

Pastor's Letter
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Hello everyone,

I pray that this Pastor's Page finds you well and rejoicing in the Holy Spirit. Well, it is that time of year again where we see an abundance of change in our seasons. We have gone from those warm sunny days to days like today where it is sunny, however not so warm. Everyone doesn't live in an area of the world where they see such a drastic change as we see in the seasons. Change is happening all around us and that is the way of the world. As we get older changes occur in our families, our bodies and our work situations. Sometimes those physical changes that we go through are difficult for us to deal with, but deal we must.

I used the word "change" five times in the paragraph above. Some do not like the idea of change. They are afraid of what changes may come. I have sat and listened to stories of when this church was down the street. I have also heard stories of a men's class that had 200 men in it and a youth group that was bursting at the seams. Hearing tales of all of the changes that have occurred in the church over the years is learning about the church history. Change is inevitable, without change there is no vision and without vision there is no future.

At this time, in the life of Calvary Church, we are discussing the church's vision. The word vision is mentioned 130 times in the Old and New Testaments. One of my favorite verses is **Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."* God has a vision, a plan for the future of Calvary. God encourages us to move ahead. God believes we can do what it takes to keep his church alive and continuing to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

So we are beginning a visioning process by meeting with and asking you what do you see as the vision for Calvary Church? How do you see us making the

vision for the church a reality?

As those interested (and all are invited) in being on the visioning team make plans to move into the future we will follow the instructions found in **Habakkuk 2:2** *And the Lord answered me:*

“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.” In other words the vision and its implementation will be shared with those of you who are not actively serving on the team so that you know, understand and determine how you can actively participate in making the vision a reality. There may be a team that creates the vision for Calvary’s future but it will take the entire church family to make it a reality.

As always we need to be in prayer for the church family as we move into the rewarding future God has planned for us. We may not know exactly where we are going at this very moment but when we follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit we will end up where God wants us to be.

I am looking forward to working with you as we take on this visioning adventure together.

In Christ’s service,
Pastor Lynn