

The Communicator

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Making a Difference in 2019

How do we as individuals and a church make a difference in 2019?

I believe that God wants FCC Russellville to grow Physically, Spiritually and Financially. More than reaching a specific number of people, my heart's desire and most fervent prayer is that we all grow in Christ-likeness. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." It's this idea of "pressing on" that is crucial in being a committed Christ follower - as Paul was. The question is, are you...am I? Spirit-filled consistency is the key. What if everyone who called FCCR their home church did the following seven things with Spirit-filled consistency?

1. Set aside time each day to study God's word and pray.
2. Forgive those who sin against you.
3. Use your spiritual gifts to minister to others.
4. Share God's love and compassion – by meeting each other's needs and bearing their burdens.
5. Seize every opportunity to be intentional in sharing Christ.
6. Faithfully attend worship service every week.
7. Cheerfully, generously, and regularly give of your finances.

The question is, how different would our church body be? How different would you and I be? Would being consistent in these areas cause us to make a greater impact for Christ in our families, neighborhood, work-place and the community? Absolutely! Now, we don't know what struggles and challenges await us in 2019. But we do know the One who is able to see us through anything, bring comfort when needed, and empower us to live for Him will be there every step of the way! As we look to Jesus, let's choose to be faithful, compassionate and... key word "consistent" in these 7 areas. As we do our part (and God does His), "we will press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

I love you all with all my heart. You're in my prayers constantly, and I look forward to "pressing on" together in 2019.

Pastor Bill

