

**Stewart Jordan's Presentation Outline
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Reflections of a 12 Year Veteran of Uniting Church and Home

Pre-Redeemer factors

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2. Bob Welch: a model and question
3. Scriptural backbone
4. A burden

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13. Institutional priorities: Worship and Government
14. The constant fight against legalism
15. In Christ, and in Christ alone: a full gospel
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Staying the Course

Moving Ahead

1. Keep moving out in creative, household-oriented, and sacrificial ways
2. Establishing new bodies
3. Grow in worship, governing, and body life
4. Serious prayer

One journey in starting a church with household emphasis

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SETTING AND REFINING THE COURSE: TOOLS, EVENTS, AND PRINCIPLES

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 1. **Church vision and goals** that commit us to pursue "success" not only in our generation but also in generations to come. . . .*Goes deep – deep expectations, ways of evaluating our lives*
 2. **Church life** that encourages "vertical", generational focus and connectedness. . . . *"Wisdom for young ladies"* . . .
 3. **Church ministry structure** that reflects and supports the primary role of households and God's structure for households. . . .

4. “Yes,” not “no”

Note: We want to so passionately say “yes” to the commitments described above that we will say “no” to many aspects of contemporary ministry philosophy and approach that we believe could hinder the full pursuit of the “yes.” (Even while recognizing that God has and will continue to work through many of the things to which we will say “no”- it is only by His grace that any of us can be useful to Him!) But we want the mindset and atmosphere of our body to be “yes” and not “no”(“WE don’t do this! We’ll never do that!”). A body driven by “no” tends to become self-righteous, defensive, inward, and increasingly unusable to God. A body driven and captured by “yes” will be optimistic, joyful, and appreciative of the ways God is working in other bodies that don’t make the same applications that we do.

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Intro:

- Goal of the church – Matthew 28:18-20
- Core aspects – Worship, government
- Redeemer government – elders, deacons, Heads of Household
- This meeting – government meeting, staff meeting, ministry leaders, small-group leaders

10. Head of Household Questions

11. Household leaders: Stewards of the church

A diagram

Jesus, the King (Gospel)

God's blessed rule -----The church-----God's blessed rule

“way of the Lord,
Righteousness and justice”

Households / Generations

Consider:

1. All of these – church, mission, household – perfectly and beautifully fit with each other and with Jesus the King
2. Each should be pursued in vigorous relationship to each other and to Jesus, the King
3. We must work and pray for God to raise up local bodies that know and live this and pass it down to future generations

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15. In Christ, and in Christ alone: a full gospel

Statement: The primary story of the Bible is not God forgiving people so they can escape earth and go to heaven, but is the Creator making all things, then, through Jesus our Lord, claiming, cleansing, and enabling a visible people to be his faithful covenant partners in bringing heavenly glory and rule to earth.

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