

## Message Outline

A Sermon 7 Years in the Making

**1 Chronicles 28:20-29:20**



**Intro:** A sermon to speak on the current building proposal...

- July 1, 2012: Our first Sunday together... fireworks, fears, infancy ☺
- Our first text together: 1Chron.28-29...
  - 1) Transition in Leadership (28:5ff.)
  - 2) “young and inexperienced” (29:1)
- A text that still speaks to us today...

**Read:** 1 Chronicles 28:20-29:20

**28:20**—Strength and courage possible because of the Lord’s presence...

- “*God will not fail you or forsake you, until ALL the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished.*”—a word for us?!!
  - Work just begun! Foundations laid in last 7 years need built upon!
  - A look at the numbers...

**v.21**—Not a one man mission...

- Gifts and skills seen firsthand at FUMC...
- God’s house not a place to sit but to serve!

**29:1-5a**—David gives BIG...and he won’t even see the final return on his investment!!!

- Seven years to build the Temple...a project David will never see come to fruition...
- A lesson from Mary Cooper...

**v.5b-9**—The people’s response...

- a) They gave W\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) They gave F\_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) They gave with a W\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_.
- God reads hearts just as much as accounts!!!

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**v.9-20**—A prayer of realization...all we have is ultimately God’s.

- Our joy is seeing our role in relation to Him!



## Small Group

### Reflection Questions



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week’s small group session.)

*Read: Genesis 1-2—Creation*

*\*What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?*

*\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

*\*This week’s sermon topic was a look back 7 years ago. What are some of your best memories of this church in your history of attendance?*

*\*What do you say to others about this place when they find out where you go to church?*

*\*What gifts or skills has God given you that you have not shared with His church yet? Is He calling you to get involved differently going forward?*

*\*David encouraged Solomon during an uncertain transition with God’s presence and people’s service (28:20-21). In what ways has God’s presence and people’s service helped you in uncertain days?*