

# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL UPDATES

*The Leadership Council has been meeting regularly to prayerfully consider the next steps of GSLC. Below are some updates we would like you to be informed about. Feel free to contact a member of the Leadership Council or Pastor Dawit if you have any questions.*

*- GSLC Leadership Council*

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- We approved a motion to maintain the outdoor paint on our buildings

- The policy manual was completed and will be available to the congregation by 2018 after thorough review by the Council

## PASTOR'S CORNER

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." -Romans 1:16*

Dear GSLC Family,

The Book of Acts is a wonderful narrative of God's Spirit at work in the early church. After seeing their resurrected Jesus, the disciples received power through the Holy Spirit to be bold witnesses of the Gospel. Here we have an up-close look at the transforming power of the Gospel as it is spread to Samaria and Judea. We see this in chapter 8 with the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch, in chapter 9 with the apostle Paul (a well known Pharisee), and in chapter 10 with Cornelius the Roman soldier. Through these stories we more fully understand what he means in Romans 1:16 when Paul writes that the Gospel brings salvation to *everyone* who believes.

This story of Gospel-centered heart transformation continued to unfold as more and more people from different backgrounds came to know Jesus. And when it seems to be in the middle of the story it abruptly ends, only telling us that Paul stayed in a rented home in Rome to proclaim the Gospel. Acts leaves us with a cliff-hanger. But we know the true ending to God's story for His Church. It ends with Jesus returning for His Bride, the Church, to take her home.

Last Sunday we celebrated the 500th anniversary Reformation. It was a beautiful representation of the diversity of the church. **We recognized that the Gospel not only changes people, but it changes history too.** Together we remembered that the Reformation did not end either. The same Holy Spirit who transformed lives in Acts was transforming His Church during the Reformation. And He is at work in our hearts today. **How is God reforming your heart?** I encourage you to share you answer with friends, family, and those to whom God is calling you to share His Gospel.

*Pastor Dawit Bokre*

# REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION



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