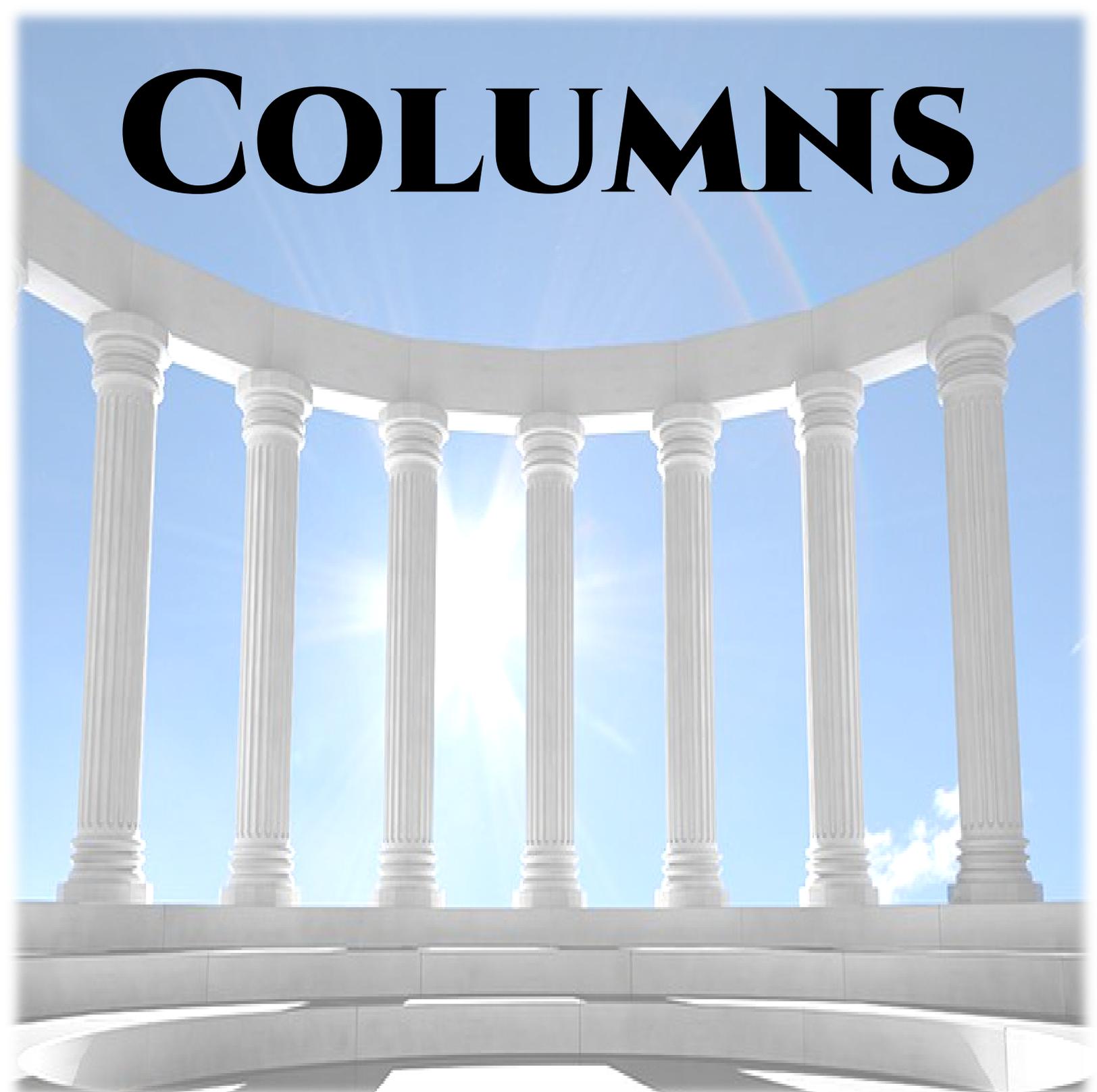


COLUMNS

A photograph of a circular classical building with eight white columns under a bright blue sky with a sunburst effect. The columns are arranged in a circle, and the sun is shining brightly through the center, creating a lens flare effect. The building has a curved roof and a circular base.

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One of my favorite gospel songs these days is called, "It's all God." It plays on a phrase that has been popularized of late. When one person asks another how they're doing, the response is often, "It's all good!" The song's refrain corrects that answer for the Christian by reminding us that it is not just good. IT'S ALL GOD!!

That's how I feel about the success of our building campaign. Though we are praying, working, planning and giving, it is not about us or our ingenuity or creativity. What we are witnessing is all God, and we can never start to believe otherwise. We now have a new upgraded multi-purpose center that we can use and do more ministry from! The old annex is an architectural eye-catcher, rather than a highway eyesore. It complements our main building and the recent upgrades to front tie our two structures together aesthetically. The parking lot is the icing on the cake that ties everything together. It's all God.

The main entrance to THE GATHERING will be the middle glass door on the north side at THE PLAZA. (Special handicap parking spaces are in the very rear of the building.) To the right off the hallway are men and women's restrooms. This hallway also leads to our beautiful commercial kitchen and the COFFEE (ROOM, SHOPPE or SPOT.... we haven't quite named it.) Anyway, it is an attractive front room that seats 24 people and can be utilized as a meeting room or a small, informal dining area. It's going to get a lot of use!

The bulk of the space is THE GATHERING HALL. (Talk about a transformation!!) What was once two garages and a storage room for burial vaults is now a spacious, gorgeous, modern multipurpose area complete with technology and seating for 160 people. THE PLAZA is something we will work on furnishing in the future. In the meantime, we will "make do" and this spring it will be a beautiful outside dining and meeting place that can accommodate another 30 or 40. In all we have expanded the use of an old building and space we already had to be able to gather 200 or more next door and it's all God!

We will celebrate the entrance into THE GATHERING on January 12-13. On that Saturday we will have a community open-house and ribbon cutting by the Tyler Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce at 2:00 pm. On Sunday January 13th immediately after worship, we will have our formal dedication. I don't have to tell you to prepare for a great time, because you already know.... It's all GOD!!