

BUILDING TOGETHER

"THE BUILDING FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER GROWETH UNTO AN HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD"
- EPHESIANS 2:19-22



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A NEW VISION

"Vision is essential to a church. However, unlike the values, mission, and purpose, the vision is more subject to change. It is dynamic, not static. Over time, the vision must be renewed, adapted, and adjusted to the cultural context in which the congregation lives. The change takes place only at the margins of the vision, not at its core. The core—the Great Commission—does not change. The details of the vision and the words used to convey them will change. The vision provides us with a picture of what the mission will look like as it is realized in the community." -Taken from Advanced Strategic Planning by Aubrey Malphurs

Our vision has been developed and formed by [our pastors](#). They have spent months evaluating the needs of our church and the people in it. They titled it "Building Together". In order for us to successfully continue the building of Christ's kingdom there are a few areas that need to be "under construction". We must first build our own spiritual lives – this won't be done overnight or during a single service. This is an ongoing process. It takes work and it isn't always easy. It takes much prayer, studying, dedication, and commitment.

A second area that we need to be building is our fellowship with other members. Much like the first area, this is an ongoing process. People are continually growing and changing and so will our relationships. In life people encounter situations that will change them in different ways and we

can't always talk to them the same way. Just because we're happy or having a bad day it doesn't mean everyone else is. We have to realize that dealing with others is also going to take work and we should be prepared to help them when they're hurting, encourage them always, give biblical advice when needed, and always be ready to fellowship. The word fellowship means "friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests." If you are in church you are guaranteed to have at least one common interest with those in the building – Christ. Start a conversation, shake a hand, give a hug, or simply pray with someone.

The final area of construction is the church as a whole. We must be constantly working on ourselves and our relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ so we can fulfil the Great Commission. Winning souls to Christ is something that takes teamwork. When we are rejected, we need comfort. We need to hear of encounters that fellow believers have had that have been successful for motivation to keep going. We need to evangelize and win souls together. Jesus used his disciples to spread the gospel. He was a perfect being and still saw the urgent need to share the truth with all parts of the world. We shouldn't leave the task of winning souls up to the preachers. We all have a ministry – we all have a work and we need to work together in order to see the kingdom of God grow. ▪

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work"

Nehemiah 2:18



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth York – sickness and upcoming surgery (April 8th)
- Pastors Chuck Overcash and Bucky Nichols – fighting cancer
- Brother Barry – health
- Mrs. Ann – health
- Kathy Hudgins and her family – her dad passed
- Terri and the new baby
- Steve Miller – sick
- Kaye and Gary as they look for jobs
- Joe's father in law
- David Lawson Sr – sick
- The internet ministry
- Our church as we grow
- Pastor Vic and Pastor Josh

WEB STATS AND DEVELOPMENTS

This week was a blessing regarding our online ministry. We were glad to hear at the Annual Association Meeting that other pastors were benefiting from the outlines and other materials they find on our site. This morning we had everything ready to go with live streaming again but our internet connection isn't quite strong enough to pull it. The software that was downloaded and that we are trying out for another week or so is still quite awesome though. It's easier than YouTube and is much cleaner visually. With YouTube you never know what will show up in the related videos column to the right [I know when I watched the "From the Piggpen to the Parlor" sermon, related videos of pigs came up because of the title]. With this new software it strictly shows the video and content that we put on it. The countdown counter between services is awesome and it has the capability to chat online during live services. Please be in prayer that we can get the internet connection straightened out so we can live stream again!

The facebook page is steady – we lost quite a few follows over the past few weeks because facebook has deleted inactive accounts. That took about 50 of our "follows" away, but they weren't active anyway. Tonight I put up the banner for the Easter service up as the cover photo on our church page and I think I'll do that each month when we have something going on as a way of reminding those that drop by the page. [Miranda](#) has also been awesome about

creating events as reminders too, and she keeps all the photos tagged [for some reason it won't let me from the church account] Thanks [Miranda](#)!

The website has had a few minor adjustments this week. We have centered the heading links up top to make them more visually pleasing and a direct link for our live streaming and video archive has been placed front and center [literally]. I took down the banners for Prayerbelle's and Master's Men since they are pretty often subject to change. I would hate for someone to show up and no one be there. I want to remind everyone that you can submit prayer requests online! That area has slowed down quite a bit over the past few months. I know we can't get all of our requests in on Sundays and Wednesdays, so please send them in and I'll post them. Go here to send one in [can be anonymous too because it doesn't show the email address for each person unless you physically type them in. When I get the requests it just says "prayer request form submitted"]:
<http://www.faithfreewill.org/prayer-requests.html>.

You may have noticed, but the newsletter got a makeover this week. I wanted to put the vision on it somewhere so that it could serve as a reminder each time we send one out, so this is how the newsletter will look for [more than likely] the rest of the year. ▀

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIG NEWS! For the first time in fourteen years our church will host the Piedmont Association Annual Meeting. This will be taking place on March 25th and 26th of 2016. It's never too early to start praying about this meeting!

Homecoming is quickly approaching us! It will be on Sunday, May 17th. We'll need volunteers

for food, singing, and cleaning, so please be in prayer about this too.

The baseball game on April 18th will be free as far as admission is concerned. We will be passing out a sign-up sheet when it gets closer to the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/1: Nehemiah Bible study starts at 7pm
- 4/5: Breakfast at Golden Coral on Wendover at 8:45am
- 4/5: Easter Service at 10:30 am, egg hunt after service
- 4/5: No evening service
- 4/8: Pastor Vic's Birthday
- 4/8: Bible Study at 7pm
- 4/11: Prayerbelles yard, bake, and craft sale at 7am
- 4/15: Bible Study at 7pm
- 4/18: Grasshopper's Game – meet at church at 6pm
- 4/22: Bible Study at 7pm
- 4/29: Bible Study at 7pm
- 5/17: Homecoming
- 6/1, 6/2: NC FWB Annual Meeting at Embassy Suites in Greensboro
- 6/19: Fellowship Meeting at 1st FWB of Maiden
- 8/17: Camp Meeting at Catawba FWB
- 8/19: Camp Meeting at Pilgrim FWB
- 8/20: Camp Meeting at Southpoint FWB
- 8/21: Camp Meeting at Christian Life FWB
- 9/18: Fellowship Meeting at Sandhills FWB



The first time Jonah disobeyed