

“2014 State of the Church”**2 Kings 7:3-11**

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Key Truth:

Going forward, I must have enough faith in God to ***follow*** Him
and to ***tell*** others about Him no matter the cost.

NOTES: _____

**Today's
Worship
Songs:**

- Acquitted - *Jeremy Riddle*
- For A Thousand Tongues - *Gateway Worship*
- Christ Is Enough - *Hillsong Live*
- It Is Well - *Jeremy Riddle*

My Next Steps:

- This week and going forward, I will pray for the protection and unity of FFC and thank God daily for His blessings upon our church.
- This week and going forward, I will pray for the 4 items listed on the sermon notes.
- This week, I will read all 4 chapters of Malachi in preparation for next week.

Some Important Facts and Figures Regarding 2013:

- 124 people were obedient to Jesus' command to follow up their salvation decision with Believer's Baptism.
- FFC gave a record \$580,354 to local & global mission causes and entities.
- 94 different Life Groups were held all throughout our community.
- There are an estimated 400,000 churches in America. 9 out of 10 churches are declining or have plateaued in their worship attendance. In 2013, God blessed FFC with a 12% increase in worship attendance.
- 1,016 first-time guests walked through the doors of FFC (an average of 20 families per week).
- 74 families committed to membership with many others now calling FFC home.
- Our Wednesday night AWANA ministry grew by 27%.
- Our Wednesday night Student Ministry grew by 35%.
- In 2013, 238 children prayed and invited Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord.
- 58 families were provided food, clothing and other basic necessities through our Benevolence Ministry.
- In 2013, our church giving increased by 6.7% over last year, including \$103,825 given for the Parking Lot fund.
- In 2013, we paid off \$495,099 of debt (remaining balance is \$788,809).
- \$383,051 was pledged to Life [UN]LIMITED (Nov. 2013 to Oct. 2014) and in just two months of the new campaign, we have already received \$130,000.
- As of right now, FFC is on track to pay off the mortgage/become debt-free near the end of 2014 which is 16 years ahead of schedule.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! Items to pray for in 2014:

1. Pray and thank God for His blessings upon our church, for our staff, and for the continued protection and unity of FFC.
2. Pray and ask God to raise up someone within our church to lead and oversee our Men's Ministry.
3. Pray for our Pastor of Worship search team and the search process
4. Pray for every member of FFC to honor God with their finances by giving a portion of their income (10%) back to Him, through the local church so we can reach our goal of being debt free by the end of 2014.



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