

From Pastor David

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The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

One of the reocurring themes throughout the Old Testament is God's reminder to the Israelites to remember and celebrate His past faithfulness. This reminder is not a license to bask in the "glory days" of the past. His call to look back was always for the purpose of encouraging His people to future faithfulness. Seeing how far God has brought us is intended to give us the courage and strength to take future steps.

In these pages, we want to look back in celebration of God's work in our midst, while also looking ahead to where He is leading us. As we look back, you will see that there is much to celebrate. While we thank God for His work in our midst and the tangible results that we can measure, we also admit that the work of the Spirit can never be captured by numbers alone. Numbers tell a story, but not the entire story. We also want to introduce you through these pages to lives that are being changed in our midst—God's work among our family of faith.

Moving into 2019, as we look back with gratitude, we are also reminded to remain faithful. Our prayer is that He will continue to find us faithful. To that end, you will see exciting ways that you can join our family of faith as we move forward. We move forward asking, "What does God desire to do in our midst in the days ahead?" Our God is not just a God of the past. He's a God of the present and of the future. As we look ahead, let's pray and work toward His will for our lives and our church.

We move ahead, with the great confidence that "it is God who works in us, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

Blessings, Pastor David

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8:25 a.m., 9:40 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.