Church Family;

This morning we gather together to celebrate 120 Years of God's faithfulness to our church. All the way back in 1906, God was at work in the hearts of a few believers to plant a Baptist church in this new community that would maintain a faithful gospel witness! We are the recipients of their obedience, and carry on the call to earnestly contend for the faith in our generation; sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and then discipling the saints. Hebrews 12:1&2 issues a call to the current generation based upon the faithfulness of those who came before us:

> ***"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."***

Pause for a moment and consider who's in the audience ... who's cheering us on? It's not inactive fans who have never played the game! No, instead, the picture being drawn is of the saints from pervious generations who, themselves, were faithful to God's call in their generation, cheering on the believers in the current generation to faithfully follow the example of Christ! And ever since, the faithful generation is cheering us on to follow, not their example, but the example of Jesus Christ. He is the one who humbly submitted to His Father's will and went to the cross. And it is His example that we are exhorted to follow, yielding to the Father's will as a church.

As we gather this morning for Homecoming, it is my prayer that we would renew our commitment to faithfully follow the example of Christ. He didn't focus on the hardship that He would endure, He focused on the joy set before Him. May this be our focus as well!

Simply a Jar of Clay!

Pastor Eric

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Sermon Notes

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