



Elders Meeting 9/15/16

Attendance

T. Perkins, A. Stafford , D. Dunnam, E. Meyers, E. Allen, T. Thompson, H. Dean, John Fralick, J. Roberson, M. Loolara,

Meeting Discussion:

Meeting was called as a follow-up from the 9/12/16 regular Elder monthly meeting to make a final decision on whether or not to continue or suspend the pastor search effort. The team again reviewed the issues that were brought up at our 9/12/16 meeting. The issues were as follows:

- The **church's financial picture** in the wake of the flood.
 - Concluded that we are in a very challenging situation at this time.
 - Giving has fallen short of the projected revenue needed to meet budget.
 - All are in agreement that hiring a full-time senior pastor will require about three times the compensation the church is currently providing Bro Tony which is a concern at this time.
- The possibility of a **second phase of the relief effort with Samaritan's Purse**.
 - Rebuilding homes of the widows and seniors in our community.
 - The rebuild is estimated to be about an 18-24-month project.
- **Stability** of the church
 - Due to the uncertainty many of our GSBC members are facing it will be extremely important for them to have stability in the church (no changes for a time).
 - Elders are in agreement that having another major change in their lives would not be healthy.

The Elders unanimously agreed that the pastor search effort should be suspended for 12 months or until we have completed the partnership with Samaritan's Purse. After 12 months or possibly sooner, we will reevaluate then move forward in our search for a new pastor.

Additional notes

- Bro Tony agreed to serve as interim for up to 12 months.
- The need exists to set a meeting with the PST as soon as possible.

- Points of discussion with the PST pertaining to the Elders decision would follow the reasons discussed above.
- Notify PST Chairman of plans after church this Sunday.
- Schedule meeting with PST next Wed. 9/21 at 6:30 PM
- Deacon notifications – notify Bro Sam and schedule meeting with Deacons to brief them on the decision.
- Notification of church body to follow

Closing Prayer