



Heartbeats along the way: The Untroubled Heart

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"
~ John 14:1-2

This is a day of great rejoicing! Today we go to Spring Garden Campus with shovels and cameras to turn over some soil and record the event. But take a look back at how wonderfully God has led us.

Nearly every Wednesday morning since before CUMC became CUMC, the Bridges Prayer Team has met to pray specifically for our church family and all our endeavors, asking God to guide and encourage us along the journey.

Looking back at all the prayer requests and the answers to them, there is no doubt that God inspired and is leading this adventure, from the out-of-the-blue (or snowy night) thought of unification, the calling and commissioning of marvelous talent already in place in the three churches to form teams and tackle a tidal wave of issues and unknowns, to instilling this church family with courage, patience, financial dedication, and a greater love for God's people than for our buildings.

Yet, in all of this, our hearts were sometimes troubled; sometimes worried about what we were giving up; sometimes unsure of the next steps, unable to see as clearly into the future as we would like.

In the Upper Room, when Jesus spoke to a troubled, worried, unsure, and doubtful band of disciples who had been with Him almost daily for three years or so, He encouraged them to let go of worrying about the future and instead to double down on believing in God and Himself, whatever might happen.

Never let Satan's storms of doubt trouble your heart. God is always at work for us and within us. Hallelujah!! Let's rejoice!!

"O God, let nothing about this journey trouble our hearts. Help us believe more strongly in the promise of Jesus Christ. Amen."

~ cl reynolds