

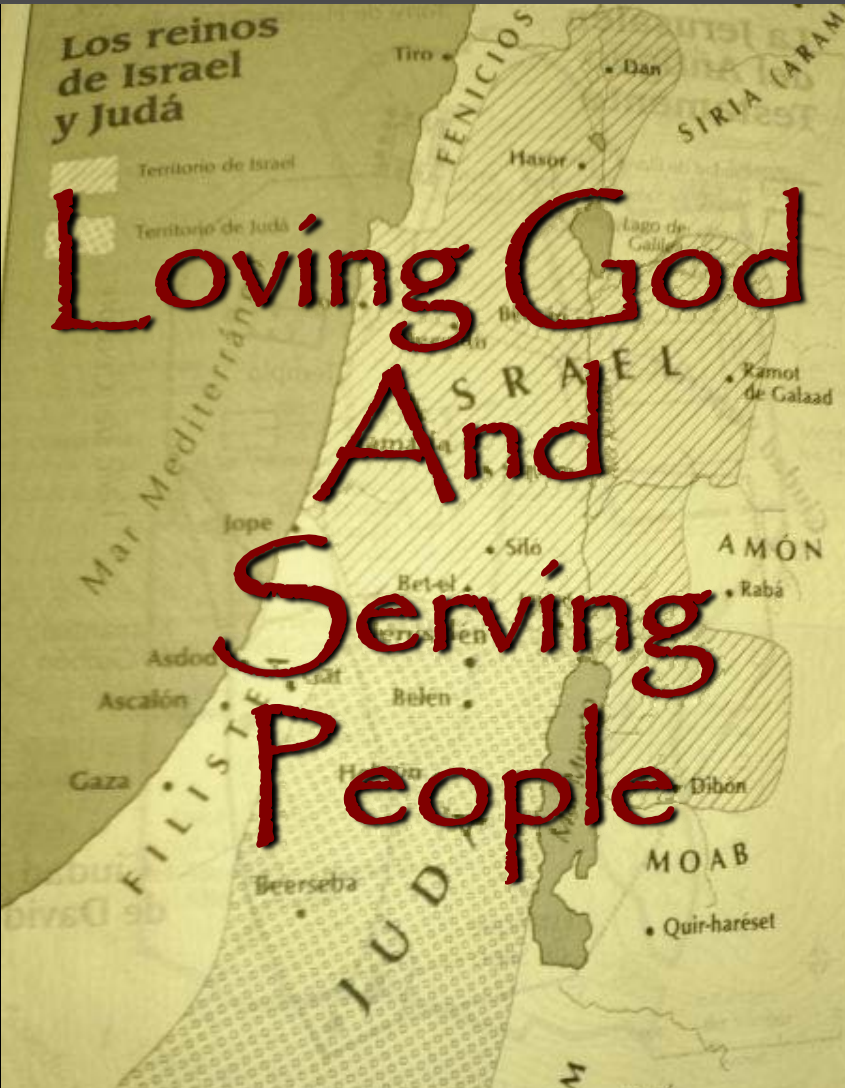


Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church

Fanning the Flame

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Loving God And Serving People



Churches Need a Fitness Plan Rather Than a Marketing Plan



- In any given year, the American church closes more churches than it starts. That sobering statistic, combined with many churches' underlying focus on growth rather than health, was the catalyst that prompted Dr. Harry Reeder of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham to create the "Embers to a Flame" conference nine years ago.

• “It’s not about church growth, but church revitalization,” said Reeder. The Embers to a Flame conferences focus on equipping church pastors and leaders to understand and implement biblical strategies that nurture church vitality.

• The main themes of a typical four-day conference center on remembering, repenting, and recovering: “Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first” (Revelation: 2:5).

About Revitalization

- Every Church Needs Strengthening

- “And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.” Acts 15:41

- God’s instructions to the church at Ephesus serve as a curriculum outline for church vitality and revitalization: “Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first.” (Rev. 2:5)

There is a three-fold paradigm for renewing our churches:

- Remember... Repent... Recover....

• Church vitality or revitalization is nothing more than following God's prescription for church health. Church health naturally leads to conversions and improved personal discipleship, for our good and God's glory.

