



Isaiah 57:15 "to revive the heart of the contrite."

RENEWED HEART

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This is my 20th year serving at GEBC and I'm more excited about what God is doing in our body now than ever before. I remember that first year when all 30 of us did not know if we would "sink or swim", but we looked to our great God, like Psalm 73:26 says, "God is the strength of my **heart**".

We have faced many challenges over the years and God has been "the strength of our **heart**" here at GEBC at every point.

Just over the last three years, as we have worked together sacrificially, God has allowed us to see people come to Christ, bless our community with events like Graham Jam and VBS, we have developed our site (and it looks great!), built a new Youth Center, sent missions teams to Mexico and the Philippines, added Pastor Jon and Pastor Meredith to our staff, and etc, etc. It's just like in Nehemiah 4:6 where "the people worked with all their **heart**" to accomplish God's will.

It's time to renew our **heart** as a church.

In Isaiah 57:15 God says that He will "revive the heart of the contrite." A contrite heart is one that is humble, repentant, open and willing. This is what I am asking you to be as we embark on "A Renewed Heart Campaign" this fall.

On October 31st I will begin a series of messages on "A Renewed Heart" and my prayer is that during this time we'll all experience:

1. A Forgiven Heart (Sunday, Nov. 7)
2. A Connected Heart (Sunday, Nov. 14)
3. A Generous Heart (Sunday, Nov. 21)
4. A Grateful Heart (Sunday, Nov. 28)

So I want you to plan right now to attend an "update meeting" on either **November 16, 17, or 18** and please plan to attend the exciting "Renewed Heart Banquet" on **November 21st** at 5pm.

Please be praying for God to be glorified in this opportunity and to see God bring fruit from this!!

God Bless,

Pastor Jim



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A connected heart

A generous heart

A grateful heart