



## Elders Meeting 4/18/16

### Attendance

J. Meyers, 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 Fund = \$282K – Designated = \$170K = ELC \$23K
- Month Expenses = \$234K, Giving = \$225K Variance = \$9K
- Current Building Note – \$4,394,576
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

**Taxability of Dues Paid to Nonprofit** – Discussed the Revenue Information bulletin that was published March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in regards to “Sales Tax”. This information came and detailed information is available through the following government entity:

Louisiana Department of Revenue  
Policy Services Division  
Revenue Information Bulletin No.16-014  
Sales Tax

Our Findings: It’s been determined that we will now have to pay a “sales tax” on future fundraisers. The tax rate and length of that rate is as follows:

- Effective 4/1/16 – 6/30/16 we will pay a sales tax rate of 5%.
- Effective 7/1/16 – 6/30/18 we will pay a sales tax rate of 3%.
- Effective 7/1/18 – 3/31/19 we will pay a sales tax rate of 0%.

It is our understanding that this would apply for any food fun raising event as well as our organized sports leagues at GSBC s well.

## Devotional and Prayer:

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<sup>34</sup>Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;  
<sup>35</sup>And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. <sup>37</sup>After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. <sup>38</sup>And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: <sup>39</sup>But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

- If God is in it, nothing will stop it.

## Old business

**Security / DVR's** – these are in the process of getting fixed through Tyco. It's just a long process.

**Gym renovation** – Our men's and women's bathrooms are in the process of renovation. Have sheet rocked walls and ceiling. Waterproof sheetrock up 4 ft on the walls. They have moved hot water heater upstairs and have "boxed" the exposed pipes. Still need to work on the floors and will need to get additional tile to do so.

**"Youth section" - 10:30 service** - Would like to begin May 15: Youth Sunday. Seating arrangement changes to be made for the late AM service that would create a Youth Section.

## New business

**Next month's meeting** – Propose next month's meeting for May 16th due to bank statements

**Memorial Day – May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Proposed one service with the Lord's Supper in AM service. We will still have evening service that day.

**Sunday evenings** – No evening service's for Mother's day, Father's day, and July 3rd

**Website** – making it mobile friendly. Looking at a cost approximately \$1,200. We will be working on this in the near future.

**Ministry Teams** – Discussed review of all areas of the ministry teams that are currently part of the GSBC Bi Laws. Sr. Staff and Elders will be reviewing in the coming months to discuss getting these ministries

updated with current church body serving and to discuss the potential for Elders to be assigned to each team.

**Steeple Cleaning** – We are looking at getting the steeple cleaned. Working with Jim Scott to see about

**Building Fund** – Discussed emphasis needs to be placed on the importance of this in giving on Sunday night’s. All of the proceeds go towards retiring the building debt. We have many new members of the church that are unaware of what’s being done.

**Deacon Meeting’s** – We have 33 deacons with 18 that are currently active. The Deacon body meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month (each month). Elders would like to be a part of these meetings and representatives from the Elder Council plan on attending future meetings.

**Upcoming schedule**

- April 24-8: Tennessee mission trip
- May 8: Mother’s day, baby dedication, children sing in 10:30
- May 15: Graduation Sunday
- May 17-27: Watchman on wall conference + Meyers D.C. trip.  
Bro. Andy preaching Sunday May 22nd
- June 16-23: Honduras mission trip  
Bro. Tony preaching June 19<sup>th</sup> (father’s day)

**LEADING INDICATORS – March 2016**

	<u>Current Month 2015</u>	<u>Current Month 2014</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	5	12	18	15

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	<u>Current Monthly Average</u>	<u>One Year Ago Monthly Average</u>	<u>Average YTD 2016</u>	<u>Average YTD 2015</u>
<b>BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE</b>	697	693	702	677
<b>STUDENT TO ADULT RATIO</b> (Goal 10-13%)	11.0%	9.9%	12.00%	10.%

<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	1391	1170	1288	1174
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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>
<b>GENERAL GIVING</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>		
General Fund	218,621.33	260,714.00	683,684.79	665,516.22
Building Fund	6,120.02	23,944.00	17,992.02	36,050.52

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor Jeff