



## Elders Meeting 2/15/16

### Attendance

J. Meyers, A. Stafford, D. Dunnam, E. Meyers, J. Roberson, E. Allen, T. Thompson, J. Fralick, M. Loolara, A. Hunter

### Prayer Request

Many within the church body, as well as family and friends lifted up to our Lord in prayer.

### Financial

Ms. Amy Hunter presented

- General Fund = \$256K – Designated = \$171K = ELC \$14K
- Month Expenses = \$227K, Giving = \$263K Variance = \$36K
- Current Building Note – \$4,455,344
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

### Devotional and Prayer:

#### Pastor Jeff's Share – Acts 9:31

<sup>31</sup>Then had the churches **rest** throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

The Conversion of Paul – zealous, converted / saved, baptized, testifying. These times consisted of the earliest or beginning stages of the church. The importance is that they did have a time of rest. The church was within 3-5 years old. For (4) years they didn't know what would happen to them. On the run, praise God, they began to see a time of **rest** as it is mentioned in this verse.

We (GSBC) are in a period of rest, no fires, no personnel issues. Everything has been addressed. The IRS situation is behind us. It is a time to rejoice in it. We need to recognize this time or stage because sometimes it's hard living in freedom.

### Old business

**Security / DVR's** – (Security) The church has continued in its development of a well-organized security team led by professional law enforcement. Team has been identified and all involved are part of ongoing training activities in order to be in compliance with current state rules for churches. Each week specific team members are assigned to specific key locations throughout our campus in order to ensure a safe and secure environment. (DVR's) We are looking at a upgrading the tilt camera system, as well as

setting up a dispatcher station in the office area. We are also looking to secure manned cameras, etc. We have (3) that are currently working and (2) are out. This will be a very important component of security throughout the campus. Bro. Andy will be looking at replacement pricing for these items in the coming weeks.

**Gym renovation** – We did have an approximate surplus of \$50k in 2015. We were notified that the potential exists for a church member to donate \$40K. We discussed adding square footage to the back of the gym for storage (west side of building) that would add (25 ft) tp the building. “Threads of Love” materials, tables chairs, freezers, etc , that are currently in the gym could be stored in this area and get much of the equipment out of the gym.

It was decided that the first thing we should consider is the bathrooms. We will move forward with redoing the bathrooms, replacing the carpet on the walls and texturing the upper portion of the building interior. This would be part of 1<sup>st</sup> phase. Phase 2 would be the extending the back approximately 25 ft for storage. Bro. Andy will be moving forward to coordinate this activity.

## **New business**

**Minutes on the website** – current minutes are stored in the front office. Will take 2016 minutes and begin posting on the website.

**“Youth section” at 10:30 service / seating changes** – Looking at seating changes in front of cameras for 10:30 service. The idea is to fill in the empty gaps in the front rows of the church. Entire team performed walk through of the main sanctuary to visualize and discuss the seating changes. Additional isle entry space would be gained in doing so from back of church to front.

**Check signing authority changes** – The need existed to make changes to the current check signing authority. The Elder’s Ok’d changing the signers on all of the accounts, removing Ms. Francis Welsh as a result of her retirement, keeping Bro. Dale Dunnam, Harold Monk and Bro Andy Stafford as well as adding Michael Loolara, Deborah Regillio, and Beth Browning to the list.

## **Upcoming Schedule**

February 21:	Jews for Jesus “Christ in the Passover” presentation – David Brinknew, President of “Jews for Jesus”.
March 27:	Easter (30 second promo’s for upcoming event)
April 24-8:	Tennessee mission trip
June 16-23:	Honduras mission trip

**SBC 500** – The information just came out ranking the Top 500 Church’s within the SBC. GSBC was listed number 395 of the largest 500. There are a total of 46,000 SBC church’s in the Convention. 8 out of 10 are in TX. This list has been in existence for approximately (3) years.

**LEADING INDICATORS – January 2016**

	<u>Current Month 2015</u>	<u>Current Month 2014</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>YTD 2014</u>
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	5	3	5	3

	<u>Current Monthly Average</u>	<u>One Year Ago Monthly Average</u>	<u>Average YTD 2015</u>	<u>Average YTD 2014</u>
<b>BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE</b>	695	680	695	680
<b>STUDENT TO ADULT RATIO</b> (Goal 10-13%)	12.8%	10.3%	12.8%	10.3%
<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	1184	1180	1184	1180

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>
<b>GENERAL GIVING</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>January</b>		
General Fund	256,512.35	193,181.69	256,512.35	193,181.69
Building Fund	6,090.61	5,812.86	6,090.61	5,812.86

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor Jeff