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As we wait for God’s man to lead PRBC to be revealed to us, let us let God prepare us for moving forward. Seth Brown’s article is a reminder to us about this leadership. Pastor Dennis

Looking Back, Marching Onward

Leadership is a delicate balance. It requires complementary qualities – character with courage, integrity and innovation, virtue plus vision.

Good leaders know how to look backward with gratitude at God’s faithfulness in their lives and commands in His word, while marching forward into new eras with a creative vision for gospel advance.

Ministries do not usually succeed when leaders forget which direction to look and which direction to march. We cannot march according to past strategies nor look to the future for new morals. The former leads to bitter stagnation, while the latter leads to rootless progressivism.

We must honor the past without living in it, but remember that forward motion isn’t always progress.

As Joshua picks up the mantle of leadership in the wake of Moses’ death, God charges him with a deeply encouraging word to lead His people onward: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”* (Joshua 1:9).

“There is no such thing as courage apart from mission,” said well-known pastor Crawford Loritts, while reflecting on this text. God is not afraid His mission will fail. He promises to go with us, offering His boldness along the way.

The following verses described the new leader as he turns to God’s people and calls them to look back on God’s faithfulness: *“Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, ‘The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land’”* (Joshua 1:13).

Joshua’s two-directional leadership is a helpful example for ministries today. As we worry about cultural changes, technological advances and the lingering effects of a global pandemic, let us learn to walk with biblical balance.

Reflect on God’s grace in your life and the life of your ministry. Find your morals, virtues and principles in the timeless depths of God’s word. Then launch forward boldly into the future where you will find endless opportunities to serve others and share the gospel.

Pastor and author Carey Nieuwhof wrote about this in an article for Lifeway Research last year. “In the church, our message doesn’t change,” Nieuwhof said. “But, as culture changes, you have to figure out how to stay relevant. Your methods must change to preserve the mission.”

Time will move forward. Strategies will shift. New generations will rise. And that’s a good thing, as long as our character is shaped by the word of God and our mission is for His glory among the nations.

By Seth Brown, Biblical Recorder, Executive Editor

God's Blessings Apr. 4, 2021

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| Budget Needs: | \$7,157.70 |
| Budget Receipt: | \$7,072.00 |
| Annie Armstrong: | \$125.00 |
| Baptist Men: | \$50.00 |

God's Blessings Apr. 11, 2021

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| Budget Needs: | \$7,157.70 |
| Budget Receipt: | \$9,875.00 |
| Annie Armstrong: | \$25.00 |
| Baptist Men: | \$50.00 |
| In memory of Billy Beamer: | \$100.00 |
| In memory of Donald Luffman: | \$50.00 |

Service Times

Sunday

- 10:00 am - Family Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Worship Service

Wednesday

- 7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

Still want to listen from the safety of your car?

Join us at 99.3FM in our parking lot.

Dear Church Friends,

Our grandson Vincent Hanks has been on the prayer list every week for 20 years. Vincent has a rare gene mutation which has caused many issues: poor eyesight, mobility difficulties, digestive complications, inability to communicate and worst of all, many seizures every day. On April 7, Vincent had surgery to implant a Vegus nerve stimulator. This device is supposed to detect when a seizure is imminent, send a signal to the brain and stop the seizure. Please pray this device will be a success.

We thank you for your faithfulness in praying for Vincent in the past and ask that you continue to do so in the future.

In Christ,

Bill & Hilda Hanks

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Tri-C Donations for Apr: Canned Meat Offerings:

Help Needed: We will be putting down a new floor in the fellowship hall starting April 16. Anyone willing to help with this project would be greatly appreciated. Please see Jeff Walsh for more info.

New Member's Class: April 18 in Conference room during Sunday School time, 10:00. Pastor Ball will be the teacher.

Choir Practice: Has started up again. We welcome you on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.

Ark Meal for April 20: Melinda Cockerham

Fellowship Trip: There will be a church fellowship trip to YMCA Camp Harrison on Sunday, May 2. All attendees will leave directly following church, to enjoy a time of fishing, hiking, archery, ropes course, zip lining, and so forth from 1:00pm - 6:00pm. The cost is \$25 per person. See Sam Comer to sign up!

Operation Christmas Child: There's a special summer opportunity for volunteers to come and build shoeboxes this summer. Our church will be going to the Charlotte Processing Center to work on June 12 from 3-6pm. Volunteers must be 13 years of age or older. Please sign up in the vestibule, or see Kevin Calloway for more details

PRBC Events: Please let Dana know what is coming up at PRBC! Email deaston@myprbc.net or call the church office. Thank you!

The Ark Meals: We are not cooking the meals at the Ark, only taking carry out and leaving the food with them, so we still need to continue to sign up for meals. Please sign up in the vestibule. We take our meal on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. See Debbie Garner for details and inquires.

Lost & Found: There is a new Lost & Found box in the vestibule. Please come and retrieve some long-lost items or stick your found items in here.

PRBC Library: Did you know that we have a fully stocked library for both children and adults in the original PRBC building? Come see our books for your reading pleasure!

Blessing Box Supplies: The blessing box outside the church is being utilized a lot and PRBC is having a hard time keeping it full. Would you please consider donating non-perishable foods, canned foods, small personal care items. There is tote in the vestibule for your donations. Please contact Keely Tharpe for suggestions. and more information.

PRBC Credit Card Holders: Just a reminder that credit card receipts need to be into the office by the 23rd of each month. Thank you!

