

PREPARING FOR THE COMING MOVE... OF GOD!

Dear Friends,

I believe that we are in a season of advancement and acceleration for HIS KINGDOM.

This is *totally* not a time for Business as usual.

This is the day of **Revelation 2:17** – “*Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.*”

And this is the day of **2 Chronicles 16:9**, “*The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*”

So, we have been listening to the Spirit, and we have been walking with a Family of committed followers of Christ—and we are getting ready for what is next—**A MOVE.**

A greater move of the Holy Spirit!!

And YES—a physical move....

All of us at some point in our lives have packed up the boxes, held a yard sale and moved to a new home. Sometimes it’s because the old home had grown too small, or the kids have moved away, and it’s just too large. Sometimes it was due to a transfer, or a financial situation. Sometimes, well, it was just TIME.

So, Family finds itself moving AND WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE POSSIBILITIES.

In fact, we stand on and believe in the INFINITE PROMISES OF OUR FATHER.

Because you are friends and many of you have been to Family multiple times over the years, we want to share our excitement and our challenges with you.

First, we want to provide you with a bit of history of this fellowship in order to assure you of our financial integrity and commitment to this community.

Richard and Lindy Oliver have served as Senior Pastors of Family Christian Center for over 19 years, and continue to have the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in them for Jesus and His Kingdom. All of their current pastoral team has been with them on staff for eight years or longer. They have a healthy and ON FIRE commitment to the vision of this church Family, to this REGION AND STATE AND TO FANNING REVIVAL across the nation and around the world.

OUR CURRENT PROPERTY SITUATION

Over ten years ago, we began the process of building a new sanctuary to accommodate our church growth and desire to have a resource facility for Kingdom directed fellowships in this region. In addition to the building, a high number of mandated county utility improvements increased our anticipated expense. Along with healthy building fund giving, we were able to finance the building and improvements through a Church Bond program.

While the bond payments were high and the operating costs to maintain this property were challenging, by God's great grace, we have been able to pay our bills and stay on this property. 2008 was particularly difficult.

We were aware that in September 2009, there would be a balloon payment due on our Bonds, but had been told that we would be able to refinance the bond program. Four to ten years ago, our 11 acres and buildings were valued from 6 – 8 million dollars. Sadly to say, as with many buildings and homes at this time, the value of our property has plummeted to less than half that amount.

Now the Bond Balloon payment is due. We find ourselves unable to get our bonds restructured or refinanced. In this time of economic crises, with states, cities, school systems, and large company's going under financially, it really is no wonder.

No one will lend us the \$5.6 million to pay off our bonds with the debt larger than the property value. The debt of these bonds cannot be reduced because bonds are under different federal laws than bank loans and the bond debt cannot be restructured or lowered.

Our Church Family has walked faithfully with us through this Bond Program these past ten years. With thanksgiving, we have rejoiced over the *miraculous* hand of God in providing for our monthly bond payments. We have openly shared our current financial circumstance, and **we are all in agreement, while these buildings and property have served us well, it is time to make a move.**

RELOCATION AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY

With that decision to relocate, the **excitement and anticipation** has grown within our Church Family. We have **great vision** for what the Lord has for us next.

We are committed to continuing to offer ministries that will resource and strengthen our region including conferences, retreats, The River City School of Supernatural ministry, and Club Retro youth outreach. We are even more committed to REVIVAL AND SEEING THE RIVER OF THE LORD flow across this country and around the world.

Rich & Lindy Oliver, along with Matt & Siobhan Oliver and all the team are totally committed to Family; to Sacramento, to our Region and all the states we are connected with, to Revival and to YOU!

We may be moving—BUT WE ARE NOT LEAVING—we are taking new Ground.

Our church family has grown spiritually, numerically and financially over the past several years. We are in a better place financially than we have been in a long time—**all our bills are paid or are current**. Our giving is strong and our folks are supportive!

We pray for God's blessing and provision for people in our fellowship and each week we hear of new employment, mortgages restructured and favor in the community.

FAMILY CHRISTIAN CENTER is Becoming THE FAMILY CHURCH

Because of the foreclosure on our existing property, at the recommendation of our attorney, we have created another 501c3 non-profit church, *The Family Church of Sacramento*.

Right now, *Family Christian Center* is becoming *The Family Church of Sacramento*.

Either name truly reflects the atmosphere of our servicers and vision of our church fellowship—FAMILY and you are a part of that happy group.

We have received offerings of over \$90,000 to go towards this relocation with its **tenant improvements**. Great, but this is just the beginning!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We must raise or borrow a **total of \$500,000** to complete the build outs (Tenet improvements) at our new location.

This is a very lean budget and using as much donated labor and contractors as possible.

We are by faith expecting more gifts from both within our church family, and **from the many other people and churches we are in relationship with to help us financially make this move. We are full of faith in God!**

We are asking you to consider and pray about helping us with this move.

WE NEED JUST 100 FRIENDS TO GIVE \$1000 toward our relocation move.

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If you are a Senior Pastor, and are in relationship with Rich & Lindy and Family, would you consider taking a onetime offering for us, to go 100% toward this move and the tenet improvements we must make? Please e-mail Pastor Rich of your willingness to help in this area, his e-mail is Riverrgo@msn.com

TO ASSIST YOU IN GIVING

You will find on our Web site, www.riverlife.net a secured site to make a donation of one of

the amounts listed above or any amount you can give.
You can give by credit card, check (*The Family Church*) or cash.

We really need this to come in over the next 60 days—and we believe for many friends to help us with this.

You will SOON see on our web site and on our Face Book site, the announcement of our new location and pictures of the site as it is now, and as improvements are being made. We will also make sure you receive an invitation to our DAY OF CELEBRATION when we move into the new home—PARTY TIME.

Also on our site, you will find a video message from Pastor Rich regarding all of these exciting challenges.

Thousands have been on our campus since Revival broke out in 1996—we only need a few hundred to help us relocate and continue the work we have been called to.

If I can answer any questions you might have regarding The Family Church and our desire to move forward in FAITH, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kathryn Kuhlman said, "The only limit to the power of God lies within the individual...it is when active faith dares to believe God to the point of action that something has to happen"

We believe this is the time for active faith...join us, help us and please keep us washed in your prayers and friendship.

Flowing in the River of Revival and loving it,

Richard and Lindy Oliver
Senior Pastors
Family Christian Center
And The Family Church