2025-26 Ministry Year Theme: "For Me and My House"

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15b

There's a lot of bad news <u>out</u> there (in the world). There's a lot of worry <u>in</u> here (in our hearts). We are faced with many frustrations and difficulties as 21st-century Christians. We live in a changing world, a shifting culture, and a hurried society. We are surrounded by conflict, bombarded with negativity, and besieged by temptation.

We are encircled by a world that doesn't hold our values, doesn't share our beliefs, and doesn't support our walk. There is much that we may grieve that we have lost of our past or fear of what may come with the future, but God's word is clear in its calling.

- We are a light in the darkness.
- We are a city on a hill.
- We are a living temple built together to glorify the One who has created us, redeemed us, and has loved us.

In the face of the challenges and troubles of his own time, Joshua proclaimed for all to hear, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15b).

My prayer for this church and school in the year ahead is that we will:

Intentional Ministry Directions:

- 1) Live in His Grace.
 - a. Are we a people of joy?
 - b. We have the greatest treasure around, the liberating grace of Jesus Christ. Are we living in light of the riches of God's grace that are ours each day?
 - c. Where do we need to hear anew the heartbeat of our Savior, which is truly the heart and soul of our community?
- 2) Love His Truth.
 - a. How are we growing in God's Word as a church and school community?
 - b. Where is God inviting us to take a step in faith, as we grow together?
 - c. Where is God inviting you personally to take a step in faith, as you grow individually?
- 3) Serve with our heart.
 - a. How are we connecting with our neighborhood and surrounding community?
 - b. How can we serve outside of the campus of 6111 Shelby Street?
 - c. How are you serving God in your personal callings and vocations?

Current Goals for Our Strategic Plan:

1) Connecting our community to a life in Christ.

Add PC/EC strategic goal.

2) Learning to follow Jesus through the Word of God.

Add PC/EC strategic goal.

3) Caring for others in Christ's name.

Add PC/EC strategic goal.