



## The Sixth Annual State of the Church Address

### A short primer on how to succeed in ministry—Nehemiah and others:

- Prayerful Dependence:
- Intentional Striving:

### Wins—the short-list of how God showed up in the past 12 months:

- Debt eliminated.
- Greg Despres and Steve Norris joined our staff team.
- 75 people went on short term missions trips.
- 48 baptized.
- 2,100 in worship on Easter and 70 responded to Christ.

### Losses—where we did not do all we hoped to do in the past 12 months:

- Telling Stories
- Developing the coaching system as far as we wanted to.
- Inspiring and training for outreach as far as we wanted to.
- Giving verbal updates as much as we wanted.

**So:** The number 6,961 doesn't mean anything to you... We must simplify!

- **Why?** Simplicity increases clarity, participation, unity, and impact.

### We are committed to simplify at “C. B. C.”—the preferred future:

- **Celebrate God** with our whole lives.
- **Build Bridges** to reach local and global communities.
- **Connect Together** with Christ-followers in life-shaping relationships.

*This year (08/09) we focused on “Reaching” and “Coaching” and these two initiatives are carried forward in “Build Bridges” and “Connect Together”.*

**So: How will we do this?** Zero based budgeting, calendaring, programming, announcements, conferences. Upgraded website to reflect “C. B. C.” Each ministry contributing to “C. B. C.” Ministry-wide accountability and support. No more “silos.”

### The C. B. C. “Flagship” Ministries—strategic focus:

- **Celebrate God**—Sunday morning campus wide worship experiences.
- **Build Bridges**—friendships and trips.
- **Connect together**—small groups.

**Specific Initiatives in Celebrating God**—for Sunday morning campus-wide excellence and for every venue to be a “safe” and compelling place:

#1 A friendly, welcoming atmosphere and facility.

#2 A worship service with passion, creativity and variety.

#3 Excellence in every venue on Sunday morning.

Some Details:

**Specific Initiatives in Building Bridges**—Raise the bar on local and global outreach:

#1 Friendships.

#2 Trips.

Some Details:

**Specific Initiatives in Connecting Together**—Raise the bar on small groups:

#1 Small Groups.

Some Details:

**Heads up on a summer of 2010 happening:** Elders Jay Lehman and Wayne Crawford.

- **Town hall meetings:** tonight through Wednesday by alphabet.

**What are we asking you to do?**

- **Prayerful Dependence:**
- **Intentional Striving:** Celebrate God. Build Bridges. Connect Together.
- **Watch for new critical ministry opportunities:** videography, additional kid’s teachers, musicians for the Hispanic worship service, area hosts, parking lot greeters, building bridges workers, small group leaders, ...

**What if?**