

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Being a Part of Something Bigger Than Yourself

There are any numbers of ways to build self esteem. Scanning the self-help aisle in any bookstore or surfing the web will show you that there are hundreds of ways to boost your esteem. Many of the ideas in these books and on these websites are very good. Making an assessment of your strengths and weaknesses, speaking affirming words to yourself, and celebrating small victories you achieve are all very good ways of building self esteem. God also has a way of building esteem in those here on earth who need it. The time tested way God builds esteem in others is to make them a part of something bigger than themselves. Take Gideon, for instance, in Judges 6. God finds Gideon hiding, feeling dejected, and professing his lowly status. God raises Gideon's esteem by making him a part of the children of Israel's redemption and salvation from the Midianites.

The Lord's vision for our church, being a family growing people to the glory of God, is our heavenly Father's call for all of us to become a part of something bigger than ourselves. We, the shepherds of Fairview Road Church of Christ, following God's lead, want all of you to be a part of saving souls, healing hurts, making a difference in the lives of people here in Columbia. They will certainly be blessed by our efforts but we will be given a great gift as well. And the gift we receive is the boost in esteem we derive from being a part of something bigger than ourselves.

~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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