

Making the Most of the Opportunity

8/19/12

Colossians 4:2-6

Pray

² Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*;

Love

³ praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

⁴ in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

¹⁵ and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Serve

⁵ Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, **making the most of the opportunity.**

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

Share

⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, *as it were*, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

Acts 5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

Opportunities to *Love, serve and share*

1 Thessalonians 2:8 Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

Prayer

Sharing with friends

Sharing tracts and promos

Small group bridge events

Large bridge events

CrossPointe In Action

Benevolence

Sports

Golf

Community Center Sports

Fishing

Community organizations

Chamber of Commerce

Community Center

School

Kids Live

Tutoring

Music, art, wood working*

PTO events

before school care*

Motivation/rewards program*

Cultural Connections events

Artists Guild

Arts League

Food and Wine on Pine

*Historical Society**

*Turtle Watch**

*Garden Club**

*CERT**

*Island Players**

*Privateers**

*Preservation Society**

Municipalities

- Disaster Relief
- Beach clean-up*

Businesses

- Services to the community
- New movers welcome wagon
- Doors, street, beach, piers and bars
- Parades

Children's Outreach

- Kids Live
- Tutoring
- Fishing*
- Workshops and classes (swimming, surfing, skiing, sailing, kayaking
music, art, wood working, outdoorsmanship, sports, skateboarding, etc.)*

VBS

Surf Camp

Youth Outreach

Missions Opportunities (east county and beyond)

Prayer

Partnering with a church in need/migrant ministry*

Short term missions

Missionary support

Crisis pregnancy center

Children's homes

Disaster relief

Become a missionary

* not yet happening

Note: The lists above contain only the ministries with an outreach component. See the *Ministry Opportunities* guide for a list of all the ministries of CrossPointe Fellowship

2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,

² but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;

⁸ *we are* afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;

⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

¹¹ For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So death works in us, but life in you.

¹³ But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore also we speak;

¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

¹⁵ For all things *are* for your sakes, that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.