



## Elders Meeting 3/14/16

### Attendance

J. Meyers, A. Stafford, D. Dunnam, E. Meyers, J. Roberson, E. Allen, T. Thompson, 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 the financials for the month of February.

- General Find = \$270K – Designated= \$182K = ELC \$38K
- Month Expenses = \$229K, Giving = \$214K Variance = \$15K
- Current Building Note – \$4,425,604
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

### Devotional and Prayer:

#### Deut 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

<sup>2</sup> (There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.)

<sup>3</sup> And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

#### Pastor Jeff's Share

The 40 year journey should have only taken 11 days. Tonight confession is good for the souls. 3 years ago Pastor Jeff was introduced to the situation GSBC had. Pastor Jeff indicated that he knew everything about what was going on (church operations, financials, etc.). He was thinking it would have taken 10 – obedience, faith, trust to get through the situation we were in, but people didn't quit. For us to come back, it only took 3 because these attributes. This should be an encouragement to us. We could have taken 10 and we demonstrated obedience, faith and trust. God has truly blessed us and has been better to us than we deserve. The wilderness is behind us.

## Old business

**Security / DVR's** – still in the process and working with Tyco.

**Gym renovation** – don't think we can do this internally with our personnel. May look at a team of folks within the church to do something like this (P. Kennedy, D. Henson, H. Monk, P. Green). Andy will look into this.

**Minutes on the website** – Active As of 2/16.

**“Youth section” at 10:30 service / seating changes** – May 15, would like to begin, Graduation Sunday.

## New business

**Flood Zone Rezoning** – article in the Central speaks laid out the flood zone for the Central area. It appears that GSBC will no longer be considered in a flood zone. This should be official in June. This will save the church \$10K annually flood insurance premiums.

**Youth crawfish boil fundraiser** – April 16<sup>th</sup> – Includes a car show and crawfish boil. Proceeds will go towards raising funds to go to camp.

**TN / Honduras Mission Trips** – concerns is no one on staff is leading those trips. No one on the staff side has ever been. We need to know the point person and make sure that we (This Sunday)

**Freedom Sunday and Camp Istrouma** – July 3<sup>rd</sup> - We are going to have the event at GSBC this year. Possibly 5:00-9:00 PM with Fireworks show.

**Potential Men's Retreat** – October 28-29 (LSU off Weekend) – In the works for a men's retreat.

**Easter Sunday God's Not Dead** - We will have 450 and 266 spots at the theater for Easter, Sunday evening. We will do an invitation with a card. This will be held at the AMC Theater, O'Neal, Ln.

**Wounded Heart Ministries** – Bro Tim Thompson mentioned they are having a bible study every Thursday from 7-9 in the Youth building here at GSBC.

**Men's Meeting (Tomorrow Night)** – Chad Garrison speaking.

**Ask Jeff Men's Addition (next Month)** – Next Tuesday Men's Meeting.

**Parking Exiting special events** – discussed one exit leaving

## Upcoming Schedule

March 27:	Easter –Choir and staff to park in Central High School parking lot.
March 28 – 31:	Meyers family in Texas (Only Wednesday needs to be covered)
April 24-8:	Tennessee mission trip

Mar 8: Mother's Day, baby dedication, children sing in 10:30 AM

May 23-31: Watchman on the wall conference + Meyers D.C. trip. Bro Andy preaching Sunday May 29th

June 16-23: Honduras mission trip  
Bro Tony preaching June 19<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day)

**LEADING INDICATORS – February 2016**

	<u>Current Month 2015</u>	<u>Current Month 2014</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>YTD 2014</u>
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	8	0	13	3

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	<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>	705	669	700	675
<b>STUDENT TO ADULT RATIO</b> (Goal 10-13%)	12.5%	10.1%	12.65%	10.2%
<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	1192	1168	1190	1174

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>
<b>GENERAL GIVING</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>February</b>		
General Fund	208,571.11	211,620.53	458,473.42	404,802.22
Building Fund	5,781.39	6,293.66	11,772.00	12,106.52

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor Jeff