

Pastor's Corner

April 2011

Excitement filled the air Sunday as we gathered for the Church Conference. I give my thanks to all who attended, and for the very thoughtful questions that were asked. This was a big decision and, along the way, there will be other questions. Always remember that we are family and that we can ask questions and agree to disagree. Still, just like a family, we can continue to love and get along, because we all have but one goal, which is to serve God.

Upon reflection, I am reminded of some Scriptures in the book of Deuteronomy. Moses calls the people together as they are preparing to enter the Promised Land and reminds them of the statutes and the ordinances that God had given to the people earlier. Among those ordinances were the Ten Commandments; the first of which was to have no other gods before Me. Also in those commandments God said; "Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God..."

In all that we do we must always remember to put God first—not because it is a commandment, but because He first loved us. Then we must also remember to take time to be with God, to listen to Him speak to us, to guide our decisions, and to lead us along the way.

Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28; "We know that all things work together for the good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Let us not lose sight of what is important and WHO is important. We are called to serve—not to be served. We are to spread the good news gospel—not just to sit and absorb; we are called to grow the kingdom and share the love of Christ that was shared with us. THY will be done—not our will.

I see our new Christian Life Center as a place of activity—activities for young and old to gather and share in God's love for one another. Not a place to be used only once in a while, but a place where gatherings happen on a regular basis. There will be music and musicians, plays and programs, get-to-gathers, and sports activities; a place where people can walk, exercise, and simply sit around and share the love of God with one another.

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I realize that that this project requires a commitment from everyone, but I also realize that no matter how great our commitment, God will richly bless those who give with a willing heart.

Again I want to say thank you Ebenezer for your faithfulness and your devotion. I look forward to our journey down this path together.

God Bless,

Rev. Eric Lane



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