

Joel Team Meeting

August 24, 2007

In Attendance: Walt Farris, Pastor Naomi King, Rich Downing, Laura Lever, Chuck Tucker, Tom Temofonte, Don Nagel, Donna Barnett, Terrie Scarboro

Absent: Cindy Contillo, Bill Cheek, Bill Church, Gordon Hale, Angie Hawkins

Pastor Naomi opened the meeting at 7:20 PM with a scripture reading from Matthew 14:22-32. During the first reading, the instructions were to listen for a word/phrase that jumped out/spoke to us. During the second reading, we were to focus on how our lives as Joel team members are affected by the scripture. During the third reading, we were to focus on "the sense of invitation" we heard.

First Reading:

Rich—*"praise", "oh ye of little faith"—looking back, I see how God has worked in this church. Things have not always been easy, but God provided.*

Tom—*"Seeing is believing"—how better it is for those who believe without seeing.*

Chuck—*"Do not be afraid"*

Walt—*"Take heart—it is I", "Lord, save me"*

Don—*It is a ghost*

Second Reading:

Rich—*"Trust Him"*

Laura—*How decisions are made, the wind keeps blowing with changes; Things are not always smooth sailing, but "trust" Him.*

Tom—*Sees faith as a church growing more and more. As we experience storms, we continue to fix our eyes on Jesus.*

Chuck—*"changes", "fear", what our church is growing into; having faith and taking heart that we put our trust in Him.*

Donna—*"Keeping our eyes on Jesus and what His purpose is for us".*

Walt—*"Why do you doubt"—when we are in Jesus' will, there is always a way.*

Don—*How difficult it is to recognize Jesus sometimes and discern what He is saying.*

Third Reading:

Rich—*God is telling us to come—to bring our problems to Him. He will provide.*

Laura—*He did not chastise the disciples. He gets into the boat with them. He sent them out in the boat. He tested them, they failed, He then got in the boat with them. He is in the boat with us.*

Don—*Jesus is always commissioning us and leaves us, but then returns.*

Terrie—*“have trust, go forth and do His work”*

Tom—*There is a time for everything. He has a plan for us. If we are quiet, we can hear his voice.*

Chuck—*As a team, we need to keep trusting Him.*

Don—*The Methodist church is know for its programs. In times we are facing, there is no program that is going to be feasible. We learn to identify where Jesus is in that.*

Laura—*There are no cliff notes, no study guide.*

Donna—*Trust and obey. Keep our eyes focused on Him. Our job is to see what He wants and carry that out.*

Naomi—*Come, listen to Jesus.*

Walt—*As the Joel team ..ask people to come. That is where the feet of the parable is.*

The group then spent some time in prayer, lifting up the invitation that the person on our left heard.

Next, we broke up into two groups, focusing on a) Where we experienced God’s grace in the past day/week. b) What would our dream be for the church?

<i>Experience Grace</i>	<i>Dream for the Church</i>
<i>Every day/every hour—only by God’s grace is he sitting here</i>	<i>Vibrant, evangelistic, outreach, saving souls</i>
<i>Miracle that Jimmy didn’t have anything wrong that they could find. That God protected him while driving and me.</i>	<i>Body of committed Christians ready to do His work</i>
<i>How comfortable this body is with the supernatural, not being ashamed to trust in God’s goodness.</i>	<i>This church to be a mentoring church...a place where people can come and learn how to place themselves in the faith.</i>
<i>How this body feels OK with the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.</i>	<i>To look expectantly.</i>

<i>Curt Sharp</i>	<i>Ball Field, gym, facility for our youth</i>
<i>Adam</i>	<i>Intentional mentoring</i>
<i>Service this morning</i>	<i>Not to lose the intimacy of a small church yet doing the work of Christ</i>
<i>Every day</i>	<i>Comfortable with the Holy Spirit</i>
<i>Number of new people in worship</i>	<i>Learn tools of mentoring faith so that God can supernaturally be present in our midst.</i>
<i>Julie—the response of the Sunday school class and this church to her and the needs of her children</i>	<i>Open and meet the needs of special needs children/adults.</i>
<i>Protection that was provided Sheila and Laura</i>	<i>A facility big enough to meet the needs, flexible enough to meet change, but maintain the intimacy and trust.</i>
	<i>Small groups that continue to split—emphasizing intimacy with God, not each other.</i>
	<i>Remain a church that is open to everyone</i>

Pastor Naomi presented the group with homework: 1)To continue to claim when you see God's grace through our daily lives. 2)To continue to pray daily and be open to the dreams that we dream and how God wants us to carry them out.

Pastor Naomi shared the thank you note she had written for the Joel team and the summary of the Best Use Plan. We discussed how often we should meet. The group decided to meet monthly. The next meeting will be Sept. 14th at 7:15PM. The group was dismissed at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Terrie Scarboro