



Joy! Church
3rd Revision

What's The Story? Part 2

7.21.24 | We love you. Yes, you



Joy! Church, 3rd Edition

Change is on its way

7/14/24: What's The Story? *Part 1*

7/21/24: What's The Story? *Part 2*

7/28/24: Why Does It Matter?

8/4/24: What Is Your Part?

Rigor and diligence, so that you know

- 10 years' hard won uninterrupted service and stewardship
- Obedience and Spirit-led, vs. self (interest, initiative or agenda)
- Investment: Substantial and personal, plus much(!) prayer, study and consideration
- Sought wise counsel from 3 different, long-known, outside advisors and had much discussion with others inside
- Board of Directors were engaged throughout June, 2024, via video, documentation and in-person Zoom meeting

What's happening

- Moving to a fully biblical foundation, government and culture
- Transitioning to apostolic, Kingdom and people-centric model and away from evangelical, churchianity, facility-centric model
- Moving the Church out of the church building and into the region at God's pace and timing
- Doing our utmost to manage the transition well and care well for you and others in our congregation, and in our orbit
- Converting the property to dynamic Kingdom purpose by selling it or developing it commercially
- Moving on that now. Have talked with potential prospects off-market. Will be listed for sale in the coming days. We're telling you first!

Goals, objectives and activities over time

- Meet in homes and other places where people naturally gather, or could
- Establish Kingdom outposts locally, regionally and beyond
- Establish Bethany communities (Jesus's favorite host places)
- Focus on **Jesus**: Fellowship, discipleship, worship, prayer, Spirit
- Update as needed for clarity our constitution, bylaws and key statements (vision, mission, core values and key distinctives)
 - No changes need made to our legal, compliance, tax-exempt status, etc.
- Free John and Sherry from their pastoral ministry assignment (which is not their actual calling)

What about John and Sherry?

What will they be doing? (**Lots**) Are they leaving? (**No**)

- Host gatherings in our home
 - For insurgents who are truly hungry and thirsty for Christ and The Kingdom Way
- Launch John and Sherry into their actual calling as an apostolic couple
 - Plant new Kingdom works. Could be churches, ministries, agencies, organizations, businesses, etc.
 - Provide relational apostolic and prophetic support (foundation, training, counseling, etc.) for new works or ones that desire Kingdom upgrades
 - Facilitate Holy Spirit creating whatever organic apostolic network **He** desires
 - Produce and conduct mentoring intensives and master classes, e.g., women, men, teen, marriage, special dedicated topics, etc.
 - Produce and publish Kingdom content: web, video, blogs, books, articles, etc.
 - Launch itinerant speaking/coaching ministry—conferences, churches, organizations, etc.
 - Be ready to do such other things as the Lord may direct

What about the money?

Will remain within our current tax-exempt, 501(C)(3) religious organization

- Endow the apostolic launch of Joy! Church and Bethesda Reno-Tahoe
- Reasonably fund or front appropriate ongoing costs and expenses
 - Might include such things as travel, conference and other fees, publishing and/or development costs, etc.
- Bring John whole for his earned, accrued but unpaid compensation from 2022, 2023 and 2024
- Pay John and Sherry a reasonable ongoing compensation package
- Prudently, over time, expand funds and/or invest a portion of the proceeds in people (vs. things) as the Spirit directs
 - Recognize, resource and release leaders
 - Develop and fund giftings, talents and callings
 - Fundraise, seek donors

Table Time

Discuss one or more of these 3 questions, ***in order***:

1. What jumps out about the change that seems exciting?
2. What do you sense Holy Spirit saying or showing?
3. Is there anything about the change that generates within you a reaction of fear?

