

# Pastor's Corner

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Dear Friends and Disciples,

I don't know how you feel, but I am excited when I walk by and see the progress that is being made on our Christian Life Center. As it progresses each day, I envision new and wonderful ways that this new building may be used for the glory of God.

For instance: What about an exercise area or a room where people can go for rehab? What about a food ministry similar to the "Meals on Wheels" program to feed those in our community? What about a day care center which would create employment for people and a safe environment for children? What about a program to teach the skills of basketball or volleyball to children and share the message of Christ with them? What about a place where people can come and walk for exercise? What about a place where activities such as youth gatherings can take place or gospel music programs or maybe some good gospel bluegrass music? What about a place where we have Easter plays, Thanksgiving programs, and, yes, a place for the Christmas play?

These are a few ideas, and you may have some of your own. How do you see the Christian Life center being used? I hope that you are praying for guidance and direction as we prepare to move into the New Year.

In the next month, we will begin choosing people to serve on committees, and developing a budget for the church. As we move forward, ask God to reveal to you how you can be a part of growing His kingdom. Paul writes that we are all members of the body of Christ and while we are all different, just as the parts of the physical body are different, no part is any less significant than any other part. The same can be said for any member of our church. We each have a part to play that is vital to the growth of God's kingdom—from contributing our gifts to support the ministries of the church, to serving on committees, or teaching and participating in the many activities of the church.

Each one of us made a vow when we joined Ebenezer UMC. While that vow was made in front of the church, the vow was made to God. We promised to support the church and the ministries of the church with our gifts, our prayers, our presence and our service.

I am excited about what God has in store for our church and each of us. Every morning I rise to a brand new day with a brand new sky. To me that is exciting, because we have a brand new day to serve God. How's that song go? Every day with you Lord is better than the day before!

Praise God!

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