

To: Friends of Calvary Blythe

From: Pastor Mick

## Dear Friends:

We are approaching a milestone for our little fellowship in Blythe, and I'd like to invite you to celebrate it with us. This is our 25<sup>th</sup> year since the church began in October 1994! We will be having a special Anniversary celebration on Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 AM – about 1:00 PM. It will include a special morning service as well as a pot-luck lunch afterward. It will be at our "new" location, which we finally moved into almost five years ago, 145 N. Main Street – which many of you haven't yet seen!

A number of you who read this letter were part of our church family in the very early days and shared in that pioneering "I'll do anything, anywhere, and for anyone" spirit that our fellowship was built on.

Over the last quarter century, most of our folks from those early days have relocated to other pastures — even as far away as Papua New Guinea! - but fond memories of you being with us and serving with us have remained with Jan and I over the years, and especially now that we're getting kind of nostalgic as we approach our 25<sup>th</sup>. I echo the Apostle Paul's sentiment, giving thanks to our wonderful Lord when we think of each of you, giving thanks for your participation in the gospel with us.

If there is anyway that you'd be able to be back with us for this celebration it would surely be a special blessing for us. Through the years we've had so many who were with us for a time, then relocated to other areas. And each has left their fingerprints on the ministry and on our hearts. Thank you all for that! Even now, we appreciate being able to stay at least somewhat connected with some on Facebook.

I am sadly aware that, for some, it may not be practical to consider being with us in person that Sunday, BUT ... I'd still like to invite you to share in our service that morning. Thanks to the advancement of technology over the last decades, I'd like to ask you to consider something. If you could make a little 1-2 minute video of Greeting / Recalling a highlight of your time with us / How God worked in you / or something like that, we'd LOVE to include that in the service. Or, if video isn't your thing, even an updated picture and an audio file ... or even an email with a word of blessing. Something like that would add such a cool touch to our service that morning. Our theme will be God's Amazing Faithfulness throughout the whole journey.

Please shoot me back a message via email (mickcatron@hotmail.com), or via FB Messenger, via text or call (760-567-0254), or via WhatsAp. Video would be best sent thru Messenger or WhatsAp. I would so love to see you again and hear how God has led and blessed you thru the years.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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