

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Visioning Messages On Vision

Lynn Anderson tells a story about vision. He says: About 350 years ago a shipload of travelers landed on the northeast coast of America. The first year they established a town site. The next year they elected a town government. The third year the town government planned to build a road five miles westward into the wilderness. In the fourth year the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road five miles westward into a wilderness. Who needed to go there anyway? Here were people who had the vision to see three thousand miles across an ocean and overcome great hardships to get there. But in just a few years they were not able to see even five miles out of town. They had lost their pioneering vision. With a clear vision of what we can become in Christ, no ocean of difficulty is too great.

We are a church with clear vision. Our vision is: "We are a family growing people to the glory of God". We use this vision to encourage us along the path of becoming what God would have us to be in Christ. Everything we do as a body here at Fairview should fall in step with this statement and reflect it in some way. Even though it is in front of us, every week, and it is quoted often, it has been some time since we took a good look at it. Our vision statement requires us to GROW: spiritually & numerically to make this vision a reality! This can't be just our vision. The buy-in and active participation of each member, each one of us, is vital to the plan's success. In fact, to reach the plans' goals of spiritual and numeric growth, the plan must, through your support and active participation, become your plan, and not just the dream of the elders and ministers.

~ The Elders

Shepherds' Vision Goals

Overall Goal:

To grow spiritually and numerically as "a family growing people to the glory of God".

Goals for the next 12 months:

1. Increase participation by at least 10% in these areas: Sunday Worship, Bible School, Ministry Works, and Small Groups.
2. Make a list of 5 folks to pray for & invite to Small Group or Worship.
3. Add 20 new teachers.
4. Total Congregational giving challenge - increase giving by 28%.

Note: The elders will evaluate the giving trends between now and May 1:

13% increase – Will fully fund existing ministries.

28% increase – Will fund an additional minister and more ministries, which is what the elders would like to do.

Want to learn more about specific plans to reach these goals? Ask an elder or minister or go to our website: www.fairviewroad.org.

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