

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Visioning Messages

Christ Had High Expectations - and So Do We

In Matthew 9:9 Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me." Jesus tells Matthew (and us) in the most simple way what we are to do. As Christians, we are to follow Jesus.

If we think carefully, what Jesus did not say adds an even deeper meaning to his simple command. For example, Jesus did not say, follow me, "when it is convenient," or "when you feel comfortable," or "as long as you do not have to change." Rather, Jesus called us to follow him at all times in all circumstances. To follow Jesus is a life that involves continual transformation to be like Christ and to serve others, even when it is uncomfortable or inconvenient. Jesus has high expectations of his followers.

Last November the Elders cast their vision for the Fairview family where we shared how we will lead this congregation. The Elders' plan is to grow this congregation spiritually, and we have set some specific goals for spiritual growth. Upon the foundation of spiritual growth, the Elders envision this congregation growing in number with those lost souls that will be saved.

The Elders' have high expectations for the Fairview Family. Christ did not call his followers to a life of mediocrity, and neither will the Elders of the Fairview family. The Elders expect every member to make their best effort to use their time, talent and treasure to build and strengthen the kingdom of God. It may be inconvenient, it may be uncomfortable, but it is what Christ wants us to do.

So we ask you, please be prayerful about how you can maximize the time, talent and treasure that you have to transform to be like Christ and to serve others as Christ did. We look forward to growing with you. ~ 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 and invite to Small Group or Worship.
3. Add 20 new teachers.
4. Total Congregational giving challenge - increase giving by 28%.

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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