

Looking Back? – Yes and No

- Yes:
 - Your future is impacted by your past
 - Isaiah 43:17–19
- No:
 - Isaiah 43:18
- Philippians 3:12–14
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Your future is impacted by your past, but is not limited by your past

A glimpse at the past - Financial and Ministry Impact

- The Discipline of Giving – Law and Love
 - Not Loveless Law - Matthew 23:23
 - Not Lawless Love - 2 Corinthians 9:10
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7–8
 - Decide in your heart how much to give
 - God generously supplying all you need and plenty left over
- 2 Corinthians 9:6
- The Blessing of your Generosity
 - Missions – missionaries, special needs, events, trips
 - Benevolence
 - Outreach – block parties, National Night Out, Evangelistic Outreach, VBS

Looking Forward

- Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) — 9 We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.
- Proverbs 19:21 (NLT) — 21 You can make many plans, but the Lord’s purpose will prevail.
- Proverbs 29:18 (NASB95) — 18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.
- Habakkuk 2:2 (NASB95) — 2 Then the Lord answered me and said, “Record the vision And inscribe it on tablets, That the one who reads it may run.

Looks Ahead with Vision

Trial and Adjust – we make plans, the Lord determines our steps

- Culture of Transfer at PFC
- Next – Successful Pastoral Succession
- Acts 16:6–7
- Discerning as we go and adjustments made – Factors
- Barnabas’ response to John Mark – Acts 15:36-41
- Giving them grace
- An eventual Handoff
- Pastor to Pasture?
 - Numbers 8:24–26

Peripheral Vision – Yes and No

- Proverbs 4:25–27
- Proverbs 4:27 (NASB95)
- Blinders of Trust
- Peripheral Awareness
 - Cultural Dynamics
 - Awareness – do not turn to the right or left...

Heavenly Places Awareness

- Not only 360 degrees but 540 degrees
- 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) — 8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.
- Ephesians 6:10–13 ... not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Making Plans for a Good Year

- Luke 21:28 (NLT) — 28 So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!”
- Psalm 121 (NLT) — 1 I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! ...