

Pastor's Annual Report for 2010

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." – Proverbs 29:18
"Transforming lives for the Kingdom of God."*

*A congregation committed to being Bible Based, God Directed,
Christ Centered, and Holy Spirit Led.*

Almost two years ago when I considered the call to pastor the Calvert Park Community Church of God I spent a significant amount of time in fasting and prayer seeking the heart of God. I did not want to accept a call to pastor this congregation without specific directions from God. After three days of prayer and fasting, God gave me a clear vision of what He wanted me to do and where He wanted this congregation to go under my leadership. At the end of those three days, I was given directions but still needed to work out the details and presentation.

I am amazed, almost two years later to go back to that list of directions and see where we are. God has done great things for us and for this we are glad. There have been significant changes in the life and ministry of this congregation since March of 2009. We are not finished by any stretch of the imagination, but we have made very significant strides in the direction of God's leading. By my calculations, we are one step closer to implementing this vision. By the grace of God, I expect to see the fruition of our vision and goals as senior pastor.

That work will continue to be guided by priorities we established before Him in 2011. I think it is important for every church to know where it is going and to have specific plans for getting there. Over the past two years we have deliberately and carefully worked on four major areas of ministry: prayer, worship, and children. In the process of pursuing those goals we have achieved some significant strides in evangelism, missions, and discipleship as well. I do not want to suggest that our mission is accomplished in any of those areas. There are always ongoing ministries that we are constantly stretching and striving to improve so that we reach the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Along the way, as always, there will be some missteps, mistakes, and failures in some of our endeavors. Vision is not without risks.

Over the next year we will continue to strengthen prayer, worship, children ministries, but also more aggressively move on to develop a youth ministry, college ministry, fellowship, discipleship, and leadership training.

In addition to these vital in-church ministries, I continue to carry a heavy burden for dreams of expansion and outreach that may stagger and stretch most of us. Over the next few months we will be developing a multi-part presentation of our vision for the church. Each segment will highlight one of our priority goals and will attempt to whet your appetite for what God has in store for us in the next year. I am calling it "*A Vision Road Trip*". I invite you to enjoy the ride, take in the scenery, and catch the vision of a great tomorrow.

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