



Capital News

Capital Campaign Committee

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Caring for God's House - Together



Season of Gratitude

We begin this edition of the News with reflections from Tony Morgan, which we came across and which seem to be so much in tune with our Season of Gratitude.

Tony is the Founder and Lead Strategist of The Unstuck Group. Started in 2009, The Unstuck Group has served 500 churches throughout the United States and several countries around the world.

Here is his perspective.

"This is what I know about myself...

When I'm serving other people, I'm worrying less about the challenges I'm facing in my life.

When I'm serving other people, I feel more connected to the Body of Christ and the mission God has given the church.

When I'm serving other people, I can't help but experience a sense of fulfillment that I'm making a difference in someone else's life.

When I'm serving other people, I pray more because I want people to experience God's love through me.

When I'm serving other people, it stretches my faith as I trust God to do what only he can do.

You can't put numbers on any of that. But, at least for me, I'm convinced that there's more to serving than the serving."

Tony Morgan

Now for our perspective.

At the Pentecost potluck, the beginning of the Season of Gratitude, the Capital Campaign committee put forward the following questions for all of us to ponder. On one level they are simple to answer. But on another level, they are thought provoking, and delve deep into our behavior and beliefs as Christians.

That's why Tony Morgan's thoughts about serving within the church felt like an appropriate article to publish at the same time. The Christian church is a collection of volunteers, of individuals offering service to each other, and creating a community which tries to follow the path that Jesus set out for us.

Each one of us is growing and changing over time.

- *How do you express gratitude? Say thank you often!*
- *How do you express thankfulness to your fellow congregants?*
- *In your mind what makes RRPC a community?*

- *Thinking about your church family, what are you grateful for?*
- *What activities of the church are you thankful for?*

- *How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in RRPC?*
- *How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life?*
- *How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of others?*

In Closing

Often when we sing a song, we may not focus on the message of the lyrics. Here is a portion of #301 "Let us Build a House" which could be the theme song of the Capital Campaign.

"Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands all reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live in the Word they've known. Here the outcast and

the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger; all are welcome in this place."

Ours is a church that's more than "wood and stone". We share it with a wide assortment of groups, and make it a shared sacred space.

***Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1
Thank you for your support!***

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