

I have not kept the good news of Your justice hidden in my heart; I have talked about Your faithfulness and saving power. I have told everyone in the great congregation of Your unfailing love and faithfulness.

~ Psalm 40:10

The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

~ Lamentations 3:22-23

My Perspective - The Faithfulness of God - Rooted in a lifetime of experience - *I once was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.* ~ Psalm 37:25

1. Faithfulness: God's 'good work' in us

- *Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.* ~ Philippians 1:6
- It began for us in November 1969 in a house on Hunter Lake Drive in Reno... now 48 years later...
- My early declaration: *As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.* ~ Joshua 24:15
- Our goal & desire continues to be: *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* ~ Matthew 12:30
- God's 'good work' continues...

2. God's Faithfulness: God's Presence with us

- *Fear not, for I am with you: Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.* ~ Isaiah 41:10
- Jesus said, *"I am with you always", and "I will never leave you nor forsake you."* ~ Mat 29:20, Heb 13:5
- Thru good and difficult times...
 - In the early days: Uncle Bruce's passing... Son John's 18 month battle with cancer...
 - *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.* ~ Psalm 23:4
 - Walking thru 'regular' stuff of life, and 'normal stuff' of congregational life.

3. God's Faithfulness: God's Provision

- *My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.* ~ Philippians 4:19
- Pathways in responding: Selling business & home in Reno, finding/purchasing a home in CC, moving our family, finding & renting meeting place/office space for new church, opportunity to purchase current facility and property, repair/remodel and occupy.
- We experienced God's faithfulness and provision EVERY step along the way. (Psalm 37:25)

4. God's Faithfulness to His Call and Vision given

- His call: Will you...? Say yes to Jesus.
- His vision for us: Plant and serve a multi-generational, Jesus exalting, Holy Spirit filled church that will minister Jesus' life and love with grace until He returns.
- Biblically sound, 'safe' place for people to be loved, healed, equipped and encouraged to serve Jesus.
- Be a blessing to our community and to the Body of Christ around the world.
- Love God... and Love People - What a privilege it has been to pastor this people... Amazing...!

Our natural family then... and now...

In the season ahead... **Embrace & grow with changes in the natural... and church family.**

What do you want to be true of you and 'your house' as we walk into the New Year?

You choose for you... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. ~ Joshua 24:15

Join me in an ongoing pattern & commitment of life, trusting God... *Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* ~ Philippians 3:12-13