

Personal Life

- In my ninth year here (third longest tenure for a pastor at First Church)
- Desiree will turn 17 this December - A Junior in High School

Signs of Vitality and Life:

Bible Study

- 2 Bible Studies: Tuesday Morning Pastor's Study on the Lectionary
- Wednesday Morning: Women's Study at Donna Ecker's Home
- New Study Coming: Topical study in various books and subject beginning in January.

Children's and Youth Ministry

- New Curriculum being used (Cokesbury) in children's classes - going over very well
- Three years of great VBS sessions at the Ecker's home (with a pool!)

Fellowship

- Increased number of fellowship dinners, including our fundraiser in October (over \$1,200 raised) and our Thanksgiving Dinner earlier this month
- Reel Faith and Family Film Night at the church monthly to bi-monthly
- A regular young adult dinner and fellowship night (quarterly we hope)

Music

- The dedication of our Music Director Merry Sands
- Rob's dedication to the Modern Worship Service and the two-man worship band
- Annual Christmas and/or Easter Cantatas
- Alleluia Ringers

Other Joys

- Our Relationship with The Lincoln Center
- Our Relationship with Thessalonica
- Increasing our giving to the Annual Conference Apportionment - Next year we will pay 100% of our World Service Fund Apportionment for the first time in several years!

Areas of Concern and Things to Do

- The need to increase both attendance and giving at both of our worship services
- The development of new leadership in the church from among our active young adults
- Develop more programs for giving to the church (wills, direct deposit, etc. . .)
- Completion of a new Covenant of Understanding