

I cannot believe that Elizabeth, Josiah, Asher, and I have been here for six months. It hasn't been that long, and yet it feels like we have been here a long time. FCC Boylston feels like home. Thank you all so much for welcoming us with open arms. As I have been pastoring you for six months, I have learned that you are not afraid to work and get things done. I have learned that you care for the health of this church. I have learned that you want this church to grow. I have learned that you care for the members and friends of this church. I have learned that you love the community and want to make a positive difference in the name of Jesus. These are all wonderful things that every pastor hopes for! As we prepare for the year ahead, one of our primary goals is to help give some structure to what we are already doing. Maybe you are wondering what I mean by that. I am glad you asked.

I have been able to meet with quite a few of the different boards and committees, and for some, there seems to be confusion as to who does what and where different groups fit with what we are trying to do as a church. I really think if our church really thinks through what God has called us to do and think through where the different groups fit into doing what God has called us to do, we will see God move and work in the lives of people and in this community in new and exciting ways. What we need is a strategy that we all know. The fact is this; every organization has a strategy. Whatever it is that an organization does is its strategy. The issue for many churches is that they have not thought about what the church is supposed to be doing. We all have in mind different things the church should be doing...and really, the church should be doing different things. However, when we don't have an all-encompassing strategy, we end up thinking this *thing* should take precedence over that *thing*. When really, we just haven't taken the time to see the big picture. The Servant Leaders have approved a ministry strategy, and I will be doing a three-week teaching series on that strategy starting February 5th.

I hope you can be part of the teaching series. I'm very excited about where God is leading us and the work God is doing through us.

Praying for you,

Pastor Zac