

Wednesday Word 9/23/2026

Psalms 100:5 *“For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*

I took a prayer walk around the church property today. I spent some time in the beautiful memorial garden in the shadow of the cross and spent some time looking out at the back field. As I did, I tried to envision what that portion of our property could be used for to build the kingdom of God. I thought of a few different things, but what really settled in my mind was one simple question: “what do I want this church building to look like, and Living Word be in 22 years.”

(Why 22? I do not know but that is just what popped into my brain.)

The most successful organizations seem to thrive if they build generationally. If they build something with the full intent to release what they have built and pass it on.

The church I grew up in has grown quite a bit since my childhood and the pastor of the church today was one grade below me in the private school that the church operated and still does. The founding pastor could only build it to a certain level and then had to retire so he would not get in the way of the innovation that was needed to grow and expand the church.

The challenge I want us all to prayerfully consider when we think about the future of the church is: “Am I building for myself or am I building for the one who will come after me.” The hard part is that person coming behind me may not be here yet. That’s when faith comes in. Do I believe what I am building in the church will have someone present and available when it is my time to pass it along.

It is a very hard thing to give up what we have invested our lives, heart, and soul into but if we work and build with that intent, it will be the greatest joy when the time comes.

I want to see Living Word’s doors to remain open until Jesus returns and to do that, I need to prepare all I am doing to be passed on to someone else who may even do a better job than I could.

Let’s prayerfully consider these things this week!

I love you and God loves you!

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