

**Big Idea: One thing is certain, our sovereign God has good things in store for Covenant Community Church as we trust him together.**

**I. A look back at 2017-2024**

**A. It all started as a PRAYER for CCC**

- 1. That we worship with an undistracted heart**
- 2. That God would reveal the wonders of his Word**
- 3. Deepen our faith and joy in the gospel**
- 4. Cause us to treasure your Bride the church**
- 5. That we would build each other up**
- 6. That love would adorn the gospel in our lives**
- 7. Protect us from evil people and ideas**
- 8. Guide our leadership in faithfully shepherding the flock**
- 9. Equip us for our mission**
- 10. Deepen our longing for Christ’s return**

**B. It has continued as an annual THEME for each year**

- 1. People of the BOOK**
- 2. People in Step with the SPIRIT**
- 3. People on a MISSION**
- 4. People in COMMUNITY**
- 5. People in UNITY**
- 6. People who LOVE the church**
- 7. People of PRAISE**
- 8. People who live in the light of his RETURN**
- 9. People trusting God for the FUTURE**

**II. A look forward to 2025 and beyond**

**A. A biblical picture of GOVERNANCE**

**1. WHO they are...**

- ELDERS – BISHOPS – PASTORS - the words are used INTERCHANGEABLY**
- They are MEN**

**2. HOW many there are... PLURALITY**

### 3. WHAT they do... SHEPHERD

- PROTECT the church
- FEED the church
- LEAD the church
- CARE for the church

### B. A biblical picture of SUCCESSION

#### 1. One thing is clear – succession HAPPENS

- MOSES-JOSHUA
- ELIJAH-ELISHA
- SAUL-DAVID
- PAUL-TIMOTHY

#### 2. What isn't yet clear is the WHEN & HOW

- We're going to WALK with God and keep him the FOCUS
- We're going to be on GUARD
- We're going to stay committed to our MISSION
- We're going to PRAY earnestly

II.

III. What we take away... Our God is absolutely trustworthy. We've seen it in our past. We're living it in the present. We're trusting in God alone for the future.