

## **Vision Planning Retreat Report**

On January 11 & 12 the Council Members, Church Ministry Leaders, Spouses & the Vision Planning Team (VPT) met at Byron Christian Middle School in a Retreat to do joint visioning as to where God is Leading Heritage. Many of you supported us in prayer. It was the hope of the VPT that those attending would catch the enthusiasm for the future that God had instilled in us. The VPT did not come with a specific vision, instead we intended to jointly vision with those specifically charged with the leadership of Heritage. We believe God's presence and leading was very evident.

After presentation of much data, those attending were divided by their interest into the purposes of the church (Worship, Fellowship, Outreach, Discipleship, and Service). There was much enthusiasm and those attending were fully engaged in the process. However, each group felt limited by time and agreed to keep meeting over the coming weeks to more clearly and specifically complete their vision. So through February these groups will continue to meet to focus on their area. The VPT will then take the 5 individual products and shape them into a final vision product to present to Council and eventually the congregation.

Throughout the retreat there was a wonderfully positive spirit and awareness that God has a mission for Heritage. In many respects new things have already started, but we look forward to God's continued leading. Please continue to be in prayer for this process.