

Elder's Statements Archive

January, 2011

We, the Council of Elders, are committed to participate in a journey of learning to see through God's eyes instead of our own individual, limited eyes, and we recognize that prayer is fundamental and foundational to the realization of God's vision for His Church. We are calling on the congregation to join us in prayer as the "Body of Christ" so that we live out of God's measure instead of our human limitations. --Ephesians 3:20-21

February, 2011

Prayer is the foundational center of ministry. Prayer enables us to focus on God and equips us to serve in the role of elders, producing a godly reputation and thereby bringing glory to Him!

March, 2011

As elders, we are called to be humble servants, seeking His will and living in a manner that brings glory to the Most High God.

April & May, 2011

The Council of Elders recognizes the indescribable greatness of God. In spite of our inability to fully comprehend Him, through His grace we are called to commit to Him, having a prayer burden for the lost and for the spiritual growth of His People. As the church we are a body of believers, all of whom are called to share in this burden together.

June, 2011

We believe that the Bible is the infallible Word of God. That the Bible was given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 1:20-21)

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Scripture is God's light to be applied to every area of life and ministry. Stand with us in the Light of His Word!

July & August, 2011

As God so loved us, so we must love one another and look for ways to practically express it.

September, 2011

We, the Elders of the Brookville Church of God, affirm our belief and commitment to the truth of Jesus Christ, who is the head of the church. We pledge to stand firm in the truth, through aggressively praying over this church, community, nation and humanity.

October, 2011

We, the Elders, recognizing the power and importance of intercessory prayer, are initiating a Watchmen Ministry, the purpose of which is to cry out to God for His supernatural hand in every area of ministry. We encourage your participation.

November, 2011

We, the Elders, believe we are taking steps to prepare for a move of God as one year ends and a new one begins.

December 2011, January 2012

We believe the Lord is calling the Church to continually focus on Jesus, making Him the center of our lives through prayer and fasting, to glorify Him and experience the outpouring of His grace throughout the year.

February, 2012

Ministry and eldership is a matter of the Spirit, of following God, seeking His face and fulfilling His will in His Church for His glory. --Titus 1:5

March, 2012

We glorify God through the mission of the Cross of Jesus Christ, who is our Unity.

April/May, 2012

Galatians 5:13: For you were called to freedom, brethren: only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

God's desire is that all people have a deep relationship with Him, to keep us united in His will. This unity leads us to serve one another - and all people - through love.

June, 2012

Prayer is the lifeline of the people of God. Every day, as we all go into spiritual battle, we are called to stand firm, that we may be built up as a spiritual people who are able to live in freedom and live out a ministry that participates in the rescue of the lost.

July/August, 2012

We believe that God, in His loving-kindness, provides revelation and gives opportunity for restoration to all people and that we as the Body of Christ are always to be focused on Him in this ministry of restoration.

September, 2012

We, the Elders, are reminded in scripture that our inner-most being is created in the image of God. Therefore we are encouraged to know that the Church possesses the ability, through God, to resist and defeat, to the glory of God, the difficulties presented in life.

October, 2012

God is always at work in our lives, giving us the gift of grace through faith upon which we must continuously act to receive strength to persevere in the ministry of proclaiming the truth of God.

November, 2012

Matthew 19:26 "With God all things are possible." We believe God is calling us to continue expansion to reach further into the North, the South, the East and the West through building a worship center so that current facilities become more available for greater ministry use.

December, 2012

Our mission begins in God and stays centered in God through prayer. That mission, revealed in Isaiah 43, is to be the people of God and reach out to people in every direction of the compass. The mission is spiritual, without end, and without boundaries. Therefore, from January 7th through the 27th, we are calling the church to 21 days of prayer and fasting, that we, as a body, would draw closer to God.

January, 2013

Spiritual growth occurs in the Body of Christ when we are submissive to the work of the Holy Spirit. As we seek God's face, the Holy Spirit will reveal the areas in which we need to mature and grow throughout our lives and especially during these 21 days of prayer and fasting.

February, 2013

We, the elders, come to you this month with the following:

His Body, the Church, reflects Christ through the openness to the Spirit of God in a conscious decision to continually grow and mature in our relationship with Him and through this discover who we really are created to be in Christ.

March, 2013

It is vital that we live in awareness that life is a constant spiritual battle. All are participants in this battle and we either listen to God and surrender our selfish attitudes or dismiss His voice and be defeated. Our help lies in God, who conforms us into the image of Jesus.

April, 2013

Holy living is the fruit of a sincere relationship with Christ. Our desire must be to serve Him and please Him rather than fulfill a religious scorecard. Jesus is the prize we should seek in our faith walk. To focus on Christ is the path of true holiness.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit is, there is liberty." 2 Cor. 3:17

May/June, 2013

We must allow God to reveal Himself in our lives through faith, so that we do not blur the absolute distinction between the truth and all else. This is done by continually seeking Him in prayer in all situations. Pursuing Him and His truth

transforms our hearts and minds and gives us vision and wisdom to recognize the line that is the boundary between truth and deceit.

July, 2013

Through God's grace we believe that the Body of Christ is called to openness, trust and prayer in obedience and submission to the Word and Spirit. We are to take real steps in gathering with other members of the congregation for sharing and prayer in small groups. The Elders are each working in this direction and encourage you also to pursue this.

August/September, 2013

The force of temptation is powerful and we are naturally vulnerable to its attraction. This force will lead us to spiritual death, so we cannot allow ourselves to become numb to Satan's influences. We must not let the world define our priorities, causing us to drift into apathy, discouragement and defeat. Instead, we must focus on Christ in every matter, rely on His authority, and talk with and trust Him to keep us on the path of righteousness. And we should act on our awareness of others to encourage and lift those in need of strength, through prayer.

October, 2013

When we're faced with crisis, the way we respond reflects what we truly believe in our hearts. God is with us so we don't have to fear. Believers are called to live with purpose: to love God to love people as He does, in spite of our imperfections.

November, 2013

We are vulnerable to compromising Christian principles in order to fulfill our fleshly wants and needs. Therefore, we must feast on the pure Spiritual food of the Word of God through the Spirit of God. And as we pray, take Christ's authority over all attacks of the enemy. Then we will be able to act as the Holy Spirit leads us in our daily lives.

December, 2013

Pursuit of God's perfection should be our highest priority. We are to present ourselves daily to Christ as a living sacrifice, thus becoming the spotless bride through His Spirit. Devotion to Him leads us to revival of spirit. As we are revived we are able to reflect the culture of God's kingdom in a world of destruction, slavery, and death.

Matthew 5:48, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

We express the attributes of God as we have compassion for each other. The way to personal expression of God's attributes would be the pursuit of God's perfection. This pursuit would cause a change in our personal priorities. We step towards God only by releasing "self" and letting God loose within us to be expressed outward.

Lamentations 3:1, John 4:12-13

Revival comes one hard heart at a time. As we begin a new year, we, as God's Church, must share the freedom we have experienced through the Spirit of God with the world around us.

Ezekiel 11:18-20, 1 John 5:1-5, Matthew 28:16-20, Galatians 5:1, 6:16-26

Recognizing how easy it is for us, as followers of Christ, to be led astray by the enemy, we should be desperate for those held captive in sin. It is vital that we stand in the gap for those who are lost and dying.

Romans 9, Exodus 33:1-25 (esp. 31-32), Ephesians 6:10-20, Luke 13:6-9, Luke 16:19-31

January-February, 2014

O Church of God

The church of God one body is, One Spirit dwells within; and all her members are redeemed, and triumph over sin. Divinely built, divinely ruled, to God she doth submit; His will her law, His truth her guide, her path is glory-lit. God sets her members each in place, according to His will - apostles, prophets, teachers, all, His purpose to fulfill. In beauty stand, O church of God, with righteousness arrayed; put on thy strength and face thy foes with courage undismayed.

O church of God! I love Thy courts, Thou mother of the free; Thou blessed home of all the saved, I dwell content in Thee.

March-July, 2014

The Bible is our standard and we are empowered to faithfully live and proclaim His Word. That results in holiness and simplifies our lives. As we serve Him, the results are in God's hands.

August-September, 2014

We believe that we must give ourselves to a restoration of these essentials:

God's Word

God's Spirit

God's Church - which includes fellowship with God through prayer and worship, and fellowship with each other by building and encouraging one another.

October, 2014

We must commit to submit to the Lord, His Word and His Spirit. We use Romans 12:1 as our guide: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. We also ask that you refer to 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 and Philippians 4: 8&9

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December, 2014

We daily must prepare ourselves, in the midst of the unavoidable distractions of life, to stay focused on God, making our thoughts and actions our true expression of worship. This is the essence of our faith and it is our example to those around us; the example of God's Love in all situations.

January, 2015

More than you can imagine, it is God's desire that each of us intimately know Jesus. Knowing Jesus begins in being born again and lived out through the freedom and love of God in a relationship with Him. All of us share in this relational, praying life together for the glory of God.

February-June, 2015

1 Thessalonians 5:17. Pray without ceasing.

Our individual culture is a reflection of our primary pursuit. We must examine influences over our pursuits: people, places and things. We must depart from those things that obscure our vision, and deflect our pursuit of God and join with those things that illuminate Him

Ephesians 1:18-19b – I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

How is God speaking to you through this statement? What influences need to change in your life to be able to come closer to God?

July, 2015

The fact of spiritual reality is undeniable. Though man may suppress this reality by committing his mind to his own desires, the reality is that while he may, in his own mind, be standing in a place of neutrality, there is no neutral ground in this spiritual battle. It is vital that we become aware of our current spiritual state. Do we engage ourselves in the conflict or do we live in apathy? Man will commit himself to the training of soldiers who will stand in the midst of conflict. In the same way, we must intentionally pursue training so that as the days of evil are upon us, we may stand firm against the schemes of the enemy.

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:15-18)

August-September, 2015

What is Worship?

The Lord Jesus calls His Church to assemble for worship. Worship requires us to sacrifice the focus of our heart to Him!

Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more, as you see the Day drawing near. (Ephesians 5:15-18)

October, 2015

Preamble:

The times we are in require us to be aligned with God's will for our lives, both individually and corporately. To advance God's Kingdom and touch people's lives, we need passion and enthusiasm for our family, friends and neighbors.

Action:

Pray for the mind of Christ, that He will help you eliminate distractions, grow your faith and become alive, vibrant, faith-filled Kingdom movers.

November-December, 2015

Created in His image, we must trust that God has a plan for all things. It is vital that we value and encourage people as God's will. When looking for the way to do this, look not to the world but look to the Word. Genesis 1:27 and 1 Corinthians 13

January-February, 2016

Can God be found in your life —
in the grocery store?
at home?
on Facebook?
at work?

March, 2016

In our Christ-centered journey, do we strive to recognize what God is revealing through what we see, do or think? Do we respond from a position of world-focus or God-focus? We must naturally place our trust in Christ, in all things. *Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.* -John 17:17

April-June, 2016

Absence of spiritual vision leads to a lack of depth and dimension in our understanding of reality.
The world/culture blurs the truth with relativity - we have the cross of Christ to give us focus and His truth.

July, 2016

Our eternal hope and peace are not found in the temporary focus the enemy imposes with fear and temptation but rather in the certainty of God's plan found in Jesus Christ.

Set your mind on the things above, not on earthly things. -Colossians 3:2

August, 2016

Role of Elders

Elders encourage and guard the pursuit of God's Eternal Kingdom principals: righteousness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11

September, 2016

We are surrounded by examples of human needs. We must recognize each has a spiritual context, and any response or involvement should follow Christ's example of sacrifice; cultivating in our response His Kingdom of mercy and grace. Hebrews 4:16

October, 2016

Do not be misled by things of the world, but be assured of Christ's eternal nature and maintain a continuous sacrifice of praise through all circumstances, knowing He is with us.

Fear not, for I am with you. -Isaiah 43:5

November, 2016

Mission Possible:

The future spiritual wellness and transformation of our country, leaders and freedom depends on our passion for God's purpose which is revealed when we surrender and humble ourselves with prayer and fasting before God. In the midst of all the turmoil, He is the only solution and source of peace and hope.

Now is the time to be the Real Church.

December, 2016

IMMANUEL!

What if your belief in “God with us” and living it out is the first step in changing the world we are in?

January, 2017

As water is the key to activate mortar to create a strong bond, it is imperative that we seek the Living Water, the Holy Spirit, to activate our church and our individual lives to create a strong church, unified through Jesus Christ. “From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.” -Eph 4:16

Ephesians 4:11-16

February, 2017

As water is the key to activate mortar to create a strong bond, it is imperative that we seek the Living Water, the Holy Spirit, to activate and transform us individually into the living body of Christ, His Church, unified through Jesus Christ. “From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.” -Eph 4:16

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

March, 2017

As we worship, lifting up our hands and hearts to Christ, we are both expressing and cultivating faith. Being fully persuaded that God is able, we are no longer hindered by our ideas of security and safety, but we are able to be vessels used by God to carry out His mission to bring life and hope to a dying world.