



Looking BACK at 8 years together Looking FORWARD another 8 years ahead Part 2

Last week:

1. As we have continually emphasized the central authority of _____ in our preaching, teaching, decision making, and planning – God has _____ us in the participation of salvations, baptisms, baby dedication, weddings, and funerals.
2. **God's Word** has _____ us a purpose, motto, vision, and goals as a church.
3. **God Himself** has provided us with a _____ church family both in size and maturity, while at the same time providing for us physically, spiritually, & financially.
4. We learned that there is no _____ to Christian living, the church age, or God's desire for growth and obedience, until we enter into eternity.
Philippians 1:3- 6, Galatians 6:9, Acts 20:24, Hebrews 12:1 , Col. 3:23-24
5. We were _____ never to stop growing as individuals or as a church, lest we become lukewarm, and start to die from the inside out. Rev. 3:1-2, Rev 3:15-16
6. We considered the fact that in the next 8 years, we will either _____ into comfort and complacency as a church, or _____ forth even more in faithful service and gospel ministry perhaps reaching even decades into the future.

What will make the difference:

1. **2 Timothy 4:1-5**
 - a. _____ the Word
 - b. **Be Prepared** to correct, rebuke, and encourage with patience and careful instruction
 - c. _____ your head – *Don't over react, over correct, over emphasize*
 - d. _____ hardships – *tested, tempted, persecuted, and left out*
 - e. Do the work of an _____ – *pray, salt and light, ambassador, gospel*
 - f. Discharge the duties of your _____ – *serve faithfully*

2. Practice the "One Others":

- a. Romans 10:12 **Be devoted** in love, and **Honor** one another above yourselves
- b. Romans 12:16 **Live in harmony with** one another.
- c. Romans 14:13 **Do not be a stumbling block** for one another.
- d. Romans 15:7 **Accept** one another, just as Christ accepted you.
- e. Romans 15:14 **Instruct** one another.
- f. Romans 16:16 **Greet** one another with enthusiastic friendship. (Holy Kiss)
- g. 2 Cor 13:11 **Encourage** one another.
- i. Galatians 5:13 **Serve** one another humbly in love.
- j. Ephesians 4:2 **Be humble and gentle, patient, bearing** with one another in love.
- k. Ephesians 5:19 **Speak** to one another in psalms, hymns, and songs from the spirit.
- l. Ephesians 5:12 **Submit** to one another.
- m. Colossians 3:13 **Bear** with one another, and forgive one another.
- n. Hebrews 10:24 **Spur** one another on to love and good deeds.
- o. James 4:11 **Do not slander** one another.
- p. James 5:9 **Do not grumble** against one another.
- q. 1 Peter 4:9 **Offer hospitality** to one another without grumbling.

How we treat, see, and deal with each other is _____ to our spiritual health and the health of the church. Therefore – _____ Satan to attack us in these areas, a lot.

3. Principles taken from Haggai 1:

- a. We need to be _____ of, and take care of God's house.
- b. We need to care for God's house in the _____ way (or more) than our own.
- c. God is _____ when what belongs to him is cared for.

4. Questions every church must ask itself:

- 1. Do we stop _____ when the space is full?
- 2. Is maintaining through birth and death a _____ plan for longevity?
- 3. Do we look ahead, and try to _____ for what God is doing, _____ his guidance every step along the way.

The question before HBC right now: Will our future _____ into our current facility? If not, then we must either change our _____ – disregarding God commands and desires; or we change our _____ so that we can fulfill them.