



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

***"Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." - Habakkuk 1:5***

### To Friends Of Eternity,

It was a great month and one highlighted by the Olympic Games. As I watched what seemed to be endless coverage, I was reminded that we too are part of a race. And it is a race that we have not and will not run alone. We are merely “running our leg” in an eternal relay and it truly is a privilege to plant a church that by God’s grace will do our part in this race well and won’t drop the baton.

Since our last newsletter, much has happened that I would like to share with you:

- † Eternity approved and installed its first Board Of Directors. We have been blessed by three men who have agreed to provide oversight, leadership, and accountability for Eternity in our early phases until we call and install our first elders:
  - **Randy Curless** (Chairman Of The Board): [was recently named Executive Director](#) of Sports Crusaders ([www.sportscrusaders.org](http://www.sportscrusaders.org)) and has served in the past as a pastor, children’s minister, chaplain, sports radio talk show host, professor, and just about any other title you can come up with. Eternity is truly blessed to have him serving us as Chairman of our Board and I have been blessed by Randy’s service to me over the past eight years as a friend and as a mentor.
  - **Jeff Carmon:** Jeff is currently the Executive Director for Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine of Owensboro, KY. Prior to his current position, Jeff served as a Sr. Vice President of Marketing for Upward Unlimited ([www.upward.org](http://www.upward.org)) and he brings a tremendous wealth of experience in non-profit management. More than that however, Jeff brings a tremendous love for the church and a desire to see the Gospel transform lives.
  - **Julio Samayoa:** Julio currently serves as the Recreation Director at Brookwood Church in Greenville, SC ([www.brookwoodchurch.org](http://www.brookwoodchurch.org)). Prior to his current position Julio served the local church as a children’s minister. In ten years as a Christian, I have yet to find anyone who can connect with ANY person or has a bigger heart to see people place their trust in Jesus more than Julio. I have been truly blessed by his friendship the last six years.

- † We held our second vision meeting on Sunday Night, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Stained Glass Theatre here in Jefferson City ([www.sgtmidmo.org](http://www.sgtmidmo.org)) and had 32 in attendance. It was a great night and one that you could definitely feel the momentum of what God is up to.
  
- † Now that we have completed our first two vision meetings, it is time for our core group to come together and working through what it will mean for us to be Eternity. We will begin meeting together on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and will begin a six week series which will cover in depth our mission and values and how those will shape our philosophy of ministry and expression as a church. The prospect of having a core group topping 50 people is exciting and humbling for me. To see God do what only He can do is an amazing thing.

With all of that said, we are now, more than ever, in need of your support. As we examine potential locations for us to call home, begin developing our musical expression of worship, and prepare other areas of Eternity (community groups, children, etc) for our launch later in the spring, we need your help. We have made it as easy as we can for you to give financially to help us advance the Gospel. You can donate online at [www.eternityjc.com/home/support](http://www.eternityjc.com/home/support) and all of your gifts are tax-deductible. If you can't help us financially, would you consider contacting us to find out how you could personally be involved? If you can't make it to Jefferson City to help, would you consider praying for us? Whatever the way may be, we would be honored for you to be a part of what God is doing here in the Capital city. It is something truly unique and amazing.

The weeks and days are flying by and summer is now "unofficially" over. College football season is here and soon we'll be raking leaves and sitting around bonfires. This is my favorite time of year and I was reminded yesterday on "Labor" day of our mission at Eternity:

"To labor for the Gospel as it transforms us, our city, and our world for all of eternity."

I am really excited about what God will do this month and I look forward to sharing that news with you in our next newsletter. Take care and have a great September.

In Christ,

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