

# NEW FACILITY CELEBRATION! MESSAGE OUTLINE SUNDAY, August 14, 2022



Today's Message: ONWARD!  
1<sup>st</sup> Service in New Facility  
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Don't we want to see the Lord do something great in our lives? But how do we know what God wants us to do? He wants us moving...ONWARD!!

*Proverbs 4:25 (NLT) Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.*

## What is God calling us *Onward* to do?

### Foundation of everything we do...The Great Commandment

*Mark 12:28–30 (NLT) One of the teachers of religious law... asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD.'<sup>30</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."*

### A. OUR NAME: ONWARD

**It is our vision** to be moving Onward. Our congregation was birthed at a time when moving onward, that is taking the right next step by faith, was what God was leading us to do.

### A life pointed onward means following our Lord one step at a time!

*Philippians 3:13b–14 (NLT) Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*

### B. DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH

It is our vision to be a congregation of disciples who are thoroughly equipped to make disciples who can make disciples.

*Matthew 28:19–20a (NLT) "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."<sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."*

### C. A "ONE NEW PEOPLE" CONGREGATION

It is our vision to be a congregation that is made up of Jewish and Gentile followers of Messiah. The original church consisted of just this mixture. We believe it is God's plan for His people to be made up of both Jews and Gentiles in one body of His Son, our Savior and our Messiah, Jesus Christ.

*Ephesians 2:15b–16 (NLT) He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups.<sup>16</sup> Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.*

הקהילה מתקדמת = HaKahila Metkedimet = "the Congregation is Progressing"  
Kadam (קדם) = to go forward; to go ahead

## D. COMMITTED TO TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD

It is our vision to be a Bible-teaching congregation. We are committed to the simple teaching of God's word, verse-by-verse, that leads people into a more intimate relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

*2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT) Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.*

- Study the Bible to Know the Author!

## E. OBEDIENCE-BASED DISCIPLESHIP

It our vision to create obedience-based discipleship.

*Matthew 28:20a; John 14:15 (NLT) "Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you...If you love me, obey my commandments."*

## F. KEEPING IT SIMPLE "I'm too old to play church!" –Pastor Gary

It is our vision to keep our worship genuine, simple, and organic. We believe that weekend worship is not for people who are far from God...they are very welcome, but it is not for them. Worship is for those who know the Lord to gather for worshipping the Lord. We believe God is asking us to keep our programs simple.

*Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts"*

*Psalms 111:1 (NKJV) Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.*

## G. A REAL CHURCH FAMILY

It is our vision for you to belong to our family. We want you to have the cell numbers of your pastors and to sense a community connection with the other members of your church family as together we are on mission with God. Family is a major emphasis for our congregation.

*1 Peter 3:8 (LB) You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.*

*John 13:35 (NLT) "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

**SO WHAT?** Will you be a part of the journey *Onward*?

**FAMILY CAMP—Registration Form...now!**

**Offering:** *2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT) You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."*



## ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, August 14, 2022

**1. CELEBRATING THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD TODAY**—After 10 ½ years at Conner Prairie we marvel today that the Lord has provided this incredible new facility for the permanent home for our worship. New programs will be announced soon as we are provided with many new opportunities for ministry. We praise the Lord this morning for His incredible provision. Celebrate with us this morning by worshipping our generous God!

**2. FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION TODAY**—In the flurry of activity surrounding our new facility the dates for the Family Camp have slipped up on us. Please register today for September 9-11 Family Camp at the Blue Gate Inn in Shipshewana. Price is \$125 per person to maximum of \$299 per family...includes 2 nights lodging, huge buffet breakfasts, dinner Saturday evening. Please register today by completing the forms provided in the bulletins and drop them in the offering baskets when they are passed. You can also register by texting Jerry Ackerman at 317-919-7171.

**3. YOUTH GROUP STARTS TONIGHT 6-8PM**—Our new facility will host our first Youth Group of this Fall. Grades 6-12 (High School and Middle School Groups). See Pastor Jerry for more info.

**4. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE**—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.

