



## Elders Meeting 6/19/17

### Attendance

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

### Opening Prayer

#### I Devotion & Prayer

##### Acts 12:1-11

**12** Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church. <sup>2</sup>Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup>And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was *during* the Days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>So when he had arrested him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

<sup>5</sup>Peter was therefore kept in prison, **but constant<sup>[a]</sup> prayer was offered to God for him by the church.** <sup>6</sup>And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. <sup>7</sup>Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off *his* hands. <sup>8</sup>Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." <sup>9</sup>So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

<sup>11</sup>And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people."

- The point here is that the purposes of the “evil one” are often thwarted by the supernatural power of God when God’s people discover the power of prayer.
- After the apostles were arrested, beaten they were relentless. They weren’t going to give up.
- The church was praying honestly and God supernaturally answered their prayers.
- Christians are still getting targeted for their faith.
- God can still move supernaturally.
- We can get lax or not as passionate in our prayers as we need to be.
- We can see the supernatural power of God if we will seek Him passionately in our prayers.
- Bro Tony discussed looking at another focused time of prayer here at GSBC.
- We need the supernatural hand of God through prayer.
- We are at a point here in this community and church that is ripe with potential to serve.
- We have a community that is hurting and there is so much opportunity for us here to reach out.
- Let’s not lose focus on the need to continually reach out to God earnestly in prayer. When we do, He can supernaturally change things.

## II Financial Update

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

- **General Fund** = \$446K, **Designated** = \$283K, **Disaster Relief** = \$476K, **ELC** = \$54K
  - 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
  - Total Balance as of 5/1/17 = \$495K
  - Total Month Donations = \$9K
  - Total Expenses = \$28K
  - Net Balance 5/31/17 = \$476
- **Church Month Expenses** = \$220K, Giving = \$188K , Variance = \$-32K
- **Current Building Note Balance** – \$4,040,536
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

### III Facilities

**Painting** – We have been continuing to paint (ongoing project) throughout a number of areas on the campus. Hallways, Sunday school class rooms, etc. The cost for these projects have been coming out of flood relief (ongoing) because it been part of disaster relief.

**Mobile Building** – We have finally got the approval through the state for the sewer system for our mobile building on campus. We are continuing to work with Hebert to complete the process. We will soon begin getting the “boring” done (through Gene Hartely’s company that performs directional drilling). There will also be electrical, sewer lines etc. that will need to be completed.

**Janitorial Services** – We have given ICI notification that we will be ending services with them on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Their service has continued to be subpar in many areas. This will be a temporary transition period but will be working with Terry Phinney’s wife along with another temporary part time person to perform the cleaning duties. We will be coming in under the budget for their services. Bro Tony mentioned that our goal is still for Norman to come back in if he is interested. The changes were needed to get us back to a clean facility.

**Samaritan’s Purse** – may be here into next year (beyond this year).

### VI Calendar of Events

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

**Summer Schedule** - 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.

**First of July** – We will start promoting the comeback in August and promote with a pie fellowship.

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

**2nd ½ Year Budget** –We discussed that the budget information has been passed out and available at Welcome Center for all church members. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> (evening service) we will have the business meeting to discuss the budget with the congregation. There will be a short devotional from Bro Tony, budget business meeting and a pie social afterwards.

## **VII Pastor Search Update**

**PST** – Bro Ernie shared that the PST has gone through 100 resumes'. He indicated that they are getting to what they call a short list. They will be reviewing the short list and continue shortening that list. Bro Ernie indicated that they have some strong candidates. There are a lot of good guys to look at. Bro Tony mentioned that he had spoken to Dr. Ernie Floyd and that Dr. Floyd offered any help that the PST might need with candidates. He would be happy to help.

We also discussed the "bio" portion of GSBC information package that the Elders were to put together and forward to the PST as well as the photo. The Elder bio would discuss our background with GSBC, where we have served along with a personal photo. The information package will give a snap shot of the church, our beliefs, ministries, bio's, who we are, departments, operations, budget, attendance, community highlights, employment in the area, etc.

### **Additional Topics**

The elders went into executive session to discuss several personnel issues.

### **Closing Prayer**