

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting April 5, 2008

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

Absent: Brent Erickson, Charles Davis, Richard March, and Youth Pastor Russ Paul, Children's Pastor Nichole Paul

Pastor Nate led us in a teaching from 1 Timothy 3:4,5 which talks about how a man must manage his own family and see that his children obey him with proper respect. When a child is over age 18 the father is not to be held as responsible for that child's behavior, as he would have been if they were under age 18. As fathers and husbands we are responsible for teaching our family as the spiritual leader. If that responsibility toward his family goes unfulfilled how will a man carry through in his responsibility to be an active leader in God's church? We discussed how the culture today affects us through various entertainment media that has denigrated men and their role in life. This church is responsible to teach men how to take responsibility for their role as a father, husband and leader. We also discussed how it's wrong to think of men as better than women for God created us as equals. Our contemporary society struggles with the concept of respect, how to earn it and how to lose respect. Pastor Nate summed it up that the best thing for a family is for the father and husband to be active in leadership within his family and for that man to be active in his church to learn how to do this. Pastor Nate closed the devotional session with prayer for each of the Board members and their families.

The highlights of the last meeting March 23 were read aloud. We will respond to Shelly Black's request of the reimbursement of the Sunday school materials. We will make a request that Sunday school attendees reimburse the church for the expense. We discussed the proposed trip to Chestnut Mountain in Galena Illinois for a Board planning retreat. We will be meeting there on the evening of April 18th and the morning of the 19th for planning for future growth and direction of this church.

We moved on to the Personnel Committee job description to discuss our approval of the current Executive Assistant job description. Dave Reed will advise the Personnel Committee that we have voted to approve the job description but that we are holding off on the hire date until we have the funds to support this position. Bryan Black commented on the retreat we are planning on how we will develop and plan for transition of new members into becoming active members in the church to take on new roles.

Pastor Nate commented that Youth Pastor Russ Paul would also like to encourage people to contribute from their Economic Stimulus tax return that is coming from the federal tax return. He would like to encourage everyone to contribute 10% of his or her return to youth ministry trips.

A private person would like to use the church for a rummage sale or garage sale event. The Board felt this wouldn't be appropriate since this is a profit-related activity and turned down the request. Lynn Howery wants to know how much to charge the Tri-State Home School co-op to use our facility. It would be a dinner to teach the children how to develop social skills in a large group setting. We decided to treat this request similar to a wedding reception event and follow the previous guidelines.

Dave Reed brought up previous contribution to the Gene Reynolds church plant contribution. Pastor Nate said GLBC has brought up a need to support church planting through the GLBC as Church Plant General Fund in lieu of the previous payment. Pastor Nate commented on the visit to the Jeff Lovell church plant, their needs, the shortfall in income based on what they had expected to receive, the needs for the church service-i.e. boom box since they have no one who has a musical related talent attending at this time. Nate also commented on the visit to Josh Montague's church. He would like the Board to support Josh's church plant through 2010 and Jeff Lovell through 2012. Dave Reed commented on our previous plan to support the Montague's church plant for a specified period of time, which we have already increased past the planned budgeted time. Nate commented that both Jeff and Josh have requested that we continue prayers and financial support for their churches for five years.

Jef Riley

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