

Greetings

I hope that your summer is going well.

Sunday I began a series on Primetime Old Testament with a teaching on Jabez. He is only mentioned in two verses of scripture. One of those is an open and honest prayer to God.

*"Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me,
and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain."*

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Jabez trusted in God's providence, provision and protection. He asked for God's favor and scripture records...*God granted his request.*

My prayer for my life and for the life of our church...is that God would enlarge our territory. I believe God will and with the enlargement of our reach come more responsibility, more reward, and more risk.

Since I came in June 2006 we have been a church in transition. God has been working through our leaders and lay ministry teams to help us align ourselves with His will. Transitioning is always evident through change. We have witnessed a number of changes which have brought positive growth and have enlightened us to the work yet ahead of us.

We are committed to continuing our God given task of reaching people and growing disciples. I look forward in the coming months to seeing our response to God's call on FCC. My prayer is that no one be on the sidelines but that each of us would seek God and be a part of His expansive work!

Updates

Worship Ministry...

One of the more current changes is in our worship ministry. Ryan and Sara's territory is being enlarged by God as they have accepted a church planting call in Kansas. Keep praying that God's hand of protection and provision lead them into their new journey.

Our worship ministry has now transitioned from a staff led to lay led ministry. The teams that Ryan developed are now leading in various aspects of the ministry. We have gifted individuals who are planning services, practicing and presenting their gifts to God.

I asked the Worship Ministry Team to keep it simple during the early stages of this transition. Simple, in that, each team has its own skill level, repertoire of songs, and schedule. I asked them to work with the songs they know for a season. As we continue to evaluate and define our worship we will grow through these initial changes and challenges. If you have any worship questions or comments, please feel free to contact me tcaffery@fccabq.org or come see me.

I am proud of these teams as they are transitioning well. When you see them would you encourage them for their commitment and desire to lead us in worship? Thanks in advance.

New Face...

Also, you may have noticed a new face in the instrument section. Raymond Petrillo has joined us at piano. I was introduced to him by a letter he sent me looking to work in a church. He was classically trained at Juilliard and is a retired professor of Italian Literature at Texas A&M. You will find Raymond to be a delightful man...say hello when you get a chance.

Coming...

Our fall ministry season is developing and our ministries are diligently planning and preparing. Would you pray and ask God where He may like you to participate in the Kingdom work. We have room for your gifts, passions, and talents.

I am currently looking for someone who does graphic design work, Photoshop, and familiar with Publisher and other design tools. If you are interested please set up an appointment and bring your portfolio.

We have many other opportunities for you in various ministries. Let us know of your interest!

Keep Praying...

God is doing great things in our lives. He truly desires to enlarge our territories. I look forward in the coming days to communicate more of what He is doing in my life and in the FCC church life.

But would you keep praying.

Pray that God would bless and enlarge your territory. Pray that His hand of guidance and protection would be over you, your family, friends, and even your church.

I encourage you to do it right now.

May God richly bless your family...see you Sunday!

Tom Caffery