

Built for a Mission

A new / wonderful chapter has opened for our congregational family. Today we extend to God our offering of praise for His great provision and providence. Only 6 weeks ago we exited our old place of worship. On that day we were reminded of Israel's crossing the Jordan as they entered the promised land. Today, as a family of believers, we have crossed over our own Jordan. What is the statement we want to make as we mark the significance of this day? What is the mission we have been built for?

I. It's All About God: Do you know the story?

- A. Early to mid 2010's ... moderate growth. 2011 expansion. 2013-14 no parking.
- B. Late 2010's - faster growth - reaching again the # of adherents & members we had earlier in the decade. *We had to do something.*
- C. March, April, May - purchase agreement / financial process / loan approval.
- D. **Everything** with this ... has been made possible by the providence and direction of God.
- E. Let this moment speak to us all.
 - 1. Zechariah 4.6: What we have here is *not by strength or by might, but by **my Spirit*** ...

II. We Must Be Willing to Change if We Want to go with God

- A. As Israel stepped onto the other side of the Jordan, it was a willing testimony of their willingness to challenge their faith. To believe in what they could not see.
- B. It was the day they put God's words to the test: Joshua 1.5: *I will be with you, ...I will not leave you or abandon you. Be **strong** and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go, Joshua 1.5, 9.*
- C. Our best days aren't in the past ... our best days are ahead.

III. It's All for the Mission

- A. **SOUL-WINNING:** We are committed to following the command of Mark 16.15. **Go** into all the world.
- B. **DISCIPLESHIP:** We are committed to coming along side one another to help us all be transformed into the image of Christ.
- C. **REVERENCE:** *we acknowledge that the Lord is God. Give **thanks** to him and bless his name, Psalm 100.3-4.*
- D. **AUTONOMY:** our headship is Christ and no other.
- E. **AUTHORITY:** We are committed to following the commands of God and imitating the examples of the apostles as revealed in Scripture.
- F. **VISION:** Planning & growth for the purpose of being more effective.
- G. **EXCELLENCE:** We are committed to focusing on the beauty of Christ and strive for excellence in all we do.
- H. **UNITY:** we will **make every effort** to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Conclusion

- A. Today as we stand on the other side of our own Jordan,.
- B. Today is our statement of faith and trust in God's continued provision and blessing.

C. Can we help you get on board with God? He has a plan for you. Will you come?