

## **Pastor's Letter**

**October 2020**

Hello everyone, I pray that this pastor's page finds you and yours well and rejoicing in the Lord. Although we as the church have not been able to fully gather, the church is continuing to be blessed. In June of this year I announced in the pastor's page that Calvary had received a substantial gift. The gift had come from the Earl and Marie Snyder estate and then that gift was followed up by one from the Anita Spencer estate. God has truly blessed this church with monetary gifts in a time that they were needed.

The Finance Committee, Trustees and Council met to determine where and how the gifts received would be distributed. As your pastor I am extremely proud of how these major committees of this church chose to utilize the gifts given. I think they deserve kudos for being so diligent in their work.

When I was much younger, I would continually hear the phrase "You can't out give God." It took several years for me to really understand that statement but as my faith grew it became clear. The more I freely give, the more I receive, not necessarily in monetary form but always in a needed form in some area of my life. The same applies to the church and its work. As I sat with these committees and listened to their discussions, I realized that God has truly blessed this church not only with monetary gifts but also with the gift of Godly people. The discussions were calm, and each decision was approved with members being in total agreement.

As God gave to Calvary church and entrusted the church to receive with generous hearts, so it was that the generous hearts tithed back into our community and beyond over and above 10 percent of the gifts received.

2 Corinthians 9:9-10 As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever. Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

I am so excited to see what God will continue to supply for this church and how he will increase our store so that we will be able to continue providing out of our harvest for the poor. Now that decisions have been made, we have much work to do as we honor and glorify our Lord.

In Christ's service, Pastor Lynn