

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting February 23, 2008

Present: Craig Hunter, Dee Krumwiede, Rob McGinnis, Rod Maurer, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart and Pastor Nate Whiteside

Absent: Bryan Black, Charles Davis, Brent Erickson and Richard March

Pastor Nate led us in prayer to start the meeting. We prayed especially for Eric Reed, son of Dave Reed, Moderator. Eric rolled his truck yesterday in the slush and has a concussion. Nate led us in a study of the Bible, he started out by asking what the ethics of Christianity are. In his ministry studies at Moody they took a pledge not to drink alcohol or do any drugs. They had a sister school in Scotland where it was common to go to a pub afterward to drink and talk about the studies of the day. This difference made it difficult for anyone who decided to study for a year in Scotland because they were expected to participate when they went to the pub afterward for discussion of the day's studies. A question for discussion followed of how anything we do in excess can harm our bodies? Whether it be too much of strong drinks or over-work we can all stray away from our focus in Christ. Nate read to us from 1 Timothy 3 about what moral characteristics are necessary for Christian living. As Board members we should be living these characteristics to present good examples. In Paul's day in Ephesus there were women called Heterie who were teachers or tutors to other men but they were not modestly dressed and they basically offered themselves as concubines. In the book of Daniel chapter 6, Daniel exhibited excellent conduct and was shown to be uncorrupted in his character.

We discussed scripture that spoke of a man's role in God's plan, which is very specific in regard to our role as leaders. Several comments were made that men are the leaders in charge and women are not to teach. Women are as smart and capable as men but scripturally not meant to be the leaders in the church. Women do become heads of their family when a man leaves the marriage but it's not meant for the woman to be in charge originally.

When a man leaves a marriage and the woman becomes the head of the family we should assist in providing for that family because children suffer when there is an absence of a father figure. This giving could be offered in terms of mentoring children so that they know what a responsible male figure is able to provide. Some of those characteristics would be accountability and authority. This helps prevent promiscuity, helps to instill confidence and shows the child that someone cares in addition to the mother that is raising them. Boys that are raised in a female dominated world might pick up characteristics of a female, which could cause them to receive verbal abuse outside of the home in a group of other males.

Men in leadership roles should be self-controlled. In Titus 1:8 and Titus 2:2 we are given other examples of leadership that we are to model. We are to be respectable, in 1 Timothy 2 we are to conduct ourselves in mannerisms and appearance that glorifies God. We are to be hospitable, loving strangers and providing assistance. In 1 Peter 4:9 we are to offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. When Paul writes to Philemon that he be hospitable to his slave Onesimus who was returning to him after he ran away.

Leaders are to be skillful in teaching. In 1 Timothy 3 Paul advises us to be skilled in this area. In Hebrews 13:17 it teaches that we are to be accountable in our responsibilities to leadership.

After this teaching we entered our regular business session, the highlights from the last business meeting on February 9th were read aloud. We read the highlights from the last meeting and discussed any necessary corrections.

- Discussion of Dumpster contract. The Dumpster hasn't been emptied as contracted every two weeks. The payment for the contract is higher than what it would cost to switch to Faherty out of Platteville. Dave Reed and Rod Maurer will read the contract to see if it's possible for us to get out of this without paying for the last six months for this contract.
- Pastor Nate will check with Bryan Black who was absent today as to whether Farm Credit is still paying for 50% of the city sewer line.
- Matt Solverson would like us to identify where the need is for further volunteers in our ministry areas. After this has been identified we could seek members to fill those positions.
- Pastor Nate would like us to review the church planting protocols at the next meeting. We currently assist a start-up church for three years and he felt this should be reviewed.
- The Shepherding list came up next for discussion. Pastor Nate is responsible for the Board. The list of Board members will each receive at least 10 people with whom they will be responsible for shepherding.
- We discussed the embroidered logo designs that we are developing through Lands' End Business Outfitters. We reviewed physical swatch samples today and noticed a change we would like made. Once the designs are finalized we will be able to create our own company e-store where a person from FBC would be able to go and purchase a single or multiple products with those designs.
- Dave Reed brought up other new business for creation of a new church directory. Rod Maurer would like to be involved in creation of this directory along with his wife Nicola, they have a computer application in mind for this new directory so that we could add new members more easily. Dave mentioned Lynn Howery also wants to be involved in this directory. Dave felt we should use our website for the Board member pictures to be displayed. We need to also ask permission for any other pictures we consider putting on the website.
- Dave said we received a request to make a bid for snow removal and lawn care from Kevin Andrews of BK Enterprises. Dee Krumwiede and Rod Maurer are both on the snow removal committee, they felt it would be nice to have a backup person where we could call on them in case we had an emergency. Dave Reed will contact Kevin Andrews of BK Enterprises for an estimate for backup services.
- Pastor Nate has requested Christal Swigart to come to our next meeting to demonstrate the capabilities of the website.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

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