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**For He Himself is our
peace
who has made the two
one and has
destroyed the
barrier, the dividing
wall of hostility.**

(Ephesians 2:14)

Dear Family of Christ,

December 2011

This Christmas season we ponder the incredible blessings that we have in Jesus. We celebrate the fact that God, the creator of all things, would come into this world wrapped in flesh and blood and become one of us. The familiar carols of Christmas touch our hearts and remind us of the incredible blessings we share. Christmas shows us in real terms of Jesus' birth and life, death and resurrection, knocking down everything that separates us from God. Paul explains this with great power in Romans 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Everything that could separate us from God has been taken care of in His Son Jesus Christ.

The past few weeks we have also focused as a church upon the walls that need to be taken down to live by faith. These walls have included: failure; cynicism; racism; fear, and complacency. One present day challenge that we have been focusing on is taking down the wall in the sanctuary to enable future growth in the Church and the School, as well as having greater seating capacity in the Sanctuary.

In the short 12 year history of Family of Christ it seems we have always been building. Look how far we've come:

- 1999 First Building present Child Development Center & Cafeteria
- 2001 Building # 2, Present Day VPK classes
- 2003 Education wing for the Church
- 2005 Present Church construction started
- 2006 December Church Opened
- 2007 Dedicated January 2007
- 2007 Portable behind Building 2
- 2008 Soccer Field
- 2009 Garage and Outdoor bathrooms

"A Time to Tear Down and a Time to Build" Ecclesiastes 3:3

In order to accommodate this expansion we need to provide a new place for the language arts classes that currently meet in the room adjacent to the Sanctuary. In this brochure you will see the proposed plans for an eight classroom building that will house 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades. Several of the specials classes will also be moved into this new building. It will be, more or less, an 8000 square foot building. The new building will enable us to remove the portable from our campus and create additional conference and office space within the church. Additionally, it will enable us to have a much needed room fully dedicated to youth ministry.

There are special times when a perfect symmetry develops within a church. This new expansion will enable further growth and development of the Church, while also benefiting one of our primary missions - our Elementary and Middle School. At our Voters meeting on October 9th, the congregation approved this building, pending the raising of \$500,000 in gifts and pledges for the year 2012. We expect the building to cost about \$600,000, with additional costs for re-carpeting the church and some other required needs. Therefore, we have set a goal of \$650,000. As soon as we raise \$500,000, we will proceed with this project. This is ambitious, but it is in many ways normal for the steps of faith we have always taken here at Family of Christ.

This time of year we begin to understand Jesus when he said "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). We are blessed because of the incredible ways that we can live knowing God, as a child, as one of us. Jesus' call is to share His blessings with the next generation and every single person. This expansion will make that calling more possible. I would like to challenge every single one of us to pray over this building and to give as much as one is able in this year and the next.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor David Haara

In grateful dedication to continuing the various ministries of Family of Christ I pledge to:

Pray for Family of Christ and all of its ministries _____

Give to the Tear Down the Wall Campaign in 2012 _____

Give to the Tear Down the Wall Campaign in 2013 _____

Signed _____ Date: _____