

Making Life Better

with **Jesus**, in **Community**, on **Purpose**
a weekly email from **Pastor Lynn**

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Greetings –

What will 2017 bring? Hard to predict. Easy to hope for. One thing is sure – **God is in control.** He makes some incredible promises and forecasts. Consider these:

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but ***it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.***

Isaiah 48:17 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who ***directs*** you in the way you should go."

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things ***God works for the good*** of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

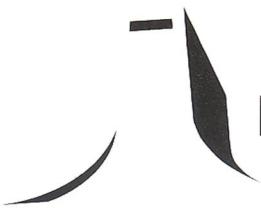
2 Timothy 1:12 paraphrase

Even though things in this life don't always work out the way I originally hoped for, even when a period of time is extremely difficult, I am confident, because **I know whom I have believed**, and am **convinced that He is able** to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.

This Sunday I'll challenge you with some thoughts about **Moving Forward**. Each of us as individuals and FCC as a community of Disciples of Christ, need to keep two pictures in view. The First is our reality, **the way things are** at present. If we are honest, that is often humbling and intimidating. That's why we need the Second picture. It is the vision of **what we can become**. What we can do with God's blessing. I'll address both Sunday morning.

Coming Soon! ◇ Women's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, February 4, @ 9:30 a.m.

- ◇ Men's Fellowship Breakfast with program, Saturday, February 11, @ 8:30 a.m.
 - ◇ CWF's Bake sale Fund Raiser, Sunday, February 12, after both services.
 - ◇ Worship MT, Ministry Council, and General Board meetings, Monday, February 13.
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