



Message from Pastor Tim

June 2011: Come Together in My Name

"Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
Matthew 18:19-20

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This is the age of the megachurch, congregations with memberships that total in the thousands. Some of these churches have their own video production centers, parking lot attendants, even restaurants and aerobic classes. They offer families support services that go far beyond what a small congregation can offer.

There is one thing, however, that both large churches and small churches must offer, and that is Christ. He is the reason we have church. He must be the center of all we do in our congregation. All our social and entertainment programs, as important and helpful as they are, cannot take the place of "the one thing that is needful".

There are very few places in the gospels where Jesus mentions the function of the church. In the early verses of Matthew 18 he addresses the issue of church discipline. Later, in the passage above, he mentions that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Two or three is a pretty small congregation!

Under the leadership of our Transition Team we have been spending the last few months looking at who we are as a congregation and what we do. We have been talking about the size of our congregation, its programs and their effectiveness. But one thing is already abundantly clear to me from my short time among you. Whatever we do, we are always gathering in the name of the Savior who suffered, died and rose again for our salvation. And whenever we do that, we can be assured of his presence in our midst.

May we continue this time of transition in the presence of Christ, who will lead us to the place he is calling us to. People have worshipped in his name, in this congregation for over 60 years. We have no reason to believe that he will not be with us now.

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