

Joel Team Meeting
Sunday, July 27, 2008

Attending

Pastor Naomi King (Presiding), Bill Church (Assisting), Angie Hawkins (Recording), Cindy Contillo, Richard Downing, Walt Farris, Gordon Hale, Laura Lever, Don Nagel, Terrie Scarboro and Tom Temofonte.

Members not attending

Donna Barnett
Bill Cheek
Chuck Tucker

Opening

Pastor Naomi opened the meeting at 5:35PM.
Minutes from July 20th were reviewed.

Scripture & Prayer:

Terrie Scarboro led the team with a time of reflection, scripture reading and prayer.
Scripture was from 1 Corinthians 12:11-27 reading from *The Message* translation.

As Terrie read the scripture for the first time, we were to listen for a word or phrase that caught our attention, write it down and then share with the team.

Terrie then read the scripture for a second time. This time we were to listen for “How our life, as a Joel Team, is touched by this passage?” and share a sentence, perhaps beginning with the words “I hear, I see, I sense” with the team.

Terrie read the scripture for the last time. We were to listen for “What is God inviting us to do as a team?” then telling the team our sense of God’s invitation. As we listened, we were to focus specifically on God’s invitation given to the member on our left.

Prayer time consisted of each team member praying aloud for God to help us live into the invitation raised by each person. This was done by praying specifically for the invitation given to our team member on our left.

Terrie then went to the Prayer Room to pray for the team as we continued the meeting.

Planning Time:

- Pastor Naomi reviewed the 11 Points from the “*Discernment To See As God Sees*” sheet. Pastor Naomi asked that each team member to read the point they committed themselves to in the last meeting.

Discernment To See As God Sees

(From Bishop David Lawson’s book *Discernment Steps: Toward a Vision of God’s Will*)

Angie Hawkins 1. Gather good data and basic factual information, identifying alternatives and possibilities.

Tom Temofonte 2. Insist that all categories be kept “soft” in order that creativity may be present and contribute to the process.

Gordon Hale 3. Maintain a holy indifference to the outcome, laying aside all biases and prejudices. Be willing to leave the outcome to God’s direction and to be obedient to the results.

Richard Downing 4. Maintain a community and climate of worship.

- Terrie Scarboro and Cindy Contillo 5. Ask and respond to the question, "Where have we sensed God's affirmation in what we have been about?"
- Bill Cheek/Walt Farris 6. Spend time in reflection and prayer, listening to God's direction.
- Don Nagel 7. Share with the community what you have seen, heard and felt in your reflection time. Dialogue about it. At this stage there is no right or wrong, but rather a desire to hear God. Frequently, insight and wisdom come in the dialogue.
- Donna Barnett and Laura Lever 8. Humility is crucial. Each one must be constantly aware that God may have spoken through another person.
- Pastor Naomi 9. Wait for God's timing. Sometimes there is silence during the wait. Continue to ask God for direction during the wait.
- Walt Farris 10. Remember to keep a holy indifference to the outcome, willing to receive new ideas and to consider them.
- Bill Church 11. When consensus begins to form, continue to offer all plans and commitment to God for reshaping.

- The team then reviewed proposals presented at the July 20th meeting.

Laura Lever proposed to:

1. Move all Adult classes for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Ministry downstairs into the two classrooms #5 and #6. Pros: Adults can meet anywhere. Adults are not distracted by toys. Preschool can setup their classrooms and leave in place.
2. Move all Children's Ministry for ages 4 and older upstairs. Pros: Children's Ministry would have their own space without distractions. Children would be on one level of the building for their classes and various ministries.
3. Keep sanctuary open for youth, prayer, needed practices, etc. during Sunday School and Wednesday Night Ministry.
4. Keep the nursery, 2 year old and 3 year old classrooms as is.
5. Take out wall between the two 4 year old classrooms and make one large classroom that would accommodate 16 children in Preschool.
6. Install 2 louvered doors to split this room into thirds.
7. Install a louvered door in 3 year old classroom to split this room.
8. New proposal was added to move library to room #10 to free up wall space for the youth.

Pastor Naomi proposed to:

Reformat classrooms #5 & #6 to make these two four-year-old classrooms equal in size. This would mean moving the wall that separates the classrooms approximately 4 feet.

- Questions and Answers:

1. What is Room #13 used for?

Answer: *Confirmation Class 2007-08, but we won't have a Confirmation Class in 2008-09.*

2. How many members can each Adult Class accommodate?

Answer: *Room #11 has 9-12 members. Room #14 has 12-18 members.*

Pastor Naomi stated that a 3rd Adult class would be started when Room #11 has a maximum of 14 members. (Bill Cheek wrote this into his ministry survey for 2008-09.)

3. What other rooms can be used for Adult Classes?

Answer: 1. Copier room. 2. Sanctuary corner where choir used to be. 3. Other nooks & crannies.

- Discussion on Proposals:

1. Richard Downing (speaking for the Preschool) stated that Ruth Ann gets along “fine” with the 2 four-year-old rooms as is and to please not consider moving the rooms just for the Preschool.
2. Construction on these 2 rooms could not be an option right now due to school starting in 3 weeks with the teachers returning in 2 weeks. Could construction be done in a timely fashion in order for Preschool to begin their school year with “*Meet the Teacher*” on Thursday, August 21, classes starting on Monday, August 25 and Sunday School beginning on August 24? Should this construction be planned during Christmas, Spring Break or summer?
3. Walt brought up the concern that plumbing for sinks/changing tables were on the wall proposing to be moved. Gordon suggested looking into leaving the wall section that the plumbing is on and to frame around this section leaving the plumbing.

- “*Cornerstone Issues*” brought to the floor:

1. Classes for Christ Love Preschool and the Children’s Ministry activities (children in nursery through Pre-K) to meet in the classrooms on the first floor.
2. Children’s Ministry activities (children in kindergarten through 5th grade) to meet in the upstairs classrooms. There will be three classrooms needed for the Sunday School Rotational Model in addition to the Choir Room/Children’s Church Room.
3. Adult Classrooms will move downstairs to the first floor to accommodate the Children’s Ministry classes moving upstairs. There is room for one adult class to remain upstairs in Room #10 if needed.
4. Add “accordion wall” to divide Room #1 so an additional Sunday School classroom can be added for a Pre-K Class.

Consensus was reached on all four issues.

Also, consensus was reached to not move the wall between Rooms #5 and #6 at this time.

- Communicating to the congregation.

1. Signs directing everyone to all classrooms – Tom Temofonte
2. Letter to congregation and oral communication – Pastor Naomi
3. Talk one on one with teachers of Adult Classes – Walt Farris
4. Gather information about accordion wall for Room #1 – Walt Farris
5. Talk with Children’s Ministry Leader – Gordon Hale
6. Talk with Christ Love Preschool – Richard Downing
7. Two weeks will be given to move furniture and transition into these new spaces. Help will be needed by all adults and leaders of the congregation to transition the classrooms. Sunday, August 17 is the target date to have classrooms in order.

Closing

Walt closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 24 at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Hawkins