SERMON OUTLINE

Growing God's Family Part 1 – Multiply

- I. Not a house, but a home A church is not a physical building.
 - A. God doesn't dwell in buildings (Acts 17:24).
 - B. God dwells in his family who are connected by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22).
 - C. Our vision Spiritual growth and multiplication as ODBC people connect (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- II. We're God's family A church must meet and connect somewhere.
 - A. Body Life and Spiritual Growth The church must physically gather to stimulate spiritual growth.
 - The early church met in the temple (Acts 2:46; 5:42) a rented hall (Acts 19:9), a synagogue (James 2:2) and homes (Philemon 2 and 15 other references).
 - The church grew through large and smaller groups (Acts 2:46-47).
 - B. Our vision For all at ODBC to grow as disciples.
 - Discipleship needs: CELEBRATION, CONGREGATION, and CLOSE FRIENDS.
- III. Always room in God's family A church must plan and provide for growth.
 - A. Evangelism and Numerical growth A church must reach and welcome to make more disciples.
 - Reaching (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14 etc.)
 - Welcoming James 2:2; 1 Cor. 14:22-24
 - B. Our Vision Provide space to effectively make more disciples at ODBC.

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