

# *Family Focus*

## **SHEPHERD'S CORNER**

### **Working the Plan**

There is a plan that the Lord set in motion thousands of years ago. It was a plan to right the wrongs of the fall of humanity. God, since the moment humanity sinned and pride turned the world upside down, has been in an ongoing process to turn it right side up. This plan of God's has taken quite some time. But through the ups and downs; moments of great success and human failure; His children taking three steps forward and two steps back; throughout it all, God has been working His plan. This holiday season we celebrate one of the key moments of God's plan: Jesus entering fully into the life of humanity. We celebrate not only the Lord's willingness to include intimate relationship in the plan but the execution of that aspect of His plan.

It is our belief that being a family growing people to the glory of God is part of the Lord's larger plan. Our plan as a church connects with God's plan. Our plan will be met with ups and downs as well. But just like the Lord, we must consistently work out our plan throughout time. It will not be easy. We will be met with obstacles, doubt, successes, failures, starts, stops, and the like. But what we learn from the Lord is this: We plan our work and we work our plan. We never give up. We move forward in faith. And we as a church and those that we touch will be blessed by the effort.

The Elders appreciate your willingness to work with us. We believe your commitment to growing spiritually and becoming the people God wants us to be is strong. With your commitment, your love for the Lord, our desire to be Christ centered, our dedication to the Bible, and God's glorious might, we will fulfill the plan set out for us.

~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](http://www.fairviewroad.org).*

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