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Dear FPC Family,

Post-pandemic, some churches dropped as much as 40% in attendance. Our church grew. One reason is that people here bridge gaps. Our story is one example of welcome, service, and leadership.

Not long ago we were newcomers, looking for a spiritual home. The warm embrace of this congregation drew us in. There were many of you who helped us cross over **from outsiders to insiders**.

Before long, we moved **from sitting to serving**. We witnessed the incredible work behind the scenes and gained a better understanding of what makes this place so special. Caring individuals invited us to make that transition.

A year later, I was called as an elder, began working with high-school boys and now chair the finance committee. Sarah has been filling the same role with girls, while also engaged with local missions and congregational care. We moved **from serving to leading**.

In the coming year, how might you become a bridge to help someone move from-

- Outsider to insider
- Hurting to healing
- Sitting to serving
- Serving to leading

The early Christians didn't just profess beliefs; they lived them through acts of hospitality, generosity, and sacrificial love. They demonstrated faith as a way of life among their neighbors, and their patient commitment changed the world. "We were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well because you had become so dear to us," Paul said.

We are an equipping church. Just being part of relationships here draws upon whatever we have to offer to bridge gaps for others' sake. You too can become a bridge between those in need and the abundant goodness of God that surrounds us.

In His service and love,
Joe and Sarah Davis
Members of FPC