

Impacting Our World...

Dear brothers and sisters,

Recently PBC adopted a new mission statement to help focus our vision for the future. I'd like to share it with you in case you've missed it in the Inspirer, Sunday bulletin, or web page. It reads...

Impacting Our World through Our New Life in Christ

So what does it mean and why does it matter?

Well, a mission statement alone is worthless if it doesn't motivate us to action. If it doesn't help shape our vision toward goals that lead to plans to pursue our purpose, it's meaningless.

What I like about our mission statement is that it is concise yet full of meaning and action. **Our mission statement is about “doing” and “being”.**

Let's look at the first part of “doing” in this article.

DOING

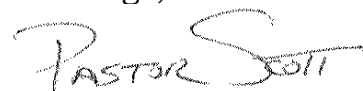
I came up with a statement a few years ago that didn't really capture my or anyone else's heart. While it was biblically sound it was devoid of outward focused action. When Jesus was ready to ascend to heaven and the Holy Spirit was about to birth and empower the church he had this command for his followers in Matthew 28... **“GO!”**

As Christians we are to be action oriented, we're commissioned to GO and be a difference making force in the world for Christ. Christ made the ultimate impact on this world, pouring out his life unto death and conquering the power of sin and death. While you will most likely not face execution for following Christ, you are called to be a “living sacrifice”. This is how we please and honor God. The Bible calls this our spiritual “act” of **worship**.

In the first class at PBC for spiritual growth and maturity we learn that *worship is not a Sunday ritual but rather a lifestyle!* It's a life lived as an expression of love and honor to God 24/7. As obedient Christ followers, we desire to make an impact in our world because we're living in response to Christ's impact—our gracious salvation. This is how someone who's been redeemed, ransomed, and rescued lives! They act; they go in his name! They make an impact in the Name of Jesus to the glory of God!

Think about how you are going... doing... acting... as an act of worship to God.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PASTOR SCOTT". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.