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**THE ROLE OF INTERPERSONAL
COMMUNICATION IN CHURCH GROWTH**

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, OFFA.

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ABSTRACT

This work examines the role of interpersonal communication in Church growth. The work, which is divided into five chapters, has chapter one introducing the work, its significance, focus, purpose and the methodology to achieve this.

Chapter two of the work discusses church growth and biblical background to it. Also, the general meaning of communication and interpersonal communication in particular and its importance to church growth are examined.

Chapter three gives a detailed historical background of Calvary Baptist Church Offa. This Church is chosen as our case study.

In chapter four, the four research questions were examined based on the various responses on the subject by the respondents, it was discovered that interpersonal communication which occurs in many forms such as in interaction between the Pastor and the Church members; among one Church member and the other; among Church members and prospects (non-members, Christian or non-Christians) contribute a great deal to Church growth.

Base on this conclusion, various recommendations and suggestions are given to help various Church leaders and members to create a motivating communication situation for growth in their Church so that they can have a healthy and viable Church.