



Heartbeats along the way: The Rejoicing Heart

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33:20-22

Happy Birthday Church! May the Holy Spirit anoint us anew.

On May 13, our collective hearts experienced what the Psalmist wrote so long ago about rejoicing when this congregation approved the final plans to move forward to create a new Worship Center at the Spring Garden Campus. And, like this psalm, we waited in hope for many months to get to this milestone. So let's raise rejoicing thanks to Jeff Barnes, the entire Building Committee, and the Design team for the inspired and Spirit-led work accomplished so far.

But let's remember that this is a milestone, and not a destination. Think of this journey as a triathlon. The first event is waiting for the approval of several government agencies. The second event, the first Capital Campaign, is at the 50% mark. And the third, ground breaking and construction, we pray will start in a few months.

The last chart Jeff showed us on May 6 had this quote:

"God never gives you a dream that matches your budget. He's not checking your bank account; He's checking your faith."

May we grow more faithful in trusting the Architect of all Creation to bring our dream into being. And may we continue to grow in faith, hospitality, and service that Christ may be introduced and glorified. As we build this facility, let us steadily recommit ourselves to following God and building a serving community.

"Blessed Jesus, we rejoice in the blessings You have poured upon us in preparing a new place of worship at Spring Garden Campus. Let us respond to Your unfailing love by trusting You even more as we move through the next steps along the way. Asking this in Your Precious Name, Amen."

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