

Where Do We Go From Here?

(Ecclesiastes 8:6-7)

- Introduction:
1. In many ways it would be nice to be able to see as God sees (Isaiah 46:10), but we cannot know what the future holds.
 2. I am not a prophet, but I believe I can safely say that some here listening to me today will not live to see 2013.
 3. (James 4:13-15).
 4. In view of the fact that this is a time when we make plans for the future, not knowing how much future we have ahead of us, what should we be found doing?

I. Accomplishments In 2011

- A. 46 total baptisms.
- B. 30 baptisms through jail ministry.
- C. 31 have been restored or made prayer requests.
- D. Average attendance for both services is up over 2010.
- E. Sunday night attendance is 71% of what our Sunday morning attendance is.
- F. Our contribution has grown & we have met budget.
- G. 252 Bible Correspondence Courses were started in 2011.
- H. More than 1,600 classes were taught at Karns.
- I. We have become more visible in our community.
- J. We exist in peace and harmony (Psalm 133:1).

II. Things Toward Which We Must Work

- A. We must maintain an evangelistic spirit (Mark 16:15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
 1. (Proverbs 11:30).
 2. (Luke 19:10).
- B. We must re-evaluate our commitment to God.
 1. (Matthew 22:36-37).
 2. (Matthew 15:8; 7:21).
 3. Attendance does not make one a faithful child of God, but it can serve as a barometer.
- C. We must make sure we are personally involved in the work of the Lord.
 1. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31).
 2. (Romans 12:4-8).
- D. We must make Bible Study a priority.
 1. (2 Peter 3:18).
 2. (2 Timothy 2:15).
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- Conclusion:
1. I wish I knew what the future held for Karns – only time will tell.
 2. But I do know this — if we will grow in our evangelism, commitment, personal involvement, grace and knowledge of Jesus, our future will be bright.
 3. I challenge to live this year to that end.