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From: on behalf of Office

To: The Branch

Subject: 11.12.08

From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

Good day to you in the name of Jesus. The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy in 1 Timothy 1, "I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day...Kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline."

Paul wrote this to a man who was struggling in the faith. He encouraged Timothy through prayer and through a word for his life. The word was that God has given him a **STRONG** spirit to stand in the world in faith. It was not a nice thing that Timothy had this – it was a necessary thing. And it was not a necessary thing because Timothy, in his personality, was susceptible to being weak. **It was necessary because living by faith in this world is hard.** There is nothing more difficult in life, that will require more strength, than living by faith in this world.

Be encouraged today brothers and sisters. Living by faith in this world is hard. God has given you a spirit of strength and power that will not fail nor run out. God is with you. He is your strength. Be encouraged today – your staff prays for you and loves you.

Pastor Jim

Mission's Ministry.....

Mark your calendar for our annual meal card distribution, November 22. We will leave from the front parking lot promptly at 10 am.

Big Family Thanksgiving Feast Tuesday, November 25th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the CLC. Please bring enough sides and desserts to feed your family and two more people.

Worship Ministry.....

The holidays are getting so close and Christmas is just around the corner. The choir/praise team will be working on Christmas music for the next 6 weeks as we prepare for a great time together on Sunday evening, December 7. We'll have more information about that exciting evening later but the preparations are going on right now and we want to invite you to join us. Even if you can't make a yearlong commitment, come join us for Christmas. Tonight and every Wednesday night we will meet in the choir room upstairs. We'll all have a great time together! For more info or with any questions, please call Pastor Randy.

Youth Ministry.....

Checkpoint is in the Chapel at 6:15. 6th Grade meets with us this week. Invite your friends for fellowship, games, worship, and God's word. We will be continuing through the text of 1 Peter tonight (1 Peter 2:4-8). Read in advance and bring your Bibles! See you tonight.