

“Unto a Land That I Will Show You”

In Genesis 12:1 God tells Abram (Abraham) to go forth from his present place to another place which God will show him. That literal command to leave his country and go to another place is often used as a metaphor for things or places we leave in life (literal places or a mental place) and go to another. That concept reminds me of what is happening to us today!

This month our congregation has decided it would be good to leave our current place and move to another. OK... perhaps it is not as dramatic as Abram's move in Genesis 12, but certainly a milestone for our fledging family. At 20 months old, our nearly infant family has been meeting in a space that we have outgrown. Several times we have had to put up extra chairs and on one occasion we had a couple of people standing during worship.

God has answered our prayers. Because of a recent availability, we have been offered a meeting place 50% larger than our current facility. The space is already built with two classrooms suitable for children's classes. Thankfully the space is offered at a reasonable rate and also has space for additional facilities that will accommodate our congregation plus visitors. It will also be more conducive to accommodating our fellowship meals and other activities.

Come to think of it, church growth *is* as dramatic as the move Abram and Sarai made 3,000 years ago. Why? Because when one sinner is converted to Jesus, the angels in heaven rejoice. Jesus said in Luke 14:10, **“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** From our oldest member to our most recently baptized, precious soul, the journey to heaven is *far* more dramatic than Abram's journey to the promised land.

And, by the way, our journey eastward about 40 yards is scheduled to take place the first Sunday in June. We have work to do to prepare the place for our move. Watch your email and text messages for work times, so all will be ready for our 40 yard journey!

Your faithfulness to God's call and your generosity to His work are bringing great blessings. To the work, to the work!

-Ray Wallace