

P.W.O.C. AIMS

1. To promote PRAYER.
2. To promote BIBLE STUDY
3. To WITNESS FOR CHRIST & their faith
4. To SERVE CHRIST through the CHAPEL PROGRAM
and its missionary outreach.
5. To promote PERSONAL GROWTH and Group FELLOWSHIP.

I. PRAYER

1. Phil. 4:6-7, "In nothing be anxious but in everything by PRAYER and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."
2. THE SEVEN ROOM HOUSE OF PRAYER:
 - Room 1 - Where we AFFIRM THE PRESENCE OF GOD.
 - Room 2 - In this room we PRAISE, THANK & ADORE GOD.
 - Room 3 - The room of CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
 - Room 4 - Room of AFFIRMATION & RECEPTION, Mk.11:24
 - Room 5 - The room of PURIFIED DESIRE & SINCERE PETITION
SINCERE PETITION.
 - Room 6 - Room of INTERCESSION FOR OTHERS,
Rom. 1:9, Eph 1:16
 - Room 7 - The Upper Room set aside for MEDITATION.

II. BIBLE STUDY

A. How to Study the Bible.

1. As a book about GOD, particularly about God as He is made known in Jesus Christ.
2. As God's Word to us in OUR LIVES TODAY.
3. It must be studied in FAITH.
4. It must be studied in Prayer.
5. It must be studied in THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.
The Bible should be studied personally,
but not in individual isolation.
6. It must be studied in OBEDIENCE.

B. Guides for Interpretation of the Bible:

1. The importance of the context of any passage,
or the various contexts in which any
particular idea is introduced.
2. Distinguish between the Word of God in the Bible,
and the mere word of men. (Elijah, 1 Kings 2:8-9)

3. Distinguish between the WORD OF GOD and the HUMAN SITUATION through which it came. Exod.1:19-20.
4. Distinguish between the FORM in which a Promise of God is made and that in which it is fulfilled.
5. Remember that not all of the Bible is on the ~~xxx~~ same level.

There is progress in the Bible in God's revelation of himself to men.

The whole of the Bible is to be interpreted in the light of JESUS CHRIST and not on Pre-Christian passages.

6. Ask of any given passage or book in the Bible:
 - a. Who were the readers for whom the book was intended?
 - b. Who were the readers for whom the book was originally written?
 - c. Who was the author or writer?
 - d. What type of literature is it?
 - simple prose, or poetry, or drama, or apocalyptic literature?
 - ex -- Does the work use symbols, figures of speech, or parables?
 - e. How much TIME does the book cover, and what is the historical period?
 - (contemporary Biblical & secular history)
 - f. Special characters, places, events?
 - g. Leading ideas and key words?
 - h. Different translations of the original language?

III. TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

1. Bessure that there is no unconfessed sin in yr life.
2. Be prepared to share your faith in Christ.
3. Go forth prayerfully & expectantly.
 - a. Make a prayer list.
 - b. Talk about Jesus
 - c. Expect results.

IV. PERSONAL GROWTH

1. There is no SPIRITUAL GROWTH without PERSONAL GROWTH. Many times there is ARRESTED PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT at a childhood level.

-- Narcissism - from the Greek youth Narcissus who saw his image reflected in a pool and fell in love with himself & died of self-love.

-- Some people fall in love with themselves, or a part of themselves - their voice, appearance, poems, songs, sermons, as "loved projections of themselves."

-- They are "fixated at an infantile level."

They make a strategic withdrawal to a more primitive level of personality development, in a level on which they need only be concerned with themselves - as a child is.

On that infantile level they are free from adult anxiety and adult responsibility.

They also win sympathy - "You must be sorry for me, "I'm concerned with my throat" -
or whatever organ it is.

2. Conflicts and guilt BLOCK spiritual awareness and growth, and they must be resolved before a meaningful relationship with God & others can be developed.

The two basic

3. We can GROW only as our two basic needs are fulfilled:

a. Need to LOVE AND BE LOVED

b. Need TO FEEL that we are WORTHWHILE to ourselves and to others.

c. We LOVE BECAUSE GOD FIRST LOVED US

d. We are JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST -

"A Child of the King."

We are "Co-laborers with Christ."