

### III. VISION THREE: STABILITY IN DOCTRINE

*“that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,”*

Ephesians 4:14

*“If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.”*

I Timothy 4:6

### IV. VISION FOUR: ACTIVITY BY EVERYONE

*“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”*

Ephesians 4:16

#### A. Active in serving.

*“10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*11 ...If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified...”*

I Peter 4:10-11b

#### B. Active in giving.

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.”*

Malachi 3:10

### DO YOU HAVE A FAITH THAT GROWS?

*“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”*

Ephesians 4:15

## FORWARD BY FAITH

**Faith That Grows**  
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### INTRODUCTION

A. Welcome to a new year! A new year represents progress. However, God has called us not to just move forward. He commands us to move forward by faith! The Bible says,

*“For we walk by faith, not by sight”* II Corinthians 5:7

What is faith? Faith is confident obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstances or consequences.

Faith in God fuels spiritual growth. You are either moving forward by faith or backward by fear.

B. Our Forward By Faith teaching series will show you how to trust God more and achieve your goals. The messages include:

Jan 10	Faith That Saves
Jan 17	Faith That Emboldens
Jan 25	Faith That Goes
Jan 31	Faith That Unites
TODAY	Faith That Grows

C. **TEXT:** Ephesians 4:13-16

Capital Baptist Church is a multi-ethnic, multi-generational and mission focused community that exists to lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus.

## FAITH THAT GROWS

### Barriers To Growing Your Faith:

- Choosing an improper object of faith.  
*“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*  
Hebrews 12:2
- Seeing faith as a one time event.  
*“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,  
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.  
10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*  
Ephesians 2:8-10
- Thinking that growing your faith is automatic.  
*“But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.”*  
I Timothy 4:7
- Lacking a vision for growing your faith.  
*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”*  
Proverbs 29:18

## SUPER VISION FOR THIS YEAR

### I. VISION ONE: UNITY OF FAITH

*“till we all come to the unity of the faith ...”*  
Ephesians 4:13a

- A. The common bond of our unity is “the faith” we share in Jesus as Savior and Lord and growing together in Him.  
*“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”*  
Jude 3
- B. Unity is challenging to achieve because it must be done in the context of tribulation.  
*“strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”*  
Acts 14:22
- C. Let’s all pursue unity in Jesus.  
*“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”*  
Romans 14:19

### II. VISION TWO: MATURITY LIKE CHRIST

*“...and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”*  
Ephesians 4:13b

- A. Study the Bible to learn about Jesus so you can grow to be like Jesus.  
*“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”*  
I Peter 2:2
- B. Obey the Bible to live out the “fullness of Christ”.  
*“His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”*  
John 2:5