

November 24, 2016



What You Expect, Affects What's Next!

Psalm 62:5 *My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.*

Expectation is a cousin of Faith and Hope, and great leaders have a huge dose of it.

Paul spoke of an earnest expectation (Philippians 1:20) which is no surprise for the Apostle to the Gentiles. Can you imagine Paul with an average expectation? Not for a second. That was the kind of attitude that set the early church on the road to revival and had the world saying; that they have turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). Should it be any different now?

Look at it this way. If you are expecting a bus, you will be watching out and noticing every bus that comes along to see if it is yours. However, if you are not expecting a bus, they are just another piece of clutter and noise of the day. What "bus" are you expecting?

Leaders who are not expecting anything in their lives, ministry or church, cannot really expect much to happen. But, if you are brimming with expectation, you have positioned yourself to receive much from the Lord.

When I think of expectation, I think of the prodigal son's father. The story could have read; he was moping around in the house and heard a knock on the door with a response - oh it's you! Rather, he noticed his son when he was afar off and ran to him with a spirit of celebration. He was expecting his son to come home.

I enjoy being around people who have a great sense of expectation in their lives. But also, as a leader, I love to inspire expectation in people who have wavered in their faith or who have had disappointments. Leadership means we live for such moments.

However, be sure your expectation is inspired by God's Word, the Holy Spirit and His plan for your

life. Therefore your expectation can be truly valid.

Leader! As you prepare for 2017, what are you expecting?

Brad Otto
NLT Member

Church Planting

The Apostolic Church officially commenced in the U.K. in 1916. In the early years, the founders and pioneers felt called by God to Belt the Globe with the message and within fifteen years that small group of people had begun works in as many as fifteen countries. Primarily, it was a church planting movement. Our own movement in Australia began with public meetings, signs, wonders and miracles and church planting.



The world hasn't changed! It is in desperate need of Christ and this nation is in desperate need of healthy, disciple-making churches. We want the Apostolic Church in Australia to be a church planting movement. We want to plant churches in cities, regional towns and even in remote places that could be called villages. We want those churches to be characterised by a passion for winning lost people, experiencing signs and wonders and raising new disciples who will carry the message forward.

Church planting is not for the timid or faint hearted. Church planting in western nations has also changed. In many cases churches are planted with many people, not just a couple. Men and women are sent, with covering, prayer and resources to specific locations. The best are sent, the healthiest, the strongest and the bravest. Over the last couple of years, the Apostolic Church in our nation has focused on becoming, healthier, stronger and more influential. We need strong bases from which we can send out strong people. We want new plants that will get a head start, a good beginning and a greater future. Our recent hiatus has been intentional; our hope is that it will precipitate sustained growth and planting into the future. More than one third of our churches over recent years have been through significant leadership transitions. New leaders take time to bed in, adapt and change culture and ready themselves for the task ahead. As churches become healthier, stronger and more influential our hope is for new planting opportunities and anointed leaders to take up the challenge.

The next step in the process is for us to conduct a Church Planting retreat. The point of the retreat would be to spend time with prospective church planters, hear stories from them and from experienced planters and ascertain designated target areas. The goal would be for the participants to return home with additional skills, understanding and friendships that will assist their future planning.

We want to plant churches in Sydney, Cairns and Broken Hill. No place is too large, no place is too small all we need is men and women called by God to specific locations. We want to send out people who are ready and supported, skilled and determined, passionate about winning lost people. It may be that you know someone who is suitable? Let's make the connection and see where it leads.

From the Office

Subsidy Payments

The first run of Subsidy payments for National Conference 2017 will be on Tuesday 13th December, 2016. Payments to churches will be based on full registrations paid up to this date.

Leave Accrual

It is the responsibility of all churches to track annual and personal leave accrual, and leave taken, for all ministers and support staff.

This is required to be shown either on a spreadsheet and/or oversight minutes.

We are aware many ministers and churches won't have previously tracked personal (sick) leave. If you are unsure of current leave owed we suggest working out an estimate and then agreement of these hours noted in oversight minutes.

If you need further assistance with this, please contact erica@apostolic.org.au at National Office.

Christmas Office closure

Please note the National office will be closed from:
5pm Thursday 22nd December, 2016 and re-open on Tuesday
3rd January, 2017.



Update your details!

Moved house? New number? Changed email? Church Name Changed?

It's essential that you update your details with us, so we can keep you in the loop.

It's really simple, all you need to do is log on to the website using your login details and update.

