

PASTOR RUDD'S 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Church Family,

This past year has had some wonderful moments, as well as, some not so wonderful moments. Some of you have had some very difficult things take place in your lives, such as losing jobs, reduced income, and in some cases, the death of a loved one. When those things take place they are not yours to carry alone, but the entire church body aches with you. Some of you have seen loved ones come to Christ, some have been sanctified, and there have been marriages that have celebrated the wonders of His grace. All of these things are normal and have taken place in this particular year, and I weep, as well as, celebrate with you.

We have done much of the normal kinds of ministry that we have committed ourselves to do here at Greeneville First Church of God. There have been some of you go on mission work camps, while others have given themselves to teaching classes and accomplishing different ministries. The Stewards have worked hard in this fiscal year to fulfill the ministry that God has allowed them to give leadership in this year. Our Administrative Staff has poured themselves into making sure that we have provided material at the highest possible level for your use and to reach our community. To all you who are participants in this, I want you to know that I appreciate you.

This year we introduced a new effort to help people grow in their faith for Christ and we called it Christian Learning For Christian Living or CL4CL. The pastoral staff developed 4 separate classes that had 12 lessons each that related to our Mission Statement. The four areas were Worship, Reaching, Growing, and Living. As of this time, we have had 110 people go through at least one class. Many of those folks have completed anywhere from 2-4 of the classes, and we are praying that we will continue to be able to use it to help others grow up in Jesus. One of the greatest challenges we have as a congregation is to develop men, women, and young people for Jesus. If we do that, then we will be able to say that we are moving in the direction that Jesus desires for us.

As of Sept. 11, 2012, I will have completed 11 full years as your pastor. It seems to that time is moving at an unprecedented rate of speed, and I am seeing my life race by without any way to slow things down. I ask you to pray for me that I will be able to fulfill the ministry that God has called me to do here in this congregation. I can honestly say that I am attempting to lead this congregation forward in Kingdom ministry. I realize that I do not always get everything right, or that I know exactly what should be done, so I know that it is vital that you pray that I hear the voice of God and know His direction. On August 18, 2012, the leadership of this congregation is meeting in an effort to determine some very clear direction so we can make sure we are hitting the bull's eye. Please pray that this time is filled with the presence of God's Spirit in our hearts and minds.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and help. Most of all, I want you to know that I am thankful for the Pastoral Staff, the Administrative Staff, the Stewards, and each of you. I also am thankful for my good wife who is an amazing woman that has stood with me in ministry. I can honestly say that it is not just my ministry, but our ministry. Of course, there is One who deserves all the praise and is Jesus who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor H. G. Rudd