

## Pastor's Message March 2021

Hello everyone,

As I write this pastor's page, I have thoughts of sunshine and warm temperatures running through my mind. However, as I write, I am sitting at the kitchen table where I can see out the patio doors and watch the snow, sleet and rain fall on the deck... quite a contrast, my thoughts versus reality. Many times, our thoughts or dreams and reality are not exactly in line with each other.

Last year, one of our desires was to have a mission team attend the 2020 summer Appalachian Service Project (ASP) program. As we are all aware the mission was cancelled due to the outbreak of Covid-19. We are once again planning to attend the ASP summer mission. The date of our trip will be July 18-24. Every year the ASP Staff chooses a theme and a coordinating scripture. This



year's theme is ONWARD and the scripture verse is from Galatians 6:9 ***Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up.*** (CEB). ASP's 2021 theme Onward encourages us to keep doing God's work in the world, acting with love and justice toward all people.

Recently I have had conversations with several people regarding mission opportunities we, the church has in our community and beyond. Therefore, I think that forming a mission team to explore various mission opportunities is our next step.

Calvary has a wonderful history of not only taking care of their own but also reaching out into the neighborhood and beyond offering aide where needed. This team will look at our current involvement and explore new opportunities as well. Although we would like to solve all of the community and world problems, the reality is that we cannot. However, that doesn't mean we become stagnant and not see what opportunities are available and where we

may be a benefit to others.

Jesus instructed his disciples to go and serve. God has blessed Calvary Church greatly this year and now I believe that it is time for us to pick up the mantle of service and not bury our talents. It is time for us to seriously consider how we can serve in our community and beyond. It is time for us to seriously go to God in prayer and ask Him what missions He would lead us into. If we follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we will not go wrong.

Please pray for Calvary's outreach program. In your prayers ask God where he is leading you to serve. There is a great deal of work to be done and the more hands we have involved the better.

These are the area's in which you can help:

Prayer Team	Advertising	Fund Raising	Leaders
Research	Construction	Phone Tree	

There are many subcategories to each of those listed above. I am looking forward to see what God has in store for us.

In Christ's service,  
Pastor Lynn

P.S. We are in need of funds for our upcoming ASP Mission Trip. If you are able to donate to this project, please make checks payable to Calvary UMC and put ASP on the memo line.