

Racial Reconciliation

Our mission to be a gospel-centered culture of
Peacemaking, Reconciliation & Hospitality

“The Bible teaches and passages such as Hebrews 1:3 that God is distinct from his creation. The term often used to say that God is much greater than his creation is the word Transcendent. It simply means that God is far above his Creation in the sense that he is greater than the creation and he is independent of it. He is very much involved in his creation because we are continually dependent on him for our very existence and functioning.”

“The wrong inference from God's Transcendence is that he is too great to care; the right inference is that he is too great to fail.”

Revelation 7:9–10 [9] After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

“By the 1980s, Pine Hills would be the leading edge of racial change in the Orlando area. From 1980 to 2000, 21,000 white residents left Pine Hills. The area went from 91 percent white in 1980 to less than 28 percent of the more than 40,000 people who live there today, according to the U.S. census.” - Jeff Kunerth, Sentinel Staff Writer ORLANDO SENTINEL, October 6th, 2001

Peacemakers, in this day

Matthew 5:1–9

[1] Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

[2] And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

[3] “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4] “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

[5] “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

[6] “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

[7] “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

[8] “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

[9] “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Pursue reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17–19 [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ **reconciled** us to himself

and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was **reconciling** the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and **entrusting** to us the message of **reconciliation**.

“Our Western, American individualist gospel is obsessed with sending people to heaven when they die, but Jesus and the apostle Paul were more interested in building a church that would bring heaven to earth through redeemed people.” - Gray, Derwin L.. The High Definition Leader: Building Multiethnic Churches in a Multiethnic World (p. 8). Thomas Nelson.

“Right now, the church in America does not exemplify reconciliation, which is the heartbeat of the gospel and God’s longing for humanity. The average church in America is ethnically and socioeconomically segregated; granted, sometimes this is because of demographics, but most of the time it’s by choice fueled by indifference, prejudices, petty preferences, or ignorance of the gospel. Instead of being fueled by Jesus’ heart for reconciliation, we are fueled by the status quo.” - Gray, Derwin L.. The High Definition Leader: Building Multiethnic Churches in a Multiethnic World (p. 11). Thomas Nelson

Our Mission Today: As A Church

Pursue Peacemaking & Reconciliation

Our Mission Today: As Individuals

Pursue Peacemaking, Reconciliation... and hospitality.