



Elders Meeting 4/17/17

Attendance

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

Opening Prayer

I Devotion & Prayer

Deuteronomy 7:11-16

¹¹ Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them. ¹² “Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers. ¹³ And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you. ¹⁴ You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock. ¹⁵ And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay *them* on all those who hate you. ¹⁶ Also you shall destroy all the peoples whom the LORD your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that *will be* a snare to you.

- If we will obey Him he will bless us.
- If you look at the status of our country compared to the rest of the world, there is no comparison. He is and has blessed our country.
- If we will honor God with our lives and the way we live, He will bless us.
- We should want to honor the father. He wants to bless us and this applies to us as a church. We need to honor Him in the way we conduct ourselves; our meetings and in all that we do.
- Sunday was a representation of His blessing. We had 1,500 this past Sunday with (438) in the 1st service and full in the 2nd service.

II Financial Update

Bro Dale presented and reviewed the financials for the month of April.

- General Fund = \$484K, Designated = \$263K, Disaster Relief = \$501, ELC = \$K
 - Reviewed separate statement that listed all of the Disaster Relief monies to date including, Income, Expense Categories, Total Expense and Net Income.
- Disaster Relief – As of March 31th:
 - Total Income = \$747,619K
 - Total Expenses = \$270,710K
 - Net Balance = \$476,909K
- Month Expenses = \$218K, Giving = \$216 , Variance = (\$2K)
- Current Building Note Balance – \$4,093,977
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

2nd Half Budget Preparation - after this month we will take a look at the numbers and prepare a budget for the 2nd ½ of 2017

III Facilities

- **Hall Floors (North and South)** – a number of the staff worked diligently on the baseboards to complete. Walls in the north and south hallway were painted. Floor mats were installed.
- **Coffee shop** – have gotten some feedback on the room. One class asked if they could use. Our plans are to offer a spot that will more to attract the young people to a coffee shop environment. Will be used to meet with the visitors as well. Will meet and talk with them there.
- **Mobile building** –still waiting on DEQ. Michael Loolara reached out to a friend that is an environmental engineer to assist with a permit (review of the forms) for the sanitary wastewater and try to get the application completed.
- **Janitorial Service** – not currently doing well with the janitorial service. One thought (we are paying less than \$50K at this time) was if we hired a part time janitorial supervisor and possibly work with Bro Nathan and the youth. They could potentially work cleaning the church for them to raise money for their camp. Vacuum, mopping floors, etc. We have had several come out look at the job (ICI, Jani King).
- **ELC** – Upon Jancie Corie leaving she made a recommendation for bonuses for all of their employees at the ELC. We will request the rationale behind the amounts that were submitted and understand why bonuses we requested.
- **Phone System Voice Mail** – Bro Hershel mentioned that we may want to consider revising our voice mail message when our office is closed. We may consider a more

creative message that would allow callers to understand that the office is closed while providing a way to get assistance if needed.

IV Relief Effort (Bro Dale)

- **Widows and Seniors.** – Bro Dale provided and update. **Ms. Euna Bennett** – her house is complete. **Ms. Martha Eskine** – doors delivered (17) interior doors (3) left to paint – cut shoe mold waiting for floor people, then will be done. 5-6 doors to trim and to complete. Should be complete by the end of next week. **Bro Hilton Pray** – will assist with the cost of the sheet rock and insulation. They will pay for the finishing once hung.

V Miscellaneous Items

Pastor Ed's Church –Dale

- Confirmed that Pastor Ed Scott church is now meeting at Comite Baptist Church.
- Confirming that everything is cleared out of the previously rented building.

Church Directory – Bro Andy

- Proof copy being processed and sent to office.
- Should have in 6-8 weeks

Usher Needs – Bro Tony

- Looking at putting forth an effort to fill several personnel gaps with this ministry during services.
- Bro Robert Gafford has been unable to be a part of this ministry for the past several weeks due to illness and has been overseeing this ministry for quite some time.
- We will be working with the Deacons as well as his sub, Bro Guy Havard to discuss coordinating the overall usher effort.

VI Calendar of Events

- **April 22nd** – Youth Crawfish Boil – camp fund raiser
- **Outreach prior to VBS** - With each initiative that we do, we will work to get the word out. Have an event a week before to draw more kids. Western
 - **Jun 5 -VBS**
 - **Jun 25 Freedom Sunday**
 - Working to pull everything together by incorporating the kids into a service to encourage parents to come to GSBC.

- Picnic on site – looking at doing a picnic on the grounds immediately after the service.
- **May 28** – Sunday night – Mission emphasis –and interactive panel to share for 5-10 minutes. Have people ask questions. Make it more interactive.

VII Pastor Search Update

- Will be reviewing and the process from beginning to end.
- To work with PST in discussing the overall process, confidentiality, etc.

Additional Topics

- **ELC** – Bro Tony plans are to meet with a candidate this week (Thursday or Friday) as a replacement for Mrs. Jancie Corrie.

Closing Prayer