



Elders Meeting 1/16/17

Attendance

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

Opening Prayer

Bro. Dale Dunnam

I Financial Update

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

- General Fund = \$439K – Designated = \$267K (designated changed as a result of flood insurance money paid out on church reconstruction) Disaster Relief = \$516 - ELC \$41K
- Month Expenses = \$234K, Giving = \$233 , Variance = (-\$1K)
 - Giving includes \$216K General Offering, \$10K Disaster Related, \$6K Building Fund
 - Expenses include full mortgage payment will in the amount of (\$40,762)
- Current Building Note Balance – \$4,181,532
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.
- Offering was \$35K this past week (Sunday 1/15) not including mail in and online payments.

II Devotion & Prayer – Bro. Tony

Act 9 – ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. **Placing his hands on Saul**, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

- Ananias went to Saul to go and lay hands on him.
- The only proper response is “here am I” and go.

Verse 31. ³¹ **Then the church** throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria **enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened.** Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

- One of the biggest obstacles heart was turned, you see relative peace, the church built up, “and they were multiplied”.
- They were then able to go to the next level.
- As a church as a country we have entered into a moment of peace.
- This prepares us and the church to be prepared for what is ahead.
- We are in a good place as a country and as a church.
- Tony expressed that he has been hearing good things as a result of our focusing.
- There has been a peace at church.
- We need to continue to walk in the fear of the Lord.

III Facilities

- **Flooring Approval – Cornerstone Flooring** - Bids for porcelain flooring with a 20 year lifespan for the north and south hallways. This would come out of the disaster relief fund as a result of damage and wear and tear as a result of working through the disaster relief effort and the Samaritan’s Purse traffic. They are anticipating the project to take a week but we expect a bit longer. Would need to start on a Monday AM early. Material is currently in stock.

IV Relief Effort Housing (Bro Dale)

- **Widow’s and Senior.** – Bro Dale provided an update. **Ms Euna Bennett** - The AL group put the sheet rock in but they didn’t do a good job of mudding portion. This will need to be redone. Dale met with Mike Hopper and Woodrow Venable and if the AL group doesn’t get back Mike, Woodrow and Bro Dale will go in and redo the job. **Ms. Martha Eskine** – currently getting a list of materials together and delivered sheetrock to her house. Whatever supplies we need Mr. Homes will give us a good price on the sheetrock. We can get doors from them for the relief work as well. **Bro Hilton Pray** – measured for sheetrock, insulation and doors. Electricians, plumbers will be coming in but just got the permit to do the work. We may be able to look at the funding for the floating and finishing at all (3) locations.
- **Relief Funds** – planning on utilizing remaining monies to be used for future needs relief projects in the future. Considering a response team from GSBC to respond to future disasters within the country .

- **Trailer** – moved, skirted, and to work on plumbing. We have a team of youth coming in that may use the building while in for a project. We will then move Samaritan's Purse into that building as an office.
- **Education Building** – finishing touches on the project include: Base boards to be installed in the hall ways, boy's bathroom being worked on. Looking a new petitions, dividers etc. Roof – team coming back and Bro. Andy waiting to hear back from them.
- **Youth Building** - Looking at installing showers, redoing bathrooms in back behind stage, carpet on stage, Re-epoxy the floor. Shooting for completion in a month

V Pastor Ed's Church – Bro Andy

- The electricity was cut off on Nov. 22 when it was to be changed over to the new church's name.
- Nov. 20 was the last time that they had a real service in the building.
- He has seen two men saved (in the dark) and one lady rededicate her life.
- Bro. Jerry was supposed to pay the water bill due to them not being in the building but it has been cut off due to non-payment. The amount owed is \$220.00.
- The permit office is requiring a drawing from an architect or engineer to show what part of the building can be used as an assembly. Jerry told Ed that he was going to have this done last weekend.
- Bro. Jerry indicated that he will tack on the amount of time that they have been displaced on the end of the lease.
- Pastor Ed has two men to be baptized and is going to see what day they can both be here (GSBC) if we will allow him to baptize them in our service.

VI Church Family Photo Directory – Bro Andy

- Getting close to printing a directory (hard cover).
- Reviewing all of the information

VII Calendar of Events

- **Youth Rally** – On 1/27 (Bayou Youth Rally). Lots of churches will be here.
- **Feb 3rd** – Valentines Banquet
- **Sunday Evening Fellowship** – Jan 29th – after the Sunday evening service

- **Charles Billingsly Concert – Feb 10th** – Is a Worship Pastor. Free concert. To take up a love offering. He is at Thomas Road Baptist Church.
- **Communion Feb 19th** – PM Service. Discuss benevolence offering as well.
- **Youth Mission Trip** – Youth Outreach – Feb 24-28th. The Elders/missions approved \$700 for travel to Arlington
- **Summer Camp** – Youth - Alberta, AL – June 30th through July 4th. Working with Baldwin Baptist Association. Asking for travel costs for vans and trailers. Will take out of Missions fund. Elder approved and \$5,300 for the summer mission/youth trip.
- **8:00 AM Service** – Our plans are to keeping services combined the same until we get to over 1,100. The dynamics are there, move of the spirit. Health of the church.
- **Feb 26th** – Bro. Tony will be out
- **May** – BAGBRA will be doing an “Outreach” and will adopt a community project. We will team up with them

IV Pastor Search Team

- Would like to see as many facets of the church involved as part of the member selection process (Deacon, Elder, and perhaps someone that had been on the team).
- Several Elders agreed to meet with several of the former PST members after the church wide fast.
- As we continue the process we want to make sure that all team members have clear instructions, clarity of process, etc.
- We have a current Elder that has been asked to consider being part of that team.
- That Elder has prayed about it and is willing to serve.
- As far as the team selection process, the Elders will continue through the Prayer and Fasting process prior to discussing candidates for the PST effort.
- Will meet (2) Sunday’s from this week (1/29) to review the list of names (4:00 PM).
- The plans will be to nominate (5) for the team with (2) alternates.

Additional Topics

- **ELC Future** – We will have our Administrator leaving at the end of the year. How do we want to continue the ELC? We need to look at families involved, member of GSBC, how many have joined as a result. Looking at making it more of an evangelical outreach. We will put the future direction of the program to prayer as we look for new leadership.

- **Building materials for reconstruction effort** – Bro Dale discussed the need for interested parties that there will be a need to fill out an application for those that approach us for building material. There will be a qualification process.

Closing Prayer