• Where do your church and your church leaders turn for biblically-based help and encouragement?

• Embers to a Flame

is a three-day, affordable conference that sets forth timeless biblical principles of church health.

Fanning the Flame

✦ How Does Our Church Implement What We've Learned?

After a church has attended an Embers to a Flame Conference, it is eligible for Fanning the Flame (FTF).

FTF is a 14-month process that provides a coach to mentor you through a highly focused and Spirit-led season of:

- Listening

What would God have us do to be the church He wants us to be?

- Planning

How would God have us accomplish what He is calling us to do?

- Doing

How do we mobilize ourselves to embrace the transformation God would have in our church and our community?

The process is a “training ground” for your church,
designed to equip you to continually seek after
authentic ,biblical ,church health long after the
Fanning the Flame process has been completed.

• The four main objectives are:

1. Review the 10 strategies for biblical church health as taught in the Embers conference.
2. Focus on prayer as the most critical and essential element in the DNA of a local church.
3. Work on the “minimum factor” that comes as a result of your church health survey.
4. Prepare the leadership team to continue to work after the FTF experience.

• GETTING STARTED:

• The First Steps: Move Towards Our "First Love"

• 1. Pastor – Leads The Way

- a. A Personal Mission Statement

- b. Life Roles (5-7)

- c. Life-Roles Objectives (1-3)

- d. Life Roles Goals

- e. Action Steps (1-3)

• 2. A Personal Fitness Program:

- a. Personal Formation – Intellectual, Physical, Spiritual and Social Dimensions

- b. Calendar Planning ~
 - Yearly,
 - Monthly,
 - Weekly/Daily
- 3. Putting The Church On A Fitness Plan

Process The Paradigm :

- 1. Focus On The 'First Things'
- 2. Develop A Personal Ministry Plan That Gives Focus To Your Ministry
- 3. Implement A Strategic Church-Wide Prayer Plan

Our Focus On The 'First Things' :

- We Exist To:

To Evangelize Families And Youth And To
Disciple Them In The Reformed Faith For
Strengthening The Kingdom Of God
Locally And Globally.

We Must Excel At:

- Prayer
- Worship
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Leadership Development

- Our Leaders Top Priorities:

- Prayer / Personal And Family Spiritual Life
(Top Priority)

- Preparation For Worship And Preaching

- Leadership Development

- Modeling Evangelism

- Counseling

Our Core Values:

- Because We Believe....In The Supremacy of God,
 - Our Every Decision Will Acknowledge That Man Proposes And God Disposes;
- Because We Believe....In The Inerrancy And Supremacy Of Scripture As The Revelation Of God,
 - We Will Never Make A Choice Or Decision Contrary To His Word;

• Because We Believe... In A Christ-centered Gospel
Of Grace,

-Our Every Decision Must Honor Christ And
Display Grace;

• Because We Believe...In The Faithful Preaching Of
The Word,

- All Our Preaching Will Be Gospel Focused
Lifting Up Christ And Him Crucified.

Process The Paradigm

- We Assume That... We Are Not In A Primarily Retirement Community In Our Targeted Area;
- We Live In A Heavily Multi-ethnic (Multi-lingual) Area;
- We Live In An Area Of Varied Economic Status ;
- There Are Both Retired People And Families With Children In Our Area;
- There Are Enough People With Financial Resources To Support The Church In The Local Area;
- We Are Accepting Of Other Cultures ;
- And Blended Worship Styles Are Needed To Attract Broader Age Groups.



- What it all means to Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church

Past year

- Youth ministry (God brought us John Panico)
- Prayer (prayer clusters, use of Handbook to Prayer)
- Celebrating history (50th anniversary)
- Repentance (identification of areas of sin in the camp)
- Spiritual gifts (assessments continuing with large percentage of congregation)

Present year

- Outreach - Jay Myers
 - ..."outreach mentality"
- Men's discipleship - Bob Lee, Dave Wade, & D. Livanec
 - ... men's ministry and shepherding
- Women's discipleship - Nancy Lee & Debye Tate
 - ...women's ministry
- Repentance - Lynn and Larry
 - present attention to spiritual warfare, prayer & fasting)

Continuing attention to the five from the first year