



## Elders Meeting 12/19/16

### Attendance

T. Perkins, A. Stafford , D. Dunnam, E. Meyers, E. Allen, H. Dean, J. Roberson, A. Hunter

### Opening Prayer

Bro. Dale Dunnam

## I Financial Update

Ms. Amy Hunter presented and reviewed the financials for the month of November.

- General Fund = \$470K – Designated = \$298K (includes \$171K insurance claim check deposit) - Disaster Relief = \$516 - ELC \$41K
- Month Expenses = \$168K, Giving = \$ 231, Variance = \$63K
  - Giving includes \$207K General Offering, \$20K Disaster Related, \$4K Building Fund
  - Expenses include payment to BOZ for interest expense only (arrangement made to pay interest only for the months of Sept, Oct and Nov.).
  - Next full mortgage payment will be due in December (\$40,762)
- Current Building Note – \$4,214,165
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.
- Offering was \$31K this past week (Sunday 12/18) not including mail in and online payments.

## II Devotion & Prayer – Bro. Tony

**Luke 14** Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup>But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him, and let him go. <sup>5</sup>Then He answered them, saying, “Which of you, having a donkey<sup>[b]</sup> or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?” <sup>6</sup>And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

If we notice in this passage, Jesus is healing on the Sabbath. Bro Tony mentioned how fascinating it is to see how many times throughout scripture that Jesus actually healed on the Sabbath. The Pharisees would always take issue and watch Him closely to see if they could catch Jesus was doing something against the law. The Pharisees were so steeped in tradition that they missed the point of reaching out to others whenever that may be. Sometimes “we” can be bound up with tradition as well.

Jesus was healing, period. It didn’t matter if it was on the Sabbath or not. It was all about showing compassion. His act of healing was done out of compassion. He was “moved” with compassion. We need to be “moved” by compassion for others as well. We do that by loving others as Jesus did.

### **III Follow-up Communication to Deacon Body**

- Bro Tony is finishing up on a communication to the Deacons that he is targeting to complete by tomorrow.
- The communication will be sent to Bro Sam for distribution to the Deacon body.
- This is a follow up communication to the discussion from last month’s Deacons meeting.
- This will address / discuss the role of the Deacons and roles of the Elders.

### **IV Pastor Search Effort**

- Elders will begin the process of prayerfully reviewing candidates for the PST effort.
- Each Elder to have their list together for the 1/16/17 meeting.
- The plans will be to nominate (5) for the team with (2) alternates.
- Elders to meet again Sun 1/29 4:00 PM to finalize a list
- 2/11 – Saturday starting at 12:00 PM – conduct (5) interviews
- 2/13 – Monday starting 6:30 PM – conduct remaining interviews.
- Considering having a Deacon and Elder on the PST.

### **V Missions**

- Pastor Ed Scott’s church meeting location is still having damage issues as a result of the flood.
- He has expressed issues with getting permits needed to get the building restored.
- Bro Tony will be reaching out to him to see where we may be able to assist.

## VI Facilities

- **Relief Effort Housing (Widow's Housing)**
  - We are continuing to look into several widow's situations within our congregation here to see what the needs may be for rebuilds.
  - Samaritan's purse is still in the qualification process with one or two and we will see if assistance is needed once the process is complete.
  - Bro George is also reaching out to the seniors as well to see who might need assistance as well.
  
- **Education Building**
  - The team is diligently working to get back in to the education building by 1/8/17.
  - Walls are sheet rocked, floated and ¾ textured. Will need to paint then the youth plans on cleaning and polishing the floors.
  
- **Youth Building**
  - Small amount of drywall left for completion. In the process of putting carpet on stage and working on flooring in the back part of the building (former storage areas).
  - Looking at an "Open House" as well.
  
- **Main Building**
  - Currently looking at flooring for the north and south hallways for replacement.

## VI Schedule of Services

- **Communion Service** – communion service on 1/1 with the Sunday AM service (one service). Elders have been asked to serve as well. Bro Tony will be asking Bro Sam to see how many from the Deacon body will be able to serve as well.
  
- **Elders To Serve With Weekly Duty Deacons** – It was discussed that the Elders consider serving alongside the Deacons by being part of the "Duty Deacon's Weekly Listing" in the bulletin. All Elders present agreed to serve in this capacity. Bro Dale will put together a rotating schedule.

- **Elders At Invitation** - Bro Tony expressed his desire for the Elders to be available during the invitation portion of the service. He encouraged the group to be available to minister and pray alongside the other Ministers on a weekly basis.
- **Connections Room** – Bro Tony asked that the Elders and their wives be available at the end of the service. Bro Dale will develop a rotation schedule each week for this.

## **Closing Prayer**

Bro Ernie Allen