## **A LEGACY of STONES**

Winstanley Baptist Church 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday

## **STONE CARVER PARABLE - Part 1**

1. God instructs us to build stones of
"When all the people were safely across the river, the Lord said to Joshua, 'Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell the men to take twelve stones from where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan and pile them up at the place where you camp tonight.' So, Joshua called together the twelve men and tole them, 'Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder – twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes. We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future, your children will ask, 'What do these stones mean to you?' Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a permanent memorial among the people of Israel.'" Joshua 4:1-7 (NLT)
"We don't remember what happened in those former times. And in future generations, no one will remember what we are doing now." Ecclesiastes 1:11 (NLT)
Why did Israel need this memorial? So, when their children asked them, "how did we end up here?" they could tell them the of God's
Do your children and grandchildren ask you what this church means to you? What do you tell them?
Today's celebration is more than a time of what God

## **STONE CARVER PARABLE - Part 2**

God instructs us to build stones of
"Build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones. Do not use any iron tool upon them. Build the altar of the LORD your God with fieldstones and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God. Sacrifice fellowship offerings there, eating them and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord your God."  Deuteronomy 27:5-7 (NIV)
ONE CARVER PARABLE – Part 3
God is building us as stones of
"And now God is building you, as living stones, into His spiritual temple. What's more, you are God's holy priests, who offer the spiritual sacrifices that please Him because of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5 (NLT)
When you think about Winstanley Baptist Church, what you remember most is the
"In Christ, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him, you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit." Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV)
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