

Psalms19: 7-11

Let the words of my mouth  
And the mediation if my heart  
Be acceptable on Thy sight, O Lord.

I am sorry that those of you opposed to the merger did not go with us to The Hill. You would have loved it. It felt like Skillman a few years ago. The people were friendly and remembered us from when they came to Skillman. They took an interest in us. The Hills is committed to make us a vibrant growing church here in this building. They have 170 families interested in coming here.

This building or assets belong to God not to any one single person or lawyer. He expects us to use it for His good. He doesn't want us to hang on to it because it is paid for.

That is God's plan as it has been and always should be. The disciples were asked to leave everything behind and follow Jesus. We need to follow Jesus.

The vision presented the other night was not a spiritual vision.

We have always been known for teaching the Bible and bringing people to Christ. Good works are a good thing but we need an emphasis on spiritual things. The vision presented us was a renting the building for secular things!

I do good works with my teacher group but I don't teach them about Jesus. Before the pandemic we had 50 people coming to our building to practice their English but we used the Bible to do that. That is one example of using the building to teach God's word. I believe the Hills would help us do more of that. They want to teach our community about Jesus. We don't need a dance studio to do that.

The Hills is much more aligned with our heritage. The vision was nothing like our heritage of many years. I was baptized 62 years ago.

Blaine and I have been at three congregations in our 50 years together. We need changes like The Hills offers not like the vision presented by John Mark.

God's plan says the elders are to be in charge and make final decisions. I am sure some of you or your husbands have been elders. The decisions you made were hard and not always the popular view.

Blaine and I will not attend a church where a woman is an elder. It is a "male noun" that was used in the scriptures. There is no mention of a woman as an elder.

I believe God is tapping us on the shoulders and saying look with your eyes and hear with your ears. Hear what I am saying. The elders have prayed for months for a decision, they believe we should merge. God's word tells us to listen to them.

God bless us all!  
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