



Thank you so much for your faithful financial support! Your giving is making a difference in the ministries of SBPC and the lives of the people we serve. Here's an update for September 2013 on Generations Campaign and the Annual Budget:

### Generations Campaign

- \$10.4 Million has been committed through pledges and cash gifts from 85% of our congregation, or 675 "giving units," since 2010.
- \$7.9 Million has been received in cash and fulfilled pledges, which allowed us to postpone drawing on our construction line of credit (LOC) from March 2013 to September.
- Since we are beginning to draw on the LOC, cash gifts and fulfilling pledges sooner help reduce financing costs.
- Memorial Gifts for the Chapel Stained Glass, Chapel Furnishings, Children's Playground and Plaza Fountain are being received in cash and one year pledges by December 31, 2013.

### Annual Budget

- \$3.35 million budget for ministry year 2014 was approved by the Session in June for Ministry Year 2014 (July-June)
- \$438,000 was received in June to meet the 2013 annual budget!
- \$112,000 is the amount we are trending down from June to September.
- 22% of our annual budget and designated giving goes beyond us to mission in the community and around the world.

If you have questions about giving stocks or other assets, or about your Record of Contributions please contact me at paul@solanapres.org.

- Worship Through Song and Prayer
- Announcements and Offering
- Message
- Closing Song and Communion
- Benediction

**Today's Songs:** *Come Thou Fount*, Traditional Hymn // *Hosanna*, Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown // *Everlasting God*, Brenton Brown and Ken Riley // *Heart of Worship*, Matt Redman // *In Christ Alone*, Stuart Townend

**Leading in Worship:** Jordan Frye\*, Guest Worship Leader // Tom Theriault, Pastor of Mission and Outreach // Barry Moller, Pastor of Care and Counseling // Mike McClenahan, Senior Pastor

**Children in Worship:** We welcome children to worship with us. Partway through the service, children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be blessed and dismissed to hear teaching tailored for them.

**\*We welcome Jordan Frye to our worship services this morning.** Jordan writes and tours under the name "Urban Rescue" and has opened for other acts including Phil Wickham, The Myriad, and Tyrone Wells. The new Urban Rescue CD, *Listen Empty*, is available today after each service. "This record is my own relationship with God set to music. I can only write what my own relationship with God is like. I just keep trying to find the words I long to hear in church—words of honesty, vulnerability, even doubt." —Jordan Frye

### Today's Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9, 16

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup> I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup> Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. <sup>5</sup> No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup> "Be 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. <sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."... <sup>16</sup> Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go."

Small Group Questions–Week of November 3, 2013  
**THE STORY–Chapter 7: The Battle Begins**

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**CONNECT—getting to know one another**

- If you had the chance to make a “farewell address” what would you most want to say?

**SHARING OUR STORIES – see handout for helpful guidelines on website**

Listen as one person shares their story using questions from the handout. When finished affirm and encourage the person with what you hear about God's faithfulness. Pray for the person.

**DISCUSS—to review this week's Scripture, read through the passages in the outline aloud.**

- What do you appreciate most in the reading or message from the book of Joshua?
- How does this passage redefine being strong and courageous? Being prosperous and successful? Our battles and identifying with God?
- What did Rahab know about God? How did she know? What did that change for her?
- How does the reading of the law help the Israelites look back and remember what God has done in the past? How does it help them realign to God's purposes and believe God for the future? How has reading *The Story* this fall helped you remember and believe?
- Read Joshua 24:14-33. How many times is “serve” used? What do you make of its repetition? How does what we “choose to serve” define us?
- Why do you think Joshua needed to be encouraged or reassured so many times?
- How does sharing our stories encourage or reassure you regarding God's faithfulness? How does it empower us to be strong, courageous, prosperous, and successful as the people of God?

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—those things we do alone and together to connect with God**

Lectio Divina is the practice of listening and meditating on God's Word, seeking to let it soak deep into your soul. As you encounter God, listen for his particular, loving word to you at this particular moment in time. Pause after each reading for 2-3 minutes.

**Prayer:** Take a moment of silence. Put yourself in God's presence. Open yourself to God.

**Reader #1:** Read Joshua 1:1-9, 16 aloud (printed in bulletin). Circle or underline the word or phrase that stands out to you.

**Share:** Ask everyone to simply state the word or phrase you circled without saying why.

**Reader #2:** Reread the passage. Listen again for a word or phrase that stands out (the same or a new one). Take a moment to reflect and record why these words are meaningful to you.

**Reader #3:** Reread the passage. Imagine God is saying to you the words you selected right now. Write down what you would want to say to God in response.

**Group:** Share something about your experience or any insights you received.

**PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

Pray for one another: Allow the word or phrase you found in the spiritual practice shape your prayer and desire for prayer. Continue to reflect on this throughout the week. Close in prayer.

**Benediction:** Going around the circle, ask each person to say to the next, “(name) be strong and courageous for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

How to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Be people of the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*As I was with Moses, so I will be with you;*

Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.” **Joshua 3:9–13**

2. **Be people of the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips;*

There, in the presence of the Israelites, Joshua wrote on stones a copy of the law of Moses. ...Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law—the blessings and the curses—just as it is written in the Book of the Law. **Joshua 8:32–35**

3. **Be people who \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**  
*...the Lord your God...*

And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed. **Joshua 5:8**

So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war. **Joshua 11:23**

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered ... “We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.” **Joshua 24:15–18**

*All Scripture is New International Version*