

**It all started with a dream...story of Faith Journey Church...a church that was willing to do things a little different.**

1. To help lead people to discover and experience the transforming adventure of life in Christ!
2. A church that cares about getting involved in the community by taking Christ back into the marketplace!
3. A church where people could praise and worship God freely.
4. A place where people who had once attended church somewhere or once had a relationship with God could come back and reconnect with our Lord and His body.

5. Where prayer, repentance, confession, accountability and healing were practiced.
6. Where deep meaningful friendships could be developed.
7. A church that was fun!

# **Solomon starts a new church...builds the Temple of the Lord**

**12** Then Solomon offered Whole-Burnt-Offerings to God on the Altar of God that he had built in front of The Temple porch.

**13** He kept to the regular schedule of worship set down by Moses: Sabbaths, New Moons, and the three annual feasts of Unraised Bread (Passover), Weeks (Pentecost), and Booths.

**14** He followed the practice of his father David in setting up groups of priests carrying out the work of worship, with the Levites assigned to lead the sacred music for praising God and to assist the priests in the daily worship; he assigned security guards to be on duty at each gate—that's what David the man of God had ordered. **15** The king's directions to the priests and Levites and financial stewards were kept right down to the fine print—no innovations—including the treasuries. **16** All that Solomon set out to do, from the groundbreaking of The Temple of God to its finish, was now complete. 2 Chron 8:12-16 (MSG)

**Hezekiah years later restarting the church to bring people back to God!**

**11** My dear Levites, do not neglect your duties any longer! The LORD has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to him, and to lead the people in worship and make offerings to him." 2 Chron 29:11 (NLT)

Hezekiah prayed for these as follows: "May God who is all good, pardon and forgive  
**19** everyone who sincerely desires God, the God of our ancestors. Even—especially!—these who do not meet the literal conditions stated for access to The Temple."

**20** God responded to Hezekiah's prayer and healed the people. **21** All the Israelites present in Jerusalem celebrated the Passover (Feast of Unraised Bread) for seven days, celebrated exuberantly. The Levites and priests praised God day after day, filling the air with praise sounds of percussion and brass. **22** Hezekiah commended the Levites for the superb way in which they had led the people in the worship of God. When the feast and festival—that glorious seven days of worship, the making of offerings, and the praising of God, the God of their ancestors—were over, the tables cleared and the floors swept, **23** they all decided to keep going for another seven days! So they just kept on celebrating, and as joyfully as they began.

**24** Hezekiah king of Judah gave 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep for the congregation's worship; the officials gave an additional 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep. And there turned out to be plenty of consecrated priests—qualified and well-prepared.

**25** The whole congregation of Judah, the priests and Levites, the congregation that came in from Israel, and the resident aliens from both Israel and Judah, were all in on the joyous celebration.

**26** Jerusalem was bursting with joy—nothing like this had taken place in Jerusalem since Solomon son of David king of Israel had built and dedicated The Temple.

**27** The priests and Levites had the last word: they stood and blessed the people. And God listened, listened as the ascending sound of their prayers entered his holy heaven. 2 Chron 30:18-27 (MSG)

## Chapter 16 1 Chron 16:1-12 (NLT)

**1** So they brought the Ark of God into the special tent David had prepared for it, and they sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. **2** When he had finished, David blessed the people in the name of the LORD. **3** Then he gave a gift of food to every man and woman in Israel: a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins.

4 David appointed the following Levites to lead the people in worship before the Ark of the LORD by asking for his blessings and giving thanks and praise to the LORD, the God of Israel. 5 Asaph, the leader of this group, sounded the cymbals. His assistants were Zechariah (the second), then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel. They played the harps and lyres. 6 The priests, Benaiah and Jahaziel, played the trumpets regularly before the Ark of God's covenant.

## David's Song of Praise

**7** That day David gave to Asaph and his fellow Levites this song of thanksgiving to the LORD:

**8** Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.

**9** Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his miracles.

**10** Exult in his holy name; O worshipers of the LORD, rejoice!

**11** Search for the LORD and for his strength, and keep on searching.

**12** Think of the wonderful works he has done, the miracles, and the judgments he handed down,