

# "EYES ON THE PRIZE"

**The secret to joy: Live every day as if you haven't arrived.**

**Philippians 3:12a** – Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal ...

## **Moving toward the prize:**

### **1. Stop living in the past.**

- **Philippians 3:12b-14** – But I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
  - See God's redemption for your yesterday.
  - See God's purpose for your today.

### **2. Imitate the right people.**

- **Philippians 3:15-17** – All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

### **3. Beware of the roadblocks.**

- **Philippians 3:18-19** – For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.
  - Ignoring the cross.
  - Seeking instant pleasure.
  - Being earthly minded.

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### 4. Set your mind on the eternal.

- **Philippians 3:20-21** – But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

#### Coming soon:

1. **DRC Student Luncheon:** If you would like more information about serving in Student Ministry, join us for a luncheon after the 10:45 am service today in the large classroom across from the Worship Center.
2. **Join a Serve Team:** As we prepare for the fall, now is a great time to find a place to serve on one of DRC's many Serve Teams. Stop by the Connect Center or fill out a Connect card for more information.
3. **Living Life Upside Down:** Don't miss next Sunday, July 20, as we continue our series on Philippians, looking at how to find peace in a world full of fear, worry, and chaos. Invite a friend.
4. **Baptism Sunday:** If you are ready to go public with your faith in Jesus, sign up today to be part of our baptisms on Sunday, July 27. Stop by the Connect Center for more information.