

Making Life Better

with **Jesus**, in **Community**, on **Purpose**

a weekly email from **Pastor Lynn**

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Greetings –

This Sunday I'll continue a three-part sermon series on **Building on a Foundation That Lasts.**

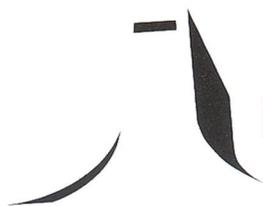
Last Sunday I mentioned that many products today are designed *not to last*. That's called **Planned Obsolescence**. As we begin 2017 let's concentrate on *what IS known to last*. This Sunday, we'll unpack some great verses on the *enduring* quality of **HOPE**. Emil Brunner said – "*What oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope to the meaning of life.*" We all encounter discouragement and despair. Biblical Hope is much more than wishful thinking. It is a tenacious conviction that keeps us going. Join me.

Last Sunday our special offering for Christian World Service's **Blanket Sunday** totaled **\$752**. Perhaps more will be given this Sunday. For families facing homelessness, recovering from disaster, or fleeing conflict, your extra gift really makes a difference.

I've recently encountered individuals who expressed a **disconnect** when regarding the relational life of FCC. I'm reminded of the Scripture in which King David felt the same. His journey was a microcosm of many others. Despite his achievements and popularity, he wrote, "I looked for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me." **Psalm 142:4 (NLT)**

My point – any of us, all of us at certain times, wonder if we're thought of, if someone else will journey with us. Folks, that is what our Community of Faith is about. We're here to celebrate and overcome and continue life's journey – **together**. Let's pay attention to each other. Let's greet and listen to each other. Let's *do unto others as we would have them do to us!*

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