From the Pastor’s desk:

Dear church family and friends,

Thank you for making worship a priority for you and your family as you prepare to celebrate the coming of the new year, 2023. This is when we take a look back and a look ahead at the year that was and the year that is to come. Looking back, we see a world of sin, despair and a struggle in our lives to do what is right, and to love God and our neighbor. But, we also see the grace of God in our lives and in the world, bringing comfort in the middle of the storms of life, and strength to press on when the going gets rough. We see God at work in our lives and the world to make things look more like they should, undoing the Curse and bringing the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth. Looking back we see God at work in a world that is desperate for redemption, forgiveness and peace. But looking ahead...Looking ahead, what do you see? The book of James is careful to warn us that we should be careful in estimating our ability to predict the future. Truth be told, we do not know what lies ahead for us in 2023, or even with what remains of 2022 as I'm writing to you. But does it matter? If what we believe about God is true, does it matter that the future remains a hazy enigma of possibilities and the fearful unknown? It does not. We know how it ends: Christ returns, raises the dead and gives everlasting life to those who are his. And we know that he has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we might walk in faith and not according to the flesh all the days of our pilgrimage as we wait for his return. And so we rejoice for another year of faith, service and praise God for his promised presence and forgiveness in the year to come!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Miguel