



AFM WELFARE WEEKEND

PREACHING A WELFARE-FOCUSED MESSAGE

Focus Points

Consider the following Focus Points:

1. CHURCH CAN NEVER EXIST FOR ITSELF!

- Interaction with the community is necessary for transforming the community.
- Interaction and commitment to the cause brings God's blessing and provision. Jeremiah 29:7 – "... Seek the PEACE and WELFARE of the city to which I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; For in the WELFARE of the city in which you live you will have WELFARE."

2. A PARADIGM SHIFT FROM BEING CONCERNED TO HAVING COMPASSION FOR THOSE IN NEED!

- The disciples were concerned which kept them at a distance.
- Jesus had COMPASSION – addressed the needs of the people – Mark 6:34.
- COMPASSION brings one within reach – touching the community.

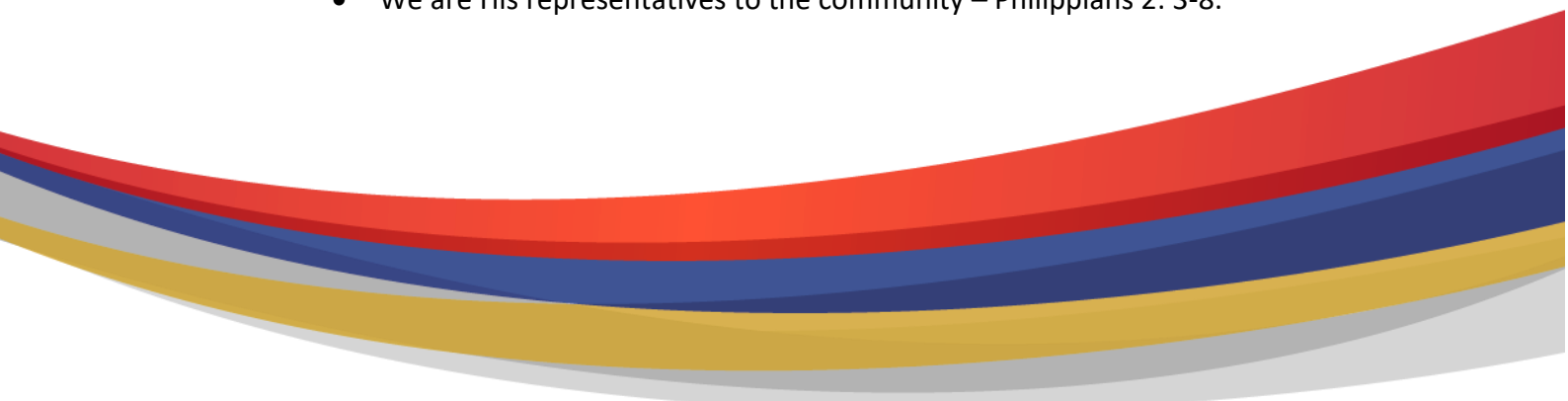
3. LOVE IS THE GATEWAY AND DRIVING FORCE!

- Jesus calls it a New Commandment – John 13:34.
- Jesus states it as "My Commandment" – John 15:12.

4. SALT AND LIGHT OF THE EARTH!

- SALT of the earth – Matt 5:13.
- LIGHT of the earth – Matt 5:14.

5. JESUS CAME TO MAKE GOD KNOWN ... LIKEWISE THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY ALSO - "WE CAME TO MAKE GOD KNOWN"

- Jesus represented God. He came to make His Father known – John 17:26.
 - We are His representatives to the community – Philipians 2: 3-8.
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Jachin Mullen of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada wrote in his song “That is What Worship Is”:

The way we live
The way we love one another
The way we give
That is what worship is
Coming closer to the Father’s heart
Finding a love that never stops when it starts

The way we care
Reaching out to one another
The way we share
That is what worship is
Coming closer to each other’s heart
Knowing His love can never be torn apart.



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