Dear Lexie,

Last Sabbath I shared with the Sligo community a message that I titled, Raise the Roof! The message was based on the story of the paralytic in Mark 2:1-12, where four men bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus to be healed. Unfortunately, they were not the only ones that were in search of Jesus' healing touch that day and they would soon discover that the only way to get near Him was by literally "raising the roof" of the home where Jesus was.

"Where Do We Go from Here?"

As I mentioned during my message last Sabbath, this story of the paralytic speaks volumes for the church today. As Christ's disciples, we have been entrusted with the tremendous responsibility of bringing to Jesus, by any means necessary, those who need to get to Him. As the church, we cannot allow ourselves to become the barrier that keeps those who are in search of Jesus' touch from getting close to Him. But, like these four men, we should be determined to accomplish our goal despite the overwhelming obstacles we might face.
At the close of the service, I was encouraged by the overwhelming response that we received from the call to "raise the roof" in our community. Through the response cards, emails and phone calls, you have made it clear that it's time for our church to prepare the way for those who are in desperate need of a divine "touch" in their lives. As one member said to me following the service on Sabbath, "We don't need to develop another proposal, we don't need to take months to develop another plan. Pastor, we just need to do it!" And I couldn't agree more!

So, the question that begs to be asked is, "where do we go from here?" Well, as Abraham Lincoln once said, when he found himself faced with the awesome responsibility that comes with leading a nation, "I have been driven to my knees many times by the overwhelming conviction that I had no place else to go." And to our knees is exactly where I believe we need to go from here. We can come up with the greatest of ideas as to how we should "raise the roof" but if God is not with us, like Moses, we dare not move from here (Exodus 33:15).

That is why this Tuesday, October 2, in the Sligo sanctuary from 7-8 p.m., we are preparing to spend an hour seeking the power that only God can give to ensure our success. So, we encourage you to come as we seek God's help in "raising the roof" of this campus, our church and the wider community that we have been called to serve.

Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor
Angel Rodriguez  
(8:45 & 11:15 a.m.)

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