



## Elders Meeting 5/15/17

### Attendance

T. Perkins, A. Stafford , D. Dunnam (phone), E. Meyers, E. Allen, H. Dean, M. Loolara A. Hunter

### Opening Prayer

Bro Tim Thompson

### I Devotion & Prayer

Bro. Tony presented a devotional on Galatian's 4. Verse 16 - Paul says – "How have I therefor become your enemy because I tell you the truth"? These people are zealous to win you over, but for no good.

Paul spoke this approximately two decades (20 years) after Christ's life, death and resurrection and Paul is preaching that there was already false teaching going on. Paul says, "Am I your enemy because I teach you the truth? False teaching divides a church. Don't take for granted what we have at GSBC. We have to zealously guard against false teaching. We have to protect the gospel, guard it, and protect it! Everything we do should point people to Christ. We need to make sure our people know the truth. We always have to be pointing people to the truth and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### II Financial Update

Mrs. Amy Hunter presented and reviewed the financials for the month of May.

- **General Fund** = \$491K, **Designated** = \$285K, **Disaster Relief** = \$496K, **ELC** = \$56K
  - Reviewed separate statement that listed all of the Disaster Relief monies to date including, Income, Expense Categories, Total Expense and Net Income.
- **Disaster Relief** – Statement as of 4/30
  - Total Balance as of 4/1/17 = \$501K
  - Total Month Donations = \$7.6K
  - Total Expenses = \$12.7K
  - Net Balance 4/30/17 = \$496
- **Church Month Expenses** = \$201K, Giving = \$231 , Variance = \$30K

- **Current Building Note Balance** – \$4,067,446
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

### III Facilities

**Flooring Project In Hallways** – North and south hall ways are complete with new floors in the classrooms.

**Coffee Shop** – Some progress with the coffee shop but waiting on some plumbing work (water supply and drainage).

**Mobile Building** – We are continuing to work on paperwork for the MoDad system. We have been working with the state on the paperwork. We sent the paperwork to Hebert and they will finish their portion then send to DEQ. Once DEQ reviews, they will send GSBC a letter of intent that can be sent to the plumber. The plumber will fill in their specifics, send to DEQ, then DEQ will approve.

**Janitorial Services** – We had discussed trying to get Norman to come back but he hasn't made a decision as of yet. Currently ICS is continuing to service us but we've still had to address several areas. We are continuing to look for a solution to meet our needs.

**Office flooring** – carpet in the offices will be replaced next week. The materials were donated by FRC. We have an installer that will do the install for \$1K.

### VI Calendar of Events

**VBS is June 5th.** Everything has been planned for the week of VBS. Bro. Eric Medlin working to get all positions filled.

**Freedom Sunday June 25th** – plans are to have a picnic on the grounds here.

**Wednesday night dinner** - to stop the end of May.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** - Wed evening schedule 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM and will include a “kids connection”.

**Summer Schedule Starting June 18<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day)** - we will suspend Sunday night services starting June 18<sup>th</sup> and resume services on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday night suppers will stop also for the summer. Everything starts will **start back the week of Aug 6<sup>th</sup>** (AWANA, dinner, Choir, etc). We will have a big “celebration and fellowship” as we have done in the past to kick off starting back from the summer.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Bro Tony will start a 7 Week “Leadership Series”. We will go through this on Sunday Night.

## **VII Pastor Search Update**

The PST has met and elected, Gerald Knapps as Chairman and Vice Chariman, Earnie Allen. The team met with Bro Tommy Middleton this week as well and is starting to develop guidelines, framework as to what they are searching for in a pastor (education, age, how long has he been a pastoral capacity). They will be coming up with a criteria or guideline for what they will be looking for.

Elders will plan on meeting with the PST on 5/28 to review the guidelines and answer any questions they may have about the process.

## **Additional Topics**

The elders went into executive session to discuss personnel.

**Missions** - After the elders returned from Executive session, Bro Tim Thompson gave a report on missions. Continuing to give \$200 per month to Pastor Ed Scott’s church. Pastor Ed is continuing to hold his services at Comite, Baptist Church after their main service.

The mission team met and lined out their goals and spending for the next year. Missions to donate \$350 - \$500 to VBS for supplies. They plan on spending a total of about \$17k on mission projects in the next year such as VBS support, Brazil mission trip (7/7/17), Tennessee mission trip and others.

**Budget** – brief discussion on the subject for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of the year. Will look at where we are at the end of May and consider bumping it up by \$1K per month for the remainder.

## **Closing Prayer**