

## ***A New Pen for the Sheep Shed!***

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### ***Acts 4:31***

***“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.”***

#### **Four elements of Acts 4:31**

1. Prayer to the Sovereign Lord
2. Place where they met
3. Presence of the Holy Spirit
4. Power to boldly speak the Word of God

#### **The History of WPCC “Sheep Sheds”:**

- 1988 – Met in the Episcopal Church in Winter Park
- 1993 – Moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Cooper Creek Square
- 1997 – WPCC purchased 35 acres
- 2000 – Building of the new facility was started
- 2003 – New Facility was completed
- 2007 – Atrium was added
- ❖ WPCC has a “No Debt” policy for any purchases that are made.

#### **A New Pen for the Sheep Shed is needed!**

- ❖ We will not have pledge drives, thermometers, or continuing calls for more giving.
- ❖ We Pray! We Trust God! We Grow in our Commitment to Jesus and to His work!

#### **We must understand that everything belongs to God!**

*1 Chronicles 29:11-13 “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name.”*

📖 Exodus 35:4-36:7

*f* God uses the resources available to His people to accomplish His work!

#### **Tithing *Malachi 3:7-12***

- ❖ Tithing was established before the Law!  
*Genesis 14:20 “... And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.”*  
*Genesis 28:22 “... And of all that You give me I will give a full tenth to You.”*
- ❖ The Levites had no Inheritance – they were provided for by the tithes of the people. *Deuteronomy 14:28-29*
- ❖ A storehouse is a place where you are fed.
- ❖ The full tithe is 10%.
- ❖ Remember the promise of God’s blessing!

### **Giving 2 Corinthians 9:5-15**

- ❖ A willing gift is not an exaction. (*verse 5*)
- ❖ A cheerful giver is not reluctant or under compulsion. (*verse 7*)
- ❖ Generosity is a key attitude in giving. (*verse 6*)
- ❖ Giving provides for the needs of the saints. (*verse 12*)
- ❖ Giving produces thanksgiving to God! (*verse 11*)

### **Attitude 1 Timothy 6:17-19**

- ❖ Don't be haughty
- ❖ Don't set hope on the uncertainty of riches
- ❖ Set hope on God who richly provides us with everything to enjoy!
- ❖ Be rich in good deeds
- ❖ Be generous and ready to share
- ❖ Take hold of that which is truly life!

***“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.”***

*f* We pray to our Sovereign Lord ...

*f* We thank God for the place He has provided for us to meet ...

*f* We can experience the presence of God's Holy Spirit ...

*f* We receive power to boldly speak the Word of God!

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