

A Year of Miracles

T he Spirit has spoken expressly that 2017 will be a year of miracles! This should not be a surprise considering the many miracles we experienced last year. Most notable were the healings which two physicians in our congregation testified to on Miracle

Sunday. We also experienced multiple financial miracles in 2016. Doors were opened to better jobs, and many received promotions. Additionally, we experienced miraculous moves of the Spirit in various ministries including our campus ministry. I believe these

were the first fruits of what is to come. If we will yield to Him and make His kingdom a priority, He will manifest Himself and do the miraculous this year! "Only believe," Jesus said in Mark 5:36, and in two other places the Lord also boldly declares, "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14, also see Jeremiah 32:27). We must meet every challenge with these words (*rhēma*): "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" This will help us cultivate an environment of *kingdom faith* and expectation. This is not only for in our church, but also for in our homes and everywhere we go.

I mentioned from the pulpit on New Year's Day that I thought two things were imperative for opening the

miraculous this year. First, we must "mark" our words and speak faith everywhere we go. This will open the door to the Spirit of the Lord who will work with us "...confirming the word with signs (*miracles*) following" (Mark 16:20, amplification added). Sec-

..."The new year brings a fresh start, a fresh hope, and a fresh expectation." ondly, I believe we must be diligent in our daily Bible reading. Jesus said "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). Please download a Bible reading app and hold yourself accountable to reading the Word every day. This will keep your faith fresh and ensure

spiritual growth. Remember that "...faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

In closing, allow the Lord to renew and refresh your spirit. The new year brings a fresh start, a fresh hope, and a fresh expectation. The Lord also wants to give you a fresh anointing to meet the challenges of 2017. Let times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19) so that you are fully equipped for success in 2017. God bless you with great grace and peace as we enter a miraculous year!

Welcome to the Third and Final Year of the Imagine Campaign

t is difficult to believe that we are now in the final year of our building campaign! As I reflect on the previous year, I am exceedingly thankful for the grace and miraculous provision the Lord has given to successfully complete the site work and parking lot. This year, in the name of Jesus, we will construct the building and expand our ministries to reach the unseen church of a thousand! What a glorious day it will be when we worship the Lord in our new five hundred seat sanctuary and our children learn about Jesus in their large, spacious, well-equipped classrooms. We do not have long to wait; construction will begin as soon as May 1st!

Our campaign consultant, Mark Mensendick, has repeatedly communicated to our leadership team that for a church to sustain growth it must have the three P's: People to lead, Property to grow, and Programs to meet the needs of the body of Christ. I believe we have talented, committed people. I also believe we have young, gifted leaders whom the Lord is raising up; leaders who will make a difference and impact the kingdom of God. The Lord has certainly given us the property and facilities we need for growth. Our Imagine Campaign has been nothing short of miraculous! Finally, we are working now to put the programs and structure in place to more effectively minister to the needs of the body of Christ. These three pillars will be the foundation for future growth in the years to come.

Please stand firm with me this year as we complete this miraculous journey together.

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. I Chronicles 28:10

Pastor Jones



Dr. Shadi Azar and Dr. David Jamadar testifying on Miracle Sunday.