



“On the Edge”

September 29th, 2008

“But Lord, I enter Your house by the abundance of Your faithful love; I bow down toward Your holy temple in reverential awe of You.”

Psalm 5:7

I stand in awe of our majestic God of all blessings! Just to think that this week we celebrate four years together as River's Edge Church gives me such thanksgiving unto the Lord! I cannot put into words what these last 4 years have meant to me and my family. We have been showered in the grace of God by this wonderful fellowship of Christians, by each one of you! The church has grown together in love and compassion for a world who needs Jesus. We have seen families come to Christ and children make their first steps of faith. We have experienced international missions in Guatemala and backyard missions right around the corner. God has given us the privilege to partner with Mosaic Christian Fellowship who is about to step out into their personal ministry for the Lord and we will pray for them and walk with them as they move into their new building space in October 2008. We have seen lives transformed by the eternal gospel and all we can do is “bow down toward His holy temple in reverential awe of Him!” Let me say “Hallelujah,” for each one of you! I could never have imagined four years ago that serving the Lord with committed believers would be this joyful and satisfying. I am so excited about what is on the horizon for the church family. Jesus has only just begun to make us into what He intends for us to be. Let's do everything we can to listen and follow our Good Shepherd!

We will celebrate our 4 year anniversary this Sunday, October 5th during the Morning Bible Study and Worship times. This will include some terrific music led by our Praise Team, a video presentation, testimonies and a message of vision for our future. Following the worship service, we will have a barbeque and burger lunch together and then go to Sugar Hill Elementary School to have an afternoon of recreation and a softball game. So bring your lawn chairs, softball clothes and equipment for a terrific fellowship time. Please notice the sign up page in the welcome area to indicate what you can bring to make the meal complete on Sunday. For more information concerning the meal, please contact Martha Welch or Sharon Nowak. Take this opportunity to invite friends who may be prospects for the church family. They can hear about where we came from and the amazing ways that the Lord can work in their lives! It will be a great day to thank the Lord for what He has done in us!

I want to take a moment to thank Michael Tacker and Al Davis for putting together the Answers Academy Discipleship ministry over the course of these last six months. These guys really

prepared and provided a great service to the church family. The Answers Academy material is just excellent and is still available for you to check out from our church media area. This discipleship ministry has great potential for the future apologetics work we will be involved in as a church. Look for more announcements about the next phase of this ministry at River's Edge.

Awana has started well for 2008! Thank you, Commander Doug and all our Awana leaders for doing such a wonderful job among our children. God is blessing your efforts and many folks will be added to the Kingdom because you cared!

Please pray for our Guatemala Mission Team as they prepare to leave on Saturday, October 18th. The team is made up of 11 people with primary goals of helping in English classes, building a security wall, preaching, encouraging missionary families and sponsoring children in Guatemala City. Please pray specifically for the Hastings and Hodges who are the missionary families we will be visiting, for divine guidance as we teach and testify, and for the safety of the team as we travel and while we are in Guatemala. God is doing a great work through AMG ministries and we are thrilled to join them in the work for this special week. Thank you for the great financial support to prepare this team to minister in Christ's name and to represent River's Edge!

Our Praise Team will be leading the music in revival services at Colonial Woods Baptist Church on Sunday, October 12th at 6:00 pm. Colonial Woods is located on Lester Road in Lawrenceville. You are invited to attend this service and support the team as they minister for the first time away from our building. It will be a great night!

Finally, let me urge you to be faithful in prayer as we look at the future of moving into the entire building on Brogdon Exchange. God is preparing the way and we want to be totally ready to answer His call when the time is right. This means we must continue to prepare spiritually and financially to move forward as the Holy Spirit leads us. Consistent and Ready – keep these words in your thoughts and prayers for the future!

I cannot wait until Sunday – we have so much to praise the Lord for and to celebrate!

I love you all!

Pastor Stephen

PS: We welcome Mrs. Mary Young as our newest church member!