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“End of Six”

By Steve Niemeier

The wise man Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 there was a time for every purpose under heaven. On February 29th, 2004 the time for Connie and I to begin working with the congregation here at Greenwood began.

Together we started on a journey to work together for the cause of Christ in this area. There were obstacles that both parties had to overcome. Connie and I were looking for a new challenge and the work here certainly presented that. The congregation here was looking to regain its spiritual strength and stability after an unpleasant period of time.

Thanks be to God that the timing was right for both parties as we have seen His blessings upon our work together in these past six years. While some of the members that were here at the beginning of our journey still have some issues of spiritual growth to achieve. Most of those that were here at the start have worked hard and studied hard to do the Lord's work.

The Lord blessed our work with baptisms, restorations and new move-ins. These groups have blended well with the members that were here to make a congregation that is strong spiritually, financially and numerically. Again, to God be the glory for this!

We have experience elders and deacons being appointed, evangelism expansion in Moldova and Sierra Leone, support of evangelists in Ohio and Indiana, the start of our annual Vacation Bible School (we will be conducting our 6th one this year), an additional week-end meeting during the summer on top of our two regular gospel meetings. Also, through the hard work and effort of many for a long period of time we have revamped our Bible Class program and started a teacher preparation class. We have just re-structured our groups to focus more on Spiritual Growth.

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We have started several Bible Classes outside of our normal public class periods.

Yes, the Lord has blessed our work and while we do not know what the future holds, Connie and I would like to thank you for the enrichment of our lives by being a part of this great congregation for the last six years.

“The Beginning of Seven”

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Now that we start our seventh year together and have looked back with thanksgiving on how the Lord has blessed our work together let us look ahead with great anticipation.

Paul stated in Philippians 3:13-14 that he was pressing ahead and not looking back. We have accomplished a lot together with the Lord's blessing. But we need not to be satisfied and we should be asking what more can we do?

The work in Sierra Leone has just started and is going to take an enormous amount of time, effort and financial support to continue. The work in Moldova is ongoing with two Skype studies a week and trips to evangelize and edify about every three years needed. The work in the community of Greenwood must move forward with more dedication than we have had in the past. Our focus on our Bible Classes must not waver. Our Vacation Bible School needs more members to volunteer and assist. Our efforts with the evangelists that we support must continue and the need to support more is very urgent. Our gospel meetings and our special weekend meetings must be better supported by our members and our efforts to invite the community must be increased.

Just like Paul we must not be satisfied. We must examine ourselves (II Corinthians 13:5) and see what we are doing and where we can improve. Our adversary the devil (I Peter 5:8) is walking about and seeing who in this congregation he can devour. He is looking for ways to tear us apart. The best way to do this is by creating “lukewarm” and “divisive” members. Our elders will certainly do their part in watching out for us but as mentioned in last Sunday mornings lesson our elders are striving to see how they

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can get more of our member involved in the work of this congregation. Wouldn't it be great if all of us as members would ease that burden and just be active just like we are suppose to be?

Again, we do not know what the future holds, but with the Lord's help we can face whatever the future holds for us as a congregation by all of us being active at peace and abounding in the work of the Lord (Acts 9:31)

**You Are Invited To Attend A
Special Series Of Bible Lessons
Prepared For A Special People –
Including You!**



"The Blessings of God"

March 21st @ 9:30 A.M. --- "Prophecy and Fullfillment

March 21st @ 10:30 A.M. --- "Angels and Messengers"

March 21st @ 3:30 P.M. ---- "Miracles and Their Ceasing"

March 22nd @ 7:00 P.M.---- "Jesus Christ and God's Love"

March 23rd @ 7:00 P.M. --- "The Bible"

March 24th @ 7:00 P.M. --- "Living for Christ in this World"

March 25th @ 7:00 P.M. --- "Leaving this World"

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March 26th @ 7:00 P.M. --- "Blessing of Heaven"

Gospel Singing March 21st @ 2:30 P.M.

Speaker – Frank Himmell