

Faith Christian Fellowship
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2014 Being a Real Church
Wake Up and Look Around

TEXT: Matt 9:35-38 / Php 2:14-16

A fountain of healing power: Repair, prepare, celebrate!!!!

“The Word and the Spirit ...Keepin’ it real!

2014: **We are now a real church with a sustainable base and a long reach. It is time to impact Tucson.**

A Real Church: Without pretense or artifice. It is the people of God striving together to follow God, individually and corporately, through His Word and His Spirit

We have a plan and process. A real church prays, and bears fruit. We are known by our fruit. Our fruit is not programs, it is people!

3 aspects: We have a unique atmosphere, a houseful of transformed lives, and ministries and places of service that spring from the hearts of the people God put here.

Today: Getting involved in the project

- ❖ Ministry happens at FCFT through the people God plants here
 - **The Lord calls and equips people.** Each of us has a purpose and a skill set, actual or potential: 1 Peter 4:10, 11 / Eph 2:10 NLT For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.
 - **He plants people in churches** (Psa 92:13-15) to be discipled and serve in the Kingdom: Matt 28:18-20 / 1Co 12:27-28
 - **God communicates our call to us in several ways:**
 - **Gifts are the grace tools God gives us to accomplish the call**
 - **The gifts and callings that God plants at FCFT determine to a great degree who we will become.**
 - Our plan for the future: Find and develop gifts and callings that God has planted here – **That would be you!**
- ❖ The fields are ripe. Jn 4:35-38 The harvest is ripe **now!**
 - There is provision for those involved in the harvest.
 - The crop is people (Jas 5:7-8 Jesus is waiting!)
 - We can expect harvest even where we have not been. There is a lot of seed in the ground!!!

- ❖ Wake up and look:
 - Wake up!!!! You are different, so live like it.
 - Rom 13:10-14 ... **time is running out...live decent lives for all to see. ...clothe yourself with the presence** of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Eph 5:10-16 Take **no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness...**"Awake, O sleeper,.. **Don't live like fools... Make the most of every opportunity.**
 - Isa 60:1-3 **Arise, shine; For your light has come! The LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.** The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.
 - Look around! What do you see?
 - 2Co 5:15-16 We **have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.**
 - 1Sa 16:7 **The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."**
 - Remember Matt 9:35-38
 - God sees weary and scattered people.
 - He admonishes us to pray.
 - He equips us and sends us to the harvest
 - When you look around, and allow yourself to see with His eyes, what do you see?
 - Bloom where you are planted. 1 Cor 7:20
 - Look up from where you are. Gen 13:13
 - You can be the “somebody” who does what ought to be done! Acts 8:31

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

Margaret Mead