



December 2014

*"I will bless you...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3*

Dear Temple Family,

God blesses us so we can bless others. God has been teaching us all year long to commit to maturity, missional living and multiplication. I believe God wants you to be a part of something greater than yourself. A way of life that leaves a spiritual legacy.

This past year men, women, youth and children committed themselves to following God and thanks to your generosity we have seen many new people find their place here at Temple. Also, many more are stepping up to serve with us. It is great to see how God takes the "little" we have to give and accomplishes so much for His Kingdom in one year.

We strongly believe that what we are doing together is glorifying God. This year I have had numerous conversations with other pastors and leaders who, on hearing about what God is doing at Temple, are encouraged to seek God in new ways for the sake of their own communities. It is exciting to see God use us in this way.

While we do not know what will happen next year I believe God is calling us to even greater things (John 14:12). As we thank God for what he did last year we prepare bold prayers in our hearts for him to do more. There are so many people who feel like there is no hope and others who are far off. For this reason, I am asking everyone who calls Temple home to step out by faith and consider a special financial gift to Temple as we wrap up the end of our year together. This will put us in a strong position as we end the year and begin 2015.

As some of you know we also had some unintended building repairs that were unbudgeted for but needed our immediate attention. I am so thankful our leaders who were wise in the stewarding of our resources to fix the problems so that we could have a clean and vibrant space to welcome new visitors this Christmas. Your generosity helps us to remove the barriers that might keep people from taking that step to make Jesus Lord of their lives. For this I want to say thank you.

Merry Christmas

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or at the church office until noon on December 31, 2014.