

Pastor's Report for 2017

Carol and I have been extremely blessed and privileged over the years to have had the honor of pastoring this fellowship. This fellowship has endured the attack of the enemy both individually as believers and corporately as a fellowship, yet this fellowship has proven to be strong, steadfast, and spiritually attuned to God's heart and God's spirit. I have been privileged to have served with a very strong, sensitive, compassionate, yet visionary board.

I have watched God move in a powerful way and allow the challenges, while at the same time set boundaries and allow the enemy to only go so far. I have been reminded time and time again, **Deut 8:2-3**: "You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. **Deut 13:3**: you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. God is allowing His people to be tested, God is with the testing calling His people to a higher level of commitment and relationship with Him as well as to a higher commitment to each other as His body. The birth pains of deliverance is getting stronger and stronger.

First and foremost I want to thank God for allowing us the opportunity and privilege of serving Him in the way He has entrusted us with and my wife Carol for standing beside me on this journey all these years and constantly bathing me in prayer. I am so thankful for our staff, Pastor Steve Bailey, Pastor Katie Haferkamp, Pastor Ben Dulany, and my secretary, Michelle Garcia, along with their families for their visions and hard work. There are so many that Carol and I are grateful for, yet time does not afford the opportunity to mention each one and give the recognition they deserve.

This year has seen the addition to our staff with Pastor Ben and Lilly Dulany along with their three precious children. We have been so blessed with their commitment to God and His calling them to serve at Neighborhood Assembly of God.

God has taken many of our old dreams and refreshed and renewed them in the hearts of our staff and fellowship. For that we are blessed and grateful and we anticipate a great year in 2018.

Our garden project has taken on a new look, direction and vision in 2017 and there is an excitement as to what 2018 holds in that area. They are truly beginning to see the fruits of their labor and desire.

Lastly, I want to thank our precious congregation and members who attend regularly and support our fellowship in pray, activities and also financially. You are our family and we thank you for trusting us and being part of us. May God's true blessings be yours now and forever.

Pastor Gary