

August 24, 2008

Dear Joel Team,

Thank you for being open to God as you prayed, studied and shared together over the past two months. You were given the task of working with the trustees over the summer to make the best use of the space we have now in preparation for increasing numbers of children, youth and adults in the Aug 08-May 09 school year. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, you have been able to follow the process of discernment and consensus in creating a plan that makes the best use of our current facility.

Some of you have taken copious notes so that all of our meetings would be recorded accurately. Many of you have spent sleepless nights in prayer and learning what it means to "maintain a holy indifference to the outcome..." or "humility...that God may have spoken through another person." One of you gave up meeting with all the others, so that you could spend the entire time in the prayer chapel. Many of you have been especially careful to speak the truth in love as you valued relationships over issues. Some of you were so grateful to learn that there are three levels of consensus. Some of you have fasted as you prayed. Some of you spent hours preparing the classrooms, replacing glass in doors, taking care of plumbing, moving educational materials, and moving furniture. All of you have been faithful in praying for God's will and claiming that we will have "nothing more, nothing less and nothing else than God's will."

And so I give God thanks for you in my prayers! What a blessing it is to serve our Lord with you on this Joel Team.

In Christ's Amazing Grace,

Pastor Naomi

### Summary of the "Best Use" Plan for 2008-09 School Year (see layout on the easel with room #'s.)

Classes for Christ Love Preschool will use Rooms 1, 2, 5 and 6 on the first floor.

Children's Ministry activities (children in nursery through Pre-K) will use rooms 1, 2, and 3 on the first floor. (Sunday School Classes: Nursery Rm#3, 2's Rm#2, 3-4's Rm#1, PreK Rm#1) (Sunday Worship: Nursery Rm#3, WeeWorship: 2-3's: Rm #2) (Wednesday Ministries: Nursery Infant-2yrs: Rm#3; 2's-3's: Rm#2)

Children's Ministry activities (children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will use rooms 11, 13, 14 and 15 on the second floor. (Sunday School Classes K-5th: 11, 13, 14 and 15). (Sunday Worship: Children's Church 4yrs-3rd: Rooms 15, 11 and 14) (Wednesday Ministries 4yrs-5th: 15 and 11)

Youth Ministry Sunday School and Wednesday night will use the Youth Room and Room #12 (former Library) on the second floor.

Adult Ministry Sunday School "Seekers" will use Room #5 on the first floor.

Sunday School "Mixed Blessings" will use Room #10 on the second floor.

Sunday School "New Class": Location TBA: (available: Rm #6, various nooks and crannies, yet to be envisioned places, etc.)

Wednesday Night Grace Group Location TBA: (available: Rm #5 or #6 on the first floor; or Rm #10, #13 or #14 on the second floor.)

Room #1 will need an accordion wall in order to divide it into two classes for Sunday School: 3's-4's on one side and PreK on the other.