

**Senior Pastor's Annual Report
May 2009**



I would like to start this report with thanksgiving to God. This has been a year individually and corporately that we have faced many trials. God has been faithful—His strength is still sufficient—and there is still nothing impossible for Him. I am thankful we have grown and reached out to others—that our focus is still reaching people for Christ and bringing transformation to our neighborhood and our city.

As I was praying God brought me back to one of my favorite scriptures in Daniel 9 and I saw a verse I had never seen. Remember Daniel has read the scripture and understands God's timing and what God wants to do. He comes in repentance for himself and the nation. He takes hold of the Word and ends the prayer with:

"O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

God answers and here is the verse, Daniel 9: 25, "...the streets shall be built again and the walls. Even in troublesome times." I immediately thought of Nehemiah rebuilding the walls. Prayer, Vision—I'm doing a great work. Working together—"the people had a mind to work." Enemies all around—troubled times. The walls were built, God glorified and the joy of the Lord was their strength.

It's time to keep praying, keep working together, keep clear a vision to glorify God and see changed lives and changed neighborhoods.

It's troubled times—but God has a mission for us. We do need to keep our eyes on Jesus, but we must do all we can to reach our city.

In the midst of all that happened this year God has taught us how to listen to Him and hear His voice. And after hearing to act on it! When God gets our hearts and our ears nothing is impossible. It is time to build in response to what God is speaking. We will finish the wall (what God has asked us to do) and God will be glorified.