

One for All, All for One

Romans 12:1-6

“One for all, and all for one” —*The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas.

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

—Romans 12:5 (NASB)

State of the Church address—Vision Update

▶ Where are we? ▶ Where do we need to go? ▶ What will we do?

1. Where are we?

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

—Romans 12:3

Momentum—We are ready to stop Paddling and begin Sailing.

- 2 ½ years on the other side of pastoral leadership transition
- Average Worship Attendance is up from 2006. 2007—246, 2006—236.
- Church giving is up from 2006. Good News, but not great
 - 2007 YTD is up \$31,000. Sunday morning offerings -\$5,000
 - Special gifts +\$15,000
 - Investment income +\$15,000.
- Visitors and New members
- Outreach events: HGHF, HS Conference
- Upgrades to building
- Ongoing and expanding Children’s ministry
- Youth Mission trips and retreats
- Renewed excitement and enthusiasm. **Momentum.**

Leaders goal: Create momentum rather than structure something that has no momentum.

Inertia/Drag at Oakland:

1. Nothing New—We’ve done that already
2. Looking Back—We remember the glory days, great history
3. Gifted Observers—Wait and see, sit back and watch

2. Where do we need to go?

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.—Romans 12:2

Better Questions—I'm really asking?

? Where do we need to go in order to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to our world?

? Where do we need to go in order to make passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ in our world: Johnstown, America, and ends of the earth?

- Structure and staff—structure momentum, staff where the Spirit leads.
- Expand Children ministries—church and neighborhood
- Outreach ministries into community
- Facilities for Youth and Outreach
- All hands on deck—creativity and service

3. What will we do?

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. —Romans 12:1

- Structure/staff—Leadership retreat before Easter 2008
- 40 Days of Community—after Easter 2008
- Architectural picture of possibilities for a multi-purpose ministry center. By Fall 2008.
- Expand exiting ministries: Children, Youth, Oakland Mission trip to Peru, Summer 2008.
- Release Oakland's creativity—All Hands on Deck, creativity of the body released and expressed, now until Jesus returns.

Challenge: **I** cannot do this.

The **Existing** leadership and staff cannot do this.

We need each and **Every One** of us.

Grab onto the rope!

Memory Verse:

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