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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the SSRC Parish Council:

We are blessed! As you may know, Army chapels likely resemble churches in New Testament times more than most churches do today: we are a mix of nations, races and ranks, just as they were. So what we share is more clearly just Jesus! But chapels can be difficult, too. Members and Chaplains move often, so we must be diligent to plan ministries for maximum impact by focusing on Jesus, relevance and consistency.

Thus, we have a vision statement to guide our uniquely mature congregation on this unique post. In everything, we aim for "Discipling the Fort Benning community in the Word, work, and worship of God for personal holiness and unity in Christ". This vision functions like a six-lane highway, providing direction and freedom within boundaries.

We also follow a calendar of topics in which each month focuses on a timely theme. Within the basic vision of discipleship, these specific topics (which may be repeated or adjusted annually) provide guidance for leaders to prepare relevant messages, songs, as well as programs funded by chapel tithes & offerings (CTOF) to our Savior and King.

JAN: Goals FEB: Love MAR: Conflict APR: New Life MAY: Hope JUN: Family JUL: Freedom AUG: Education SEP: Work OCT: Leaders NOV: Thanks DEC: Jesus' Coming

Lastly, in order to foster regular, intimate relationships for true discipleship, each of our Chaplains will 'adopt' one or two of our more active auxiliaries. As God wills and enables, they will attend their programs, encourage the members, review their requests for funding, and raise their ideas or concerns to the senior Chaplain as appropriate.

May God bless our work as we glorify Him as Jesus' disciples in the watching world. For "...all things should be done in decency and good order" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

Grace and peace,

Jeff Dillard Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel), U.S. Army Senior Chaplain