

Report of the Lead Pastor for September 2021

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

October 12, 2021

Baptisms: none

Funerals: Blaine Hackett 9/11

Weddings: none

Focusing, Leadership, Planning, Executing

My sabbatical gave me a lot of time to think and focus energy and attention. I'm excited about the future and know we have to think on our feet but be committed to our vision for ministry. Foremost on my mind is how do we re-engage our congregation with our mission of worship, connection, and service.

I've encouraged staff to focus their attention on encouraging greater participation and engagement in the ministry we share. We have a great staff dedicated to their area of ministry. I am encouraging them to become team builders, sharing ministry, and encouraging leadership among the groups they work with.

The future is uncertain (still) but that should not stop us from imagining what the future might look like and putting into place the plans to prepare for that future. It's important for us as leaders to share our love of our congregation and get people excited about how they can make a positive impact in our community. I think our strategic goals should be focused and timely (shorter rather than longer).

The rubber will hit the road by getting more people involved in the life saving ministry of Jesus. Not just more activities but more involved as whatever level they feel God is calling them too.

Together we do more!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Jack Horner