



# The Next Step

I can't help wondering how the Pilgrims must have felt stepping onto the boat that would sail to the "New World". The excitement. The fear. The anxiety. They were leaving what they knew to go somewhere they had never been, to live their lives better. Just the term, New World, must have brought many different pictures to their minds. You can almost see them. Moms and dads, holding the hands of their children, waving to family on the shore. Did they have any idea that a great nation was just over the horizon. That we would lead the world into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond. Of course not. They just knew that the next step was going in the direction they felt God was leading. And that's really all they could see. And that's all WE really can see.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven." That is beyond us. That is going in a direction we have never been. We can't see "every activity under heaven." That's too much. It's too big. All we can see is the next step where God is leading us.

There have been some changes at NCC. For some of you, this isn't a first time in this "boat." For others of you (us) it is. But we are all walking where God is leading. And we are being led by the finest Christian men I know. The elders love and pray for you daily. They desire nothing more than God, and only He can love you more. The deacons are already putting things in order for the church, God's church, to remain on track. There are so many doing so much. The best days are ahead of us. That is for certain.

So maybe you have some anxiety about what the church will be. Perhaps that's more horizon than you can take in right now. I just want to invite you to follow me as we take just the next step to where God is leading. There will be a time when we will see what our activity has brought about. All God asks is to follow Him.

From My Heart,

*Billy*