

Faith Christian Fellowship
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2015: Turnin' it Up!
Drink freely of the Water of Life!

TEXT: Psa 36:5-10 / Joh 4:14 / Rev 22:17 MSG "Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride. Whoever hears, echo, "Come!" Is anyone thirsty? Come! All who will, come and drink, Drink freely of the Water of Life!

We took a look at the last year and rejoiced a bit. I told you what God told me for 2015: He is turning it up!!! We were admonished to be sure we are on track with the vision God gave us, so let's review and go on deeper into 2015

♥ **FCFT Vision/Commission: "Open a Fountain of My Healing Power in this place" We do this by Repairing broken people, preparing willing people, and celebrating the goodness of God.**

- **2015:** "I am turning it up." Get ready for the Fountain to flow - He is turning it up.
- "If you will **give place to the things of the Spirit**, I will show you great and mighty things that you know not of."
- Take Note: "Just because we've come to this building doesn't mean the vision has stopped and it's over. It just means we're keepin' goin'. **It's gonna expand**, folks. And in that expansion you've gotta **stay together**. You've got to learn how to **administrate** the things of God."
- **Expand = Grow and multiply**. I foresee a minimum of 5 churches working together as extended family, sharing resources and responsibilities, working together on area-wide projects, and touching the city without jealousy. It can happen.
- This year will see emphasis in these three areas:
 - **Removing obstacles and hindrances** to the flow,
 - **Repairing and building structures** that enable people to access the fountain.
 - **Making the water available** to the community at large.

♥ The water flows from Him to and through us Ps 36:9 / Jn 4:14

- The fountain we are looking for requires a miracle. I can't heal anyone or anything. Neither can you.
- The God we serve is able and willing: Psa 114:7-8 / .Isa_41:18
- We have a part to play in enhancing the flow:
 - Prepare the air with your prayer: (Coordinator needed)

- Points of Light prayer partner teams
 - Daily prayer times
 - Real worship
 - Diligent, sensitive worship leaders
 - Sound techs to facilitate the flow
 - Obedience and reverence to the Spirit of God: Don't grieve Him
 - Strong, accurate teaching that prepares people to receive and us to minister
- Psa 36:5-10 This is set between a description of evil all around and a prayer for deliverance therefrom.
- Focus on the unailing love of God in the midst of grievous evil. The day we live in is going to get darker.
 - Notice: All humanity finds shelter. **Loving people without compromising principle is a huge challenge in our day.**
 - There must be abundance in the house of God to provide for those who come to drink at the fountain. Part of running with the vision is financing the vision.
 - He is our fountain, our light, and the source of our sustenance. We can't do it. We just open the fountain.
- ♥ Nehemiah 3:15 Repair the Fountain Gate
- Repairing the gate of the fountain. We can't heal them, but we can make access to the pool easier.
 - Getting the gate ready includes:
 - Physical environment: Removing obstacles. Communicating and directing the flow of people so they can get to the fountain.
 - Parking – it is time to begin
 - Landscaping – The sanctuary starts at the road
 - Cleaning, maintenance – God's house deserves excellence
 - Sanctuary proper: enlarge, carpet, seating, lighting, thermostats.
 - Helps ministries
 - Freeing the ministry to minister,

- Creating an accessible environment. Ease of access for the broken and the willing, allowing them to focus on the provision of God:
 - ◆ Get them in the water like the man at the pool of Bethesda
 - ◆ Get them to the water of the pool of Siloam, blind though they may be
 - ◆ Haul them to the power like the man on the stretcher
- Creating a welcoming atmosphere (hospitality)
 - ◆ Welcomers
 - ◆ Hospitality
 - ◆ Ushers
- The ministries of helps are supernatural and highly valuable. 1Co 12:28 helps and administrations
- Enhancing the flow – identifying and repairing hindrances:
 - I am a lousy manager. I need help
 - John and Valarie need to be delivered from helps and management to help me pastor. (Feed, lead, protect)
 - ◆ Media= sound and overhead
 - ◆ Website = thousands of people
 - ◆ FMTI = here, there, and everywhere
 - Continue and expand systems for preparing the willing to carry people to the water and/or water to the people.
 - ◆ DC Groups
 - ◆ FMTI
 - ◆ Family Ministries: Club 57 needs to go
- “It’s gonna expand, folks. And in that expansion you’ve gotta stay together. You’ve got to learn how to administrate the things of God.”
 - **The fountain is going to be turned up: God will do His part**
 - Our part is simple, but not easy:
 - We have to commit to stay together. Communication and coordination with one another. 1Pe 4:7-8 / Tit 3:9-11

- We have to learn to do what is necessary to administrate the things of God.
- Organized in the natural to
 - ◆ Provide freedom in the things of the Spirit. A decrease in natural concerns leads to an increase in spiritual flow.
 - ◆ Flexibility to follow the flow without sacrificing excellence.
- Systematic in our business to
 - ◆ **Provide** accountability: good records are good records.
 - ◆ **Assure** good stewardship of time, money, and materials. Reliable systems produce consistent results.
 - ◆ **Enable** us to pass it on: We can plant another church with a management package already in place.

”Let this place first and always be a sanctuary, a safe place.”

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"Now's the time. You will have grace and favor. Nothing can stop you. Those who have chosen to run with you, nothing can stop them either."