

# Family Focus

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

### FAITH SHOULD BE THE EXAMPLE OF OUR DAILY LIFE



The Apostle Paul said in Romans 1:16-17: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith." If we do not have faith, we do not have the benefits of accepting Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives.

Why do we have this faith in Him as the Son of God? He is our example in everything we do. What an example Christ was - one with His Father in creation, in works, in doing the will of His Father, in revealing that will, in His ability to give spiritual life to us! He was one in honor and glory with God, one with God sending the Holy Spirit, all-powerful and all-knowing with God giving the plan of salvation.

With all this He was still willing to follow His Father's will to die on the cross for our sins. Through His coming to his earth, He set the perfect example for us to live by. Peter said of Jesus in I Peter 2:22: "...who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth."

Jesus made no mistakes. He has asked us to be His followers in this respect. However, we do make mistakes; we will sin; but if we repent of those sins, He will forgive. The standard for our living is Christ. He set the perfect standard we must strive to attain. Jesus also gave us this commandment in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:48): "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." This perfection can only be obtained in following God's written words and having the faith to live out our daily life.

### 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%.

*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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