



## **Heartbeats along the way: The God-Delighted Heart**

*Psalm 37:4 - Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

This psalm is attributed to David. It is one of overall encouragement in the face of many challenges. The verses are filled with the counsel of patience, righteous behavior, and trust that God will rescue and reward the faithful. The psalm could be read as an expanded theme of Psalm 23.

On our six-year journey to the Spring Garden Campus we have faced and surmounted many challenges, thanks to faithful leadership and a committed church family, and most of all, thanks to God's guidance and answers to our prayers. The Bridges Prayer Team has met since the beginning to regularly pray for our church, our church family, our pastors, staff, volunteers, Leadership Council, and the building program. As one who has served on this prayer team, I am a witness to the marvelous and frequently unexpected answers to our prayers. Truly God has given CUMC the desires of our hearts.

I believe that God has provided encouragement from the very beginning and all along our way. Today we see encouraging signs in the rising cinderblock and cement floors. We see it in the greening of the future athletic fields and the slope behind the Sanctuary. We sense it in the optimism of one another and in the initial steps of the Visioning Teams.

Days of challenges lie before us. But when we follow David's exhortation to commit our way to the Lord and trust in him, God will act. And we who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

*"O Heavenly Father hear our prayers of gratitude for Your steadfastness and granting us the delights of our hearts. Continue to encourage and guide us through the creation of Spring Garden Campus. And prepare our hearts to Live Like Jesus now and always. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

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