

Dear First Bradenton Family,

*I continue to count it a great joy to serve as the Transitional Pastor of First Bradenton. I am so thankful to work hand in hand with the transitional team. Together we are looking forward to our third congregational round table gathering on **Sunday, March 15, at 6 pm.***

This round table will be a culmination of our first two gatherings pulling us together around a Vision statement for the future of First Bradenton.

Often I am asked, "Is there any single common denominator that you can find in every growing church?" I have studied churches for many years, read about them, and visited them. I have discovered that God uses all kinds of churches, in all kinds of different ways, with all different methods and styles. However, you can find one common denominator in every growing church regardless of its denomination, nationality, and size.

*That common denominator is leadership that is not afraid to believe God and people who desire to follow and experience the overwhelming presence of God. **It is the Trust and Obey factor.***

Nothing starts happening until somebody starts dreaming. Every accomplishment starts first as an idea in somebody's mind. It starts as a dream. It starts as a vision, a goal. If you do not have a goal for your church, your default goal is to remain the same. If you aim at nothing, you are definitely going to hit it.

A church without a vision is never going to grow, and a church's vision will never be larger than the vision of its people and pastor. A church will never outgrow its vision and the vision of a church will never outgrow the vision of the pastor.

Your Transition Team has prayed, studied, investigated, collaborated, and wrestled with "forgetting what lies behind, and pressing forward to what lies ahead." They have worked passionately through the process proceeding forward to present a Vision Statement that is challenging and representative of First Bradenton.

Indeed, I believe it can and will be a new day at First Bradenton!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR RIGHT NOW!

I challenge you to make the Transitional Round Table gathering a priority! Every deacon, every committee member, every member of the church should be at the Family Life Center on Sunday, March 15, 2020 to say, "with God's help we will press forward embracing this new vision!"

I love you First Bradenton



PASTOR ALLEN