



**FISHHAWK**  
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

**2010 State of the Church**  
**Ephesians 5:15-16 ~ Pastor David Whitten**  
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-  connect
-  commit
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**Introduction:**

The word *“careful”* in Ephesians 5:15 carries the idea of **PRECISION** and **ACCURACY** and a more correct translation of that verse is, *“See that you walk carefully, with exactness.”*

**5 Things to Pray for Over the Next 21 Days and Beyond:**

1. Pray for our Children’s Search Team and for an Interim to rise up and take leadership of this ministry.
2. Pray for a multitude of volunteers to step up and serve in every aspect of our Children’s and Student Ministry.
3. Pray for the Unity of our church.
4. Pray for our staff and especially your Pastor in the days to come.
5. Ask God to give you a passionate love for Jesus Christ and a heart for the people the ministries of FishHawk Fellowship.

**Important Facts and Information Regarding 2009:**

- **Constructed a 24-hour prayer and ministry room in September.**
- **58 people were obedient to Christ’s command to follow up their salvation decision with believer’s baptism** (in 2009 over 13,000 SBC churches did not baptize a single person).
- **In 2009 FFC gave a record \$228,000+ to local and global mission efforts.**
- **595 first time guests walked through the doors of FFC** (an average of 11 families per week).

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**Sermon Notes (continued)**

- 69 families committed to membership with countless others calling FFC their church home.
- There are an estimated 400,000 churches in America. 9 out of 10 of these churches are declining or have plateaued in their worship attendance. In 2009, God blessed FFC with a 17% increase in worship attendance (approximately 1,000 per week).
- In our first semester of home Life Groups, we had more adults involved in small-group Bible studies than in the 12-year history of FFC.
- In 2009, our giving increased 9.4% over the previous year and we actually ended the year with a surplus.
- In March of 2009, our bank voluntarily reduced our church loan interest rate by almost 1.5%, saving our church \$24,000 per year in interest.
- Since February 1, 2006, FFC has paid exactly 1 million dollars in principal toward our debt (\$2.4 million remaining).

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

**Conclusion:**

Let us not take the blessings of God for **GRANTED**. Instead, let’s praise Him and let’s **HUMBLY** submit ourselves to God even more so that 1 Peter 5:6 can become a reality in our life and church... *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”*

**My Next Steps:**

1. I will pray for the 5 items listed on the sermon notes for the next 21 days.
2. This week give God praise and thanks for all the great things He is doing in my life and church.
3. This week I will find a way to encourage 2 people who are currently serving within our Preschool and Children’s Ministry.
4. This week I will memorize 1 Peter 5:6, *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”*
5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_