

## **WHO ARE WE**

(29th Anniversary)

### **LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD**

- A. The benefits of looking back
  - 1. Easier to look back and see God's hand
  - 2. Looking back helps us to be grateful
  - 3. Looking back helps us to realign with our foundational truths
- B. More than a name **(Hebrews 11:7 NKJV)**
  - 1. The Ark revealed the way it would be built - by faith
  - 2. An overarching theme - a place for the saving of households

### **OUR FIRST BIBLE EXAMPLE (John 8:1-12 NKJV)**

- A. A trap was set for Jesus
  - 1. They interrupted His teaching - no respect for Him
  - 2. They thought they had Him - if He agreed with the Pharisees, He was just like them
- B. Jesus did not respond to their pressure
  - 1. His motive and purpose was to do the will of His Father
  - 2. He did not need man's approval
- C. Jesus offered hope, not condemnation
  - 1. He did not condemn the hypocritical Pharisees
  - 2. He could have thrown a stone at the woman - and did not
  - 3. He followed this example by declaring Himself to be the light of the world

### **FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE WHAT WE ASPIRE TO BE AS A CHURCH**

- A. A place where people can learn about God and His Kingdom
  - 1. A big part of Jesus' ministry was teaching and preaching
  - 2. A foundational verse **(2 Corinthians 13:14 NKJV)**
- B. A place that is non-responsive to the world's pressure
  - 1. The world's system that does not acknowledge God - does not dictate to us
  - 2. Our heart is to please God **(1 Thessalonians 2:4 NLT)**
  - 3. Our goal is to follow the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit
- C. A place that offers hope, not condemnation, to our world **(John 3:17 NKJV)**
  - 1. There is hope in Jesus
  - 2. We believe in living right, living God's way