

IT'S NOT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, BUT WHAT LIES AHEAD THAT IS IMPORTANT TODAY

Philippians 3:12-16

Introduction: This church has a rich history as you have just heard about. It is wonderful to go back through time and relive some of those wonderful moments. However, we cannot go back to the past nor can we keep ourselves in the past. This church must continue to follow God's will until He calls us home.

Paul gave us some advice in his letter to the Philippians.

1. We have not obtained all God has for us, there is still much more to come.
2. We have not completed God's assignment, our calling, our responsibilities to God.
3. We cannot stop, we must keep on moving steadily in the direction God dictates.
4. Jesus Christ is the reason to keep on going.
5. If we think we have fulfilled God's calling for this church, we are deceiving ourselves.
6. We must not keep looking back. For looking back is sure to end in standing still or even worse, going back. (remember Lot's wife?)
7. The Bible is our judge as to whether we are progressing, moving on ahead, standing still or going backwards.
8. There is big contrast between what we really are and what God wants us to be.
9. Our eyes must reach out first (see what we are to do) and then the rest of our body catches up.
10. The call from Heaven is enough to keep us going. If we keep Heaven before us, we will not miss a step.
11. Let us not have too high an opinion of ourselves as to our progress for the Lord.

12. Overconfidence in ourselves leads to carelessness in walking after God's will.
13. Only until we have done what God has assigned us to do will He reveal more of His will for us.
14. Let this church not rest on the past, but let us keep on moving ahead, following God's will until He calls us all home.