October Board Meeting

Lead Pastor

Win:

One win this month is that I have had several conversations with individuals who have seen God working in their lives. They have been putting their faith into action and seeing the fruit of their labor. It is always exciting to hear stories of how people are moving closer to God and experiencing the fullness of Jesus. A second win is getting the church roof on. While the office has been noisy, it has been good to see the progress. The last win is personal: I completed all but one of my interviews for my Doctoral research and distributed a survey to workers in the district. I also took a weekend off.

Challenges:

We have several hurting people right now. That covers a wide range of issues that can be difficult to help them work through without carrying some of it yourself. My heart has broken many times this month as I sat down and talked with people. While I have heard many victory stories this month, I have also heard many heartbreaking ones. All in all, this has been a great month, with few challenges to deal with.

Goals:

We will finish the Romans series this month, have Dan and Lisa with us for Missions focus, and have the annual meeting. This is a busy time of year, but it is also why I take a couple of weeks off before we jump into the Christmas season. So my goal is to run through the finish line of a short break and then be ready for Christmas. Our theme for Christmas 2026 is Adoration.

Thank You

As I noted, I have had the opportunity to sit down with pastors of churches of all sizes. One downside of studying burnout is that you spend a lot of time looking at the ugly side of ministry. While I can not get into details of those interviews, I can say this: I called my wife after the first day and said I am so thankful for our elder board. I just wanted to say thank you for all that you do and how you support each ministry of this church.

Respectfully Submitted:
Pastor Lu