

## 2018 in Review- The Word made Flesh

### **January- Come and Feast**

#### Nehemiah 8:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." <sup>11</sup> So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved." <sup>12</sup> All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions and to celebrate a great festival, because they understood the words which had been made known to them.

#### Proverbs 15:15

<sup>15</sup> All the days of the afflicted are bad, But a cheerful heart *has* a continual feast.

#### Psalm 103:2

<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits

In 2018, our church grew by 9 families in October, joining in membership!

### **June- Destroying Strongholds**

#### 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,<sup>4</sup> for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. <sup>5</sup> *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

### **June- Victims to Victors- Reid**

What have you made your refuge?  
How long have you been like this?  
Do you want to be free?

We engaged in a fast as a church for the express purpose of seeing strongholds broken.  
The Lord honored that fast and began to work in many people's lives.

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#### Matthew 5:29-30

<sup>29</sup> If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

#### Romans 15:30

<sup>30</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me

#### Ephesians 6:13

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

### **November- Men's Summit**

We addressed strongholds that are common to man, and LBC men took a big step forward in walking uprightly, and rising to the challenges we face daily.

### **December- The Fight is in our Feet**

Peace is often only achieved after passing through an intense struggle.

#### **Ephesians 6:15**

<sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

#### **Joshua 10:24**

<sup>24</sup> When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." So they came near and put their feet on their necks.

The Gospel of Peace puts the church's feet on the neck of the powers of darkness in the authority of Jesus Christ.

Hear Jesus calling: Come near! Put your feet on the necks of your enemies, church! Preach the word, pray, and I will be victorious!

#### **Psalms 20:5**

<sup>5</sup> We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

2019 looks to be a year in which we solidify our structural foundations, and really begin to grow in prayer, worship, and, yes, even spiritual warfare.

It means training in righteousness- our bodies, minds, and spirits brought into subjection to Christ.

"The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war"

-Norman Schwarzkopf

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#### **Matthew 16:18**

<sup>18</sup> I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.