Christ we MUST surge on! We must continue to **Know Christ and to Make Him Known!** This is our mission – let us PRESS on for God’s Glory out into the community in which He has planted us!

In Christ love and for His service,

Pastor Mark Canady

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL!