CELEBRATING 25 YEARS TOGETHER

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:6-9 (NIV)

❖ We are Committed to GOD'S PURPOSES:

"For David served God's purposes in his own time..."

Acts 13:36a (TEV)

1. A commitment to the GREAT COMMISSION.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

A commitment to the GREAT COMMANDMENT.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

3. A commitment to our MISSION and VISION.

"To know God and be changed by Him in a way that will change the world."

Chets Mission Statement

"To be a church for the un-churched here and around the world."

Chets Vision Statement

- ➤ Key Truth: We are KNOWN by what we are COMMITTED to.
- ❖ We are Committed to GOD'S WORD:

All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

Psalm 119:160 (NIV)

1. We trust God's Word to LEAD and GUIDE us in all we do. Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

2. We <u>STUDY</u> God's Word to <u>PROTECT</u> us and give us our <u>WORLD VIEW</u>.

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11 (NLT)

3. We're <u>OBEDIENT</u> to God's Word as a <u>TESTIMONY</u> to His <u>POWER</u> in our lives. How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

Psalm 119:9 (NIV)

❖ We are Committed to GOD'S WILL:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

1. We BELIEVE this is GOD'S CHURCH so we must carry out His will.

"Upon on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

2. We DESIRE to know and do HIS WILL, HIS WAY.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

3. We <u>KNOW</u> that God's will is found in <u>JESUS</u>... He is our <u>LORD</u> and <u>LEADER</u>.

Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11 (MSG)

Closing Challenge:

Remember our 15-year goal to impact 8,000... 80,000... 800,000.

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

• Will we <u>REST</u> on our <u>LAURELS</u> or <u>STEP</u> out on <u>FAITH</u>